

# Welcome Our New Member

## Chris Rooks



Chris Rooks and her husband Steve grew up and raised their family in Rhode Island, where they still live for six months of the year. After college, Chris returned to her prep school, The Mary Wheeler School in Providence, to teach kindergarten and first grade. Although she stopped working once her first child was born, Chris continued her involvement with Wheeler, serving as Alumni President and a Member of The Board of Trustees. Eventually she returned to work at the school and spent the next twenty years first as director of annual appeal and alumni, and then as director of parents and special events. After visiting Vero in 2005, she and Steve began researching other areas on both coasts. When they returned in 2010, they knew this was the place. They now live at Grand Harbor and are members of The Moorings Y & CC. When she became a Florida resident, Chris decided it was time to give back and become more involved in the Vero Beach community. When she first heard about Impact 100 from friends, she was very impressed by the size of the grants, knowing they would truly make a major difference to the nonprofits.

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## Emily Gruber



Emily Gruber has lived in Vero almost her entire life, attending Saint Eds before going to boarding school at Westover in Middlebury, CT. She attended Florida Southern College in Lakeland and received a degree in elementary education. She lives west of town on 10 acres and is a member of Quail Valley. After conversations with her aunt, Toni Hamner, Emily joined to see what was happening in our community, learn more about the local nonprofits, and find ways to help support the ones she feels are making great strides to make our community better.

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## Denise Tonner



Denise Tonner may be familiar to many of you. She has practiced medicine in Vero since 1993, sits on the board of Treasure Coast Community Health, and can be seen every weekend on the tennis courts at the Moorings. But she's not from here. Denise is a true North Dakota native. She was born and raised in ND and graduated from University of North Dakota for both undergraduate and medical school. She went on to do her residency in internal medicine and fellowship in endocrinology and diabetes at the University of Iowa. She was a partner at Diabetes and Endocrine Associates until this summer when she opened Ocean Blue Medical to provide endocrine care in a concierge model. She's lived in Castaway Cove and the Moorings and now lives in the original Vero Town. Her two children, Libby and Jack, attended St. Edward's and currently live in Chicago and Charlotte. Denise has known about Impact 100 for years and now has the time to be a part of our organization.

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## Harriet Dyer



Harriet Dyer grew up in Jackson, Tennessee and attended Vanderbilt University School of Engineering at a time when she was only one of two females in the classes! She met her husband there, and they moved to Miami for her to finish her BS at University of Miami. She later got an MBA from University of Wisconsin and worked as an engineer manager for the telephone company. They have lived in Central Beach for seven years and will begin spending the summer in North Carolina next year. Harriet heard about Impact from past president Denise Battaglini, whom she knows from Quail Valley.

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