

Healthy Start Coalition awarded Impact100 Martin grant



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STUART – The Martin County Healthy Start Coalition will soon be able to bring prenatal care to pregnant women most in need of these services in vulnerable neighborhoods after recently receiving a 2022 grant from Impact100 Martin.

The \$100,000 award will fund Healthy Start's Maternity-On-The-Move, or M.O.M. Mobile. The 38-foot mobile clinic will be equipped with an exam room, ultrasound imaging equipment, lab station, restroom, waiting area, and counseling room. It will travel on a regular schedule to Indiantown, Hobe Sound, East Stuart, and Golden Gate.

"We're grateful to Impact 100 for supporting this transformative service. Our M.O.M. Mobile will have a significant impact in our community, particularly in the lives of uninsured pregnant wom-

en who have difficulty getting transportation to a central location," says Healthy Start Coalition Chief Executive Officer Samantha Suffich. "Our ability to bring prenatal and family-centered services to their doorstep will improve their opportunity to give birth to healthy babies and protect their own health."

The grant will be pooled with Martin County Board of County Commissioners' seed support of more than \$284,000 through ARPA funding. The M.O.M. Mobile will be on the road early next year.

"Every baby deserves to be born healthy and every mother and family deserve care and support," Suffich says. "Our M.O.M. Mobile will have a tremendous impact on their lives and on the overall health of the community."

For more information about Martin County Healthy Start Coalition and its ongoing programs, visit mchealthystart.org, call 772-463-2888 or follow the organization on Facebook.

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