



## 100 RURAL WOMEN

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Creating Connections and Inspiring Leadership  
*with Women in Rural Communities*

# Issue 7 2021

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## A Message From Our Founder

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"Next week we will be wrapping up our state wide focus groups in the metro counties and areas of MN. Please join us if you haven't made it to a meeting yet!"

We had an incredible and busy summer holding 30 meetings across the state as part of our 100 in 100 project. What an amazing experience we had! We are so thankful to the women we connected with and learned from. It was an honor to hear from rural women who shared their insights on how 100 Rural Women can add value moving forward. We also were fortunate to have a great crew of student interns this summer from Winona State, St Olaf, and UM Morris who helped us identify and connect with potential participants for the meetings, build out our communications, support programming, and bring fresh ideas and perspectives into our work. With our Interns, Graduate Student, and Lead For MN Fellow we were able to better serve rural women and made great strides in our work.

Next week we will be wrapping up our state wide focus groups in the metro counties and areas of MN. Please join us if you haven't made it to a meeting yet! We would also appreciate you sharing with your friends and colleagues so we can get all voices to the table to discuss how we can better connect, support, and inspire each other.

Finally, we have been very fortunate to have received support for our work. The University of MN Regional Sustainable Development Partnerships were our initial supporters and provided students via the Mary J Page Fund and the Center for Small Towns at UM Morris. This has given us access to graduate students through the Center for Urban and Regional Affairs and undergraduate students from the Center for Small Towns. These young women are critical to our success and you will see in this newsletter that we are raising funds to continue supporting graduate students in our work moving forward. These students are driven, independent, and absolutely worth the investment! Furthermore, connecting these students to rural work increases their exposure to the field and provides a pathway to life long engagement. Please help us by donating so we can continue this partnership.



# 100 IN 100 PROJECT

## Meetings This Week:

*We are hosting meetings with women in Metro Counties & Areas:  
Tuesday, Sept 28th - Saturday, Oct 2nd. Please join us at one that works for you!*

### THIS SUMMER

*100 Rural Women traveled virtually across rural Minnesota. Overall, 30 meetings were held, enabling us to create connections and opportunities for and with women.*

**REGISTER**



**Metro Areas**

**TUESDAY, SEPT. 28TH**  
7:00 PM-8:00 PM

**WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 29TH**  
1:00 PM-2:00 PM  
4:00 PM-5:00 PM

**THURSDAY, SEPT. 30TH**  
7:30 AM-8:30 AM  
10:00 AM-11:00 AM

**FRIDAY, OCT. 1ST**  
12:00 PM-1:00 PM

**SATURDAY, OCT. 2ND**  
9:00 AM-10:00 AM

**100 RURAL WOMEN**  
<https://100ruralwomen.org/projects/100-in-100/>

[HTTPS://100RURALWOMEN.ORG/PROJECTS/100-IN-100/](https://100ruralwomen.org/projects/100-in-100/)

**STAY TUNED**

*for information on future meetings.*



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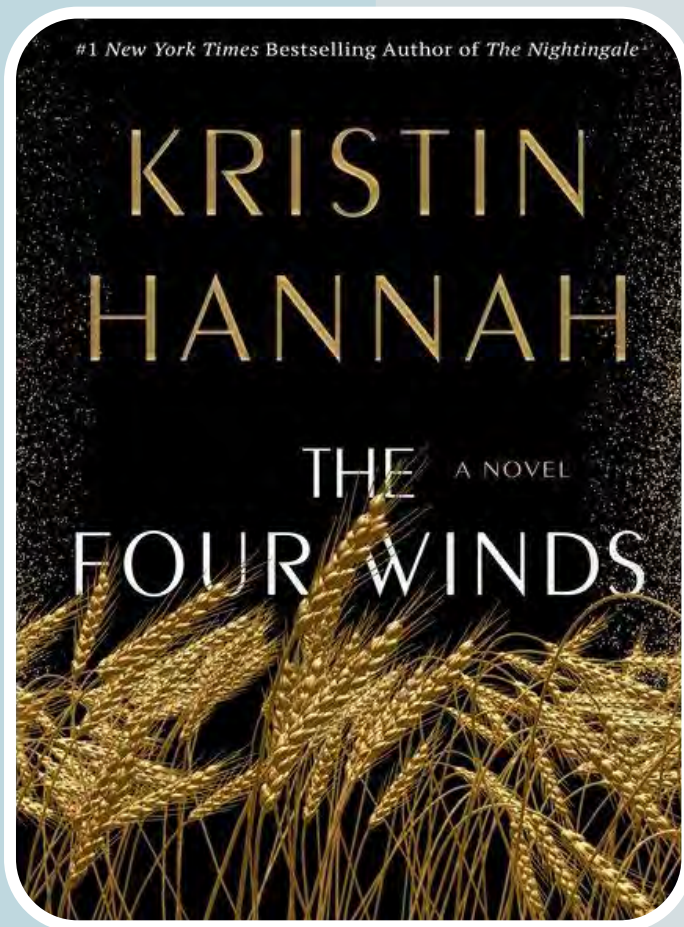
**DONATE**



