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About Impact100: A Global Movement

Impact100 is a global philanthropic movement that unites and empowers women to collectively fund transformational grants in their communities. Founded in 2001 by Wendy H. Steele, the model brings together at least 100 women in a community, each contributing $1,000 to fund a $100,000+ grant to a local nonprofit.

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Quick Facts:

- **Founded:** 2001 in Cincinnati, Ohio by Wendy H. Steele
- **Chapters:** 80 chapters across the U.S., U.K., Australia, and New Zealand
- **Members Engaged:** More than 50,000 philanthropists engaged since founding
- **Total Granted:** More than $178 million as of December 31, 2025

Major Milestones:

- **2001:** Wendy H. Steele conceives the Impact100 model and launches the first chapter in Cincinnati, Ohio, with a bold vision: 100 women each giving $1,000 to fund a $100,000 transformational grant, eventually building to 500+ members.
- **2002: Impact100 awarded the inaugural $123,000 grant** to McMicken Dental Clinic, a local Cincinnati nonprofit.
- **2003:** Wendy Steele and the Impact100 model are featured in *People Magazine,* sparking national attention and inspiring women across the country to replicate the model in their local communities.
- **2003–2004:** Motivated by Wendy's story and Cincinnati's success, the movement began to spread organically, with chapters springing up in Austin, TX, and Pensacola, FL.
- **2003 - 2014:** The movement continues to grow exponentially. Wendy hosts the first Impact100 conference in 2005 in Chicago, with Cincinnati, Pensacola, and Austin all attending. This event begins a rotating cycle of conferences hosted by different chapters every 2-3 years. Wendy informally supports chapters and leads volunteer efforts to connect leaders and share best practices, laying the groundwork for Impact100 Global.
- **2010:** In less than 10 years, Impact100 chapters surpass $10M in collective giving

- **2012**: Impact100 goes international, with the first chapter launching in Western Australia and expanding in several Australian communities before spreading into New Zealand and the UK.
- **2014:** Impact100 collectively surpasses $30 million in grants awarded to nonprofits in local communities.
- **2015:** Impact100 Global Advisory Council, Inc. ("Impact100 Global") is formally incorporated as a 501(c)(3) Michigan nonprofit with a mission to support chapters and sustain the global movement's growth, effectiveness, and inclusivity.
- **2016:** The first in-person Global Conference is held in Delray Beach, FL, to convene Impact100 leaders from around the world.
- **2017**: Collective giving of Impact100 chapters surpasses $50 million worldwide.
- **2021:** Global Day of Impact launched with the goal to unite Impact100 chapters around the globe on a single day annually to celebrate collective giving, community engagement, and local nonprofit partnerships. Impact100 surpasses $100M in collective giving.
- **2024:** With over 75 chapters and 50,000+ women engaged, Impact100's total giving crosses $150 million.
- **2026:** Impact100 celebrates its 25th year since founding.

About Impact100 Global

The Impact100 Global Advisory Council ("Impact100 Global") is an independent 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting the launch and lift of Impact100 chapters. Impact100 Global's mission is to empower women as philanthropists to create transformational change in their local communities across the globe.

Impact100 Global was formally incorporated as a Michigan nonprofit organization in 2015, after more than a decade of informal chapter support from Wendy Steele. She provided support through calls, emails, and visits, and in 2005, hosted the first Impact100 Conference with the three existing chapters.

Impact100 Global serves as the central organization providing leadership, guidance, and support to all Impact100 chapters from inception through maturity. We provide chapters with the tools and resources needed to thrive. By fostering collaboration and empowering women, Impact100 Global is not only supporting the work of transforming communities but also inspiring and equipping a global movement of collective giving.

Regardless of economic cycles, Impact100 has continued to grow, and with it, Impact100 Global has experienced increasing demand for education and support from prospective chapter Founders and active chapter leaders.

Today, Impact100 Global offers an expanding list of free resources and tools to support local chapters. This support is made possible by generous donors who see the vital role Impact100 Global plays in the success of the Impact100 movement. This support has allowed for the expansion of programs, hiring staff, and improving systems to better serve chapters.

Impact100 Global Support Includes:

- Comprehensive tools and resources for chapter development
- Educational programs, training, and webinars
- Ongoing mentorship and leadership development
- Global events and networking opportunities, including the annual Global Day of Impact and a biennial Impact100 Global Conference

Downloadable Assets:

- Impact100 Global Brand Guidelines
- High-Resolution Logos

About Wendy H. Steele

Wendy H. Steele is an award-winning social entrepreneur, nonprofit leader, and advocate for women's philanthropy with over two decades of experience driving transformational impact. As the Founder and Chief Impact Officer of Impact100 Global, Wendy has pioneered a scalable, innovative approach to collective giving, uniting women to fund high-impact grants that strengthen communities worldwide.

By launching Impact100 Global in 2015, Wendy formalized resources, training, and guidance to support the rapidly growing Impact100 movement, which has now awarded more than $178 million in grants and continues to expand across the globe. Passionate about leadership, sustainability, and nonprofit innovation, Wendy is committed to equipping women with the tools to become philanthropic changemakers and ensuring the long-term success of Impact100 chapters.

Highlights:

- **Author:** *Invitation to Impact: Lighting the Path to Community Transformation*
- **Selected Awards:**
  - 2024 USA TODAY Woman of the Year
  - 2025 Anthem Award (Gold)
  - 2021 Forbes 50 Over 50: Women Leading the Way in Impact
  - 2014 Jefferson Award for Public Service
- **Website:** www.wendyhsteele.com

Downloadable Assets:

- Wendy Steele's Full Resume
- High-Resolution Headshots

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