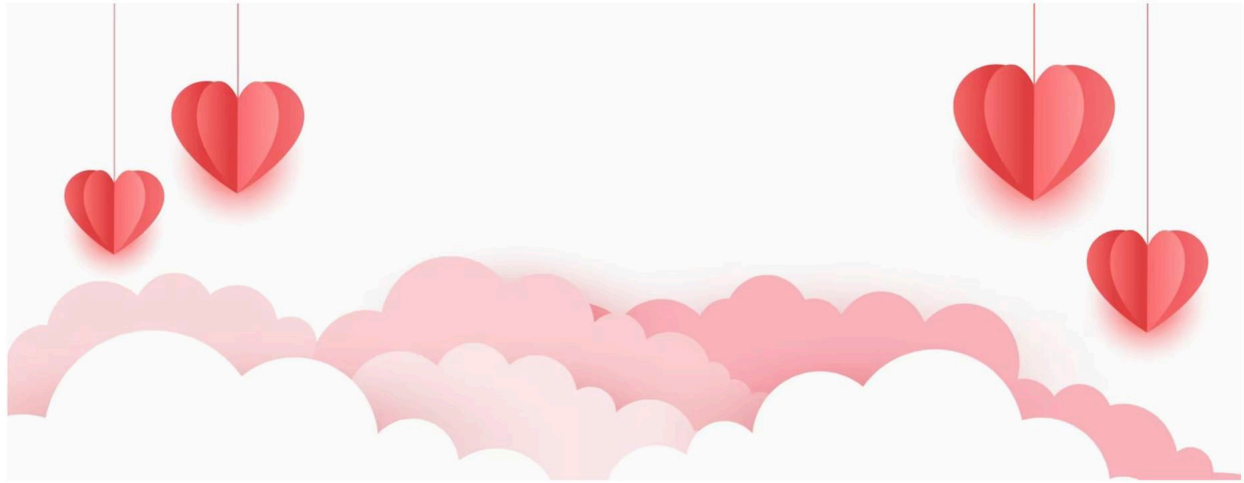


Women's Giving Circle of Harford County February 2023 Newsletter



A Message from the Chair

Happy Valentines Day! I hope to see **you** at the [Spread the Love event](#) on February 26th!

Congratulations to our members and friends who were selected as finalists for the prestigious [ATHENA leadership awards](#). Each of us are leaders in our own way, and I'm proud of the impact our members make on the community. Fueled by your membership dollars, our grants make a difference to women and children struggling in our community, providing much needed mentoring, housing, emotional, educational, food, and rehabilitation support to help them discover their potential. Join other WGC members in cheering on the finalists at the ATHENA Leadership Award Breakfast on March 3rd. The breakfast benefits the Harford Community College Foundation, Inc.

Donna Kreis, Chair

"A woman is the full circle. Within her is the power to create, nurture and transform."

Diane Mariechild

WE ARE A PROUD CO-HOST - SAVE THE DATE!





2023 Philanos National Conference

The Women's Giving Circle is a proud co-host of the [PhilanosPowerUP! Baltimore 2023 National Conference](#) from November 5-7 at the Four Seasons hotel in Baltimore. Philanos is the leading women's giving circle network. Four hundred women are expected at the conference to celebrate the power of collective giving. As a co-host, the WGC has pledged to raise \$5,000 in [sponsorships](#) for the conference. If you would like to sponsor, contact us at wgchco@gmail.com. Thanks to Tami Zavislan who is representing the WGC on the Philanos conference steering committee.

Grapevine Update

We understand that navigating the Grapevine platform for joining/renewing membership can be challenging. So, check out our updated Join/Renew page where you will find step-by-step instructions.

As of January 1, 2023, Grapevine created their own Grapevine Giving Foundation, a 501(c)(3) public charity, where our grant funds will now reside. This will enable a faster and more flexible process for receiving and granting donations. Additionally, we can now receive payment via check, Donor Advised Fund (DAF), and direct transfer/ACH. Payment instructions are updated on the Join/Renew page.

Grant Committee Update

The Grant Committee has met and reviewed the Grant Application template. Anyone interested in helping with the technical grant review is encouraged to sign up by emailing wgcharfordcogrants@gmail.com.

Grant applications must be RECEIVED by 12 p.m. (noon) on Friday, March 10, 2023, and must be submitted online.

Hillary Smolenski, Grant Committee Chair



Membership and Outreach Committee Update

Spread the Love....Spread the Love....Spread the Love!!

Come join us! WGC long term members, new members and guests will be gathering on February 26, 2023 from 2:00-4:00 pm at Bulle Rock Residence Club (1200 Bulle Rock Parkway, Havre de Grace, MD. 21078) for our ***Spread the Love*** event!. Mingle, nibble and sip your way through a lovely afternoon event while learning about the philanthropic collective giving mission of the WGC and the many, many non-profits we assist annually in their efforts to help women and children in Harford County. ***Alicia Hamilton, Executive Director and Founder of Found in Faith Ministries*** will join us as our guest speaker! Alicia will tell us about her journey that took her to create Found in Faith Ministries and the great work the program does, specifically it's ***Fresh Start Furniture Program***.

Register for the evite at this link:

<https://www.harfordwomensgiving.org/event-5147578>

Hope to see you there!!

Also remember our friendly competition we launched between WGC members from the Havre de Grace and Bel Air areas to see which municipality area has the most new members join the WGC! We will definitely start giving "stats" on this fun initiative in the next Newsletter, along with information on more events in the coming months.

Happy HEART day everyone❤️

Donna Kahoe, Membership & Outreach Committee Chair

Member Spotlight

You know what makes WGC of Harford County so great? It's YOU! We want to showcase our wonderful members and have them explain a little about themselves and why they chose to join the WGC! If you are interested in participating, please contact Debbie Lynch, Communications Chair at wgchco@gmail.com.

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