Graduate students have provided much of the people power for the early stages of our organization. Students bring a renewed focus and perspective, which is critical to help our rural communities build prosperity and inclusivity.

Check out our video on youtube:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5J9cdBLsO\\_s&t=8s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5J9cdBLsO_s&t=8s)



## The Four Winds

The Four Winds, a novel by Kristin Hannah, is October's book of the month!

A courageous story of one of the darkest periods of the Great Depression, Hannah takes us back to 1934 on the Great Plains.

Fight for what you love or search for something better? Join us October 13th at 7 pm CST for a discussion you won't want to miss!

## About the Reading Room

Discuss the book, ask questions, and share your thoughts with people who are also reading! With a new book every month, expand your horizons and join a community of other readers!

<https://100ruralwomen.org/projects/the-reading-room/>

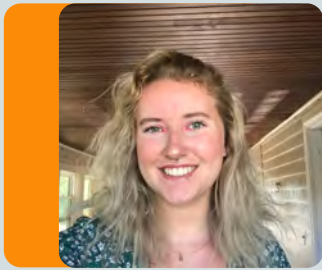


MEET OUR

# Intern Team



This summer, we had the chance to work closely with ten interns from across the state. We want to thank them for all their hard work & dedication in making this past summer one full of connecting and inspiring!



Emilei Klapka



Caitlin Goette



Amber Gunderson



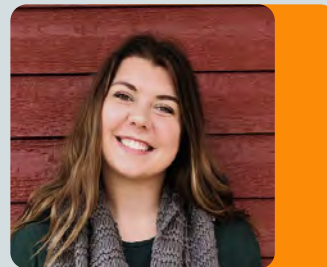
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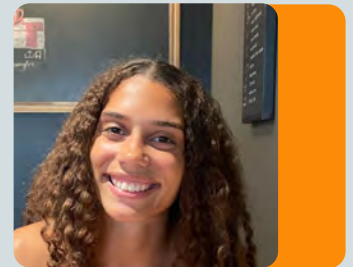
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Hannah Lepper



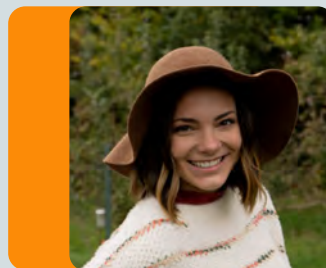
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Jasmine Terry



Jaslyne Smith



Alexa Jo Schafer

# PARTNER UPDATES

## 1 TRUE TUESDAYS

We are excited to be a partner supporting True Tuesdays! Join this learning community for rural MN social justice champions and equity advocates!

Learn more at <https://true-tuesdays.com/>

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## 2 VOTE RUN LEAD

A non-partisan community that aims to train and encourage women in office! Join our friends at Vote Run Lead to learn more about Run/51.

Learn more at [https://www.voterunlead.org/run\\_51](https://www.voterunlead.org/run_51)

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## 3 RURAL ASSEMBLY

We are so excited to be a part of the Rural Women Everywhere Conference October 19 - 20!

Register at <https://ruralassembly.org/>

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for more information visit <https://100ruralwomen.org/>

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