



WISDOM FROM WENDY

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Something to Celebrate

I have always been fascinated with history. Perhaps, it is the need to be connected to my past in a way that was lost when my mother died. Perhaps it is the **story** in *history* that draws me in, but I have always found that history helps to make sense of today and inform tomorrow. Dr. Carl Sagan famously said, "You have to know the past to understand the present." Perhaps I just wanted to understand.

No one would argue that 2020 is a year that will have a place in history. Perhaps not for the happiest reasons, but nonetheless, it will be a year we will long remember. It turns out, we have something wonderful to celebrate this year. So, consider this your "save the date" for a *really big party*. I sure hope you will join me – and bring all of your girlfriends.

You see, in August of 1920, women in America were finally granted the right to vote. This was when we passed the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution. Which means, this August, we will celebrate 100 years of women voting in the US! This outcome came after years of tireless effort from women around the nation who were determined to empower their American sisters with this fundamental right.

Known as Suffragettes, one such activist working for the right to vote in Michigan, was a woman named Margaret Hankey Curtis. She was my Great-Grandmother!

This August, we are inviting all Impact100 women to join the celebration of 100 years of the women's vote. This empowering moment inspires each of us as we celebrate how far we have come together. We hope you will join us.

Whether virtual or "in person", throughout the month of August, every Impact100 chapter is invited to host **Impact100 EqualiTEAs** in celebration. Details will follow, but please plan to host or attend a multigenerational tea to join the celebration. Our events will celebrate our past, honor our present "impact" and inspire future generations in ways they can join the movement and continue the legacy.

We have so much to celebrate! This will be a tea party to remember!

Gratefully,

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