



**Women's Giving Circle of Harford County  
July 2023 Newsletter**



## ***A Message from the Chair***

Keep your eyes posted for our 2023 grant press release hitting the news outlets. I'd like to thank fellow member Theresa Wiseman of MediaWise, Inc., for crafting and distributing our press release. This is great coverage of our impact. So far, a variety of media outlets have posted, including [Harford County Living](#), [The Daily Record](#), [The Bel Air Patch](#), [I95 Business](#), Bel Air News & Views, and [The Aegis](#).

As we enter the second half of the year, our focus now turns to both building our membership and membership renewals. I'm looking forward to seeing you and your friends at our Ice Cream Social at Harford Family House on July 27<sup>th</sup>! Also, mark your calendars for our [2023 Grantee Showcase](#) breakfast on September 19 from 8:30 to 10 a.m. at Harford Community College. Meet our 2023 grantees, learn about the impact your membership dollars are making, and invite a friend to learn more.

Donna Kreis, Chair

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## ***Membership and Outreach Committee Update***

In July we continue to welcome new members to the WGC with our newest members;

***Katie Thompson, Susan Sanderson and Sharon Lipford – WELCOME Ladies!!!***

At our July meeting (over delicious cocktails and food, of course!) the Membership and Outreach Committee celebrated reaching an all-time active membership high of **131** – woot!

We are so thankful for all our members and very excited for our new members to experience the wonderful work we do for women and their families in Harford County!

***What is better in the hot July month in Maryland than ICE CREAM!!***

Please register to join us on Thursday, July 26, 2023, 6:00 – 7:30 pm at Harford Family House, 53 E. Bel Air Avenue, Aberdeen, Maryland 21001 as we meet the wonderful staff and residents of Harford Family House, while enjoying delicious ice cream from Keyes Creamery!

Please register here: <https://www.harfordwomensgiving.org/event-5338909>

***If you're looking to get started for next year.....***

As members know, we collect annual donations for the next year by December 15<sup>th</sup>. However, some members may not know they have a choice to select a recurring payment option, with the final payment for the year posting no later than December 15<sup>th</sup>. If you have questions regarding our payment process, whether choosing recurring payments or one annual payment, please contact us at [wgchco@gmail.com](mailto:wgchco@gmail.com) and our Treasurer will guide you through the process.

If you have friends, family, co-workers, etc. interested in the WGC, send me an email to:

[wgcharfordmembership@gmail.com](mailto:wgcharfordmembership@gmail.com) and I'll reach out to them directly with information.

Donna Kahoe, Membership & Outreach Committee Chair

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### **Grant Committee Update**

As you saw in last month's newsletter, we have officially announced the 2023 Grant Recipients. We are thrilled that among this group, Coming of Kings, Inc. and The Forgotten Initiative-Harford County are first time awardees.

Coming of Kings, Inc. will be hosting weekly mentoring for boys and teenagers. During these sessions participants will hear special guest speakers, gather with their mentor and go on field trips. They will participate in activities that focus on problem solving, presentation skills, college preparation and work readiness.

The Forgotten Initiative-Harford will be hosting a Life Skills 101 monthly meeting for children that are soon to be aging out of care. These meetings will provide a warm meal and education in various life skills, including financial planning, housing, goal setting and team building.

We hope to award many more first-time recipients in the future. If you know of a non- profit in Harford County that is supporting women, children and families, please refer them to our website!

Stay tuned for updates for the 2024 Grant Cycle later this year.

Hillary Smolenski, Grant Committee Chair





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