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Save the Storks Awards \$25,500 in Grants to Nonprofits Supporting Women, Children and Families

Colorado Springs, CO – August 21, 2025 – Oftentimes, the life-affirming movement is critiqued for not providing holistic, wraparound care to the woman or family facing an unplanned pregnancy. Yet, Save the Storks' Innovators Summit helps accelerate nonprofits that are created to do exactly that - supporting women, children and families.

The three-day summit is designed as an accelerator program - similar to the popular show Shark Tank – providing an estimated \$24,000 worth of coaching and strategy sessions to all attendees on topics such as trademarks, registering as a 501 c (3), fundraising strategy, establishment of board of directors, website creation, and strategic development, branding and marketing, among other topics. At the end of the summit, all attendees pitched their nonprofit before a panel of four judges for the chance to be awarded grant money.

All attendees of the Innovators Summit are considered winners as they go through a competitive application process to attend; however, four of these organizations in attendance were awarded monetary grants to transform their visionary ideas into impactful solutions. The grants were awarded in varying amounts according to each organization's current needs. All but one of the grants will be utilized for business expenses related to the creation or expansion of the nonprofit such as applying for 501c3 status, legal consultations, a rebrand, software purchases, strategic planning sessions, and more.

Save the Storks is proud to announce that the recipients of this year's Innovators Summit grants are as follows:

- Named after founder Yuri Huntington's nephew whose life was cut short by suicide,
 Arturo's Hart Foundation provides hope, healing, and practical solutions for those
 silently struggling with mental health and brain health challenges. As the winner of a
 \$3,000 grant Yuri shared that the grant will mean that "people no longer need to
 suffer in silence... My nephew... will have his story be a catalyst for change."
- Brave Heart Coffee as part of Reliance Ministries was the winner of a \$3,000 grant that allowed them to purchase a coffee roaster to employ more women. Reliance Ministries operates under a four-part model with one of these parts being Brave Heart Coffee. This organization employs men and women facing unplanned pregnancies can learn job skills and earn an income for their family. The purchase of the coffee roaster will allow the organization to "take the next step toward creating jobs, restoring dignity and value to women who need to know just how precious they

are, and showing them what it means to live an abundant life," said Heather Lawless, CEO and founder of Reliance Ministries.

- Roots to Peaks exists to support kids and teens who've experienced trauma, helping them find hope, resilience, and community in nature. "Our main goal was to learn how to start and run our nonprofit," shared founders, Ty and Becca Trapps. "Not only did [we] leave with valuable knowledge and new connections, but we also left with a [\$2,500] grant to help bring our vision and ministry to life."
- Teen Moms Inc. builds "resilience to promote flourishing mothers" by serving pregnant and parenting mothers up to 24 years old in Monterey County, California. As the winner of a \$10,000 grant, Executive Director Carol Edeza shared "This grant confirms that I am answering my calling to help other young women and their children. That my life's trials and tribulations were not in vain."

Since its inception in 2021, the Save the Storks' Innovators Summit has granted over \$105,500 in monetary grants to promising nonprofits dedicated to helping women, children and families. If these organizations have inspired you, or you have your own nonprofit idea that could help families, we encourage you to frequently check our <u>Innovators Summit page</u> as we release details about the next summit in the near future.

*Please note the website and social media pages for Arturo's Hart Foundation are forthcoming.

About Save the Storks <u>Save the Storks</u>' mission is to create a story of hope and empowerment for every woman facing an unplanned pregnancy. This national organization that started in 2012 focuses on four key areas of impact: Elevating women's healthcare through strategic partnerships with pregnancy centers; Mobile Medical Clinics that bring women's healthcare directly to where it is most needed; Church and Community partnerships; and the Digital Platform for women, offering 24/7 access with real care and real options. Learn more about Save the Storks at <u>www.savethestorks.com</u>.

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