

## Meet new member Ruthann Granito Niosi

By Susan Patterson

I've yet to actually meet Ruthann, though she lives across the street from a good friend in Myers Park. But even via email, I found her to be warm, generous and available. I hope to connect with her in person soon.



### **Tell us about you, your work and how you got to**

**Charlotte.** I have two daughters, one living in New York and one who recently married and moved to Charlotte.

I bought a home here in Charlotte to better enable me to run back and forth between them. For work, I have a law firm headquartered in New York, and a Global Corporate Advisory company with offices in Europe and the US, whose work I can really oversee from anywhere.

**Tell us why you joined Women's Impact Fund.** I was intrigued by the concept of giving away money for business development purposes with no strings attached, and blown away by the efficient, simple, yet detailed manner in which the organization had structured itself.

**Do you see something in WIF that might spread in Europe?** I will confess that we immediately dissected what you did and how it was done, and have already begun its replication in Italy, except that it is being applied to the for-profit arena for SME women run businesses. The Italy Women's Fund will be under the umbrella of a large organization called Fondazione Bellisario, the founder of which is responsible for having changed the law (that everyone talks about) to require boards of publically traded companies to have an escalating percentage be women.

**What do you see WIF doing that you wish we'd do more of? Less of?** I am impressed by everything I have seen especially the inclusive nature of your membership.

**What's the one thing you'd want your fellow WIF members to know about you?** I welcome meeting more people and making new friends so please do not hesitate to reach out to me. I absolutely love Charlotte and find everyone so genuinely nice. I told my daughter down here that even if she moves again, I'm staying !!!!