THE BIG GIVE

On May 8, a group of four nonprofit finalists made their case to win a $100,000 grant at Impact 100’s third annual “Big Give” held at the Weinstein Jewish Community Center. Each year, in partnership with The Community Foundation, 100 local women pool their resources to support transformative giving in the community. “Part of our mission is really to inspire philanthropy and to inspire people to think about how they can give back to the community,” says Elaine Summerfield of The Community Foundation. Out of 40 applicants, this year’s finalists were Positive Vibe Cafe, Boaz and Ruth, the William Byrd Community House, and Art 180. Following remarks from each finalist, members cast a live vote, designating Art 180 as the recipient. Art 180 will establish a youth-run art center in the downtown arts district, while also providing employment-skills training. The facility is set to open on Marshall Street in October. - Dena Spruill

James River Splash and Dash 7/14
Run a 5K trail course, then grab an inner tube, hand-paddle across a stretch of the James and run your tube to the finish line. The after-party includes a live band, food, beer and more. The event is a fundraiser for the James River Association. 4 p.m. S34. Belle Isle. 788-8811 or river.org.

Anthem LemonAid 7/20-22
Host a lemonade stand for Children’s Hospital of Richmond at VCU. In the past 10 years, Anthem LemonAid has raised more than $726,000 for childhood cancer treatment and research in Central Virginia. Each registered participant receives a free LemonAid kit, complete with lemonade, cups, a pitcher, balloons, stickers and signage to help decorate their stand. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. anthemlemonaid.com.

1) Impact 100 co-founder Talley Baratka (left) and Kelly Vance. 2) Art 180 co-founder and executive director Marlene Paul addresses Impact 100.
3) The crowd erupted in applause as Art 180 was announced the 2012 grantee. As finalists for the third year, Marlene Paul said, “Third time’s a charm.”
4) Attendees enjoyed a performance by 17th and Main. 5) Pick-ups Plus Catering provided refreshments during the cocktail reception. 6) Impact 100 members attentively listen to each finalist’s case before the live vote.
7) Mistress of Ceremonies Lisa Schaffer (left); Stephanie Copeland, Miss Wheelchair of Virginia; and Susan Greenbaum, executive board member of the Positive Vibe Foundation.