

## Women's Giving Circle of Harford County June 2023 Newsletter

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

We recently hosted our 2023 grantees at Rockfield Manor to take pictures with WGC and grantee representatives and celebrate the awarding of our grants. While meeting with the grantees we had the opportunity to learn more about this year's grantees. I encourage you to also take the time to get to know our grantees by participating in Membership and Outreach Committee events and following our Facebook/Instagram pages where we highlight grantee news.

Be sure to check out the June/July issue of [Harford's Heart](#) where our Communications Chair, Debbie Lynch, is the guest columnist, highlighting the Women's Giving Circle!

Wishing you a happy and safe summer.

Donna Kreis, Chair

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### ***Membership & Outreach Committee Update***

## Happy Summer!

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

### **Claudia Nachtigal, Head of The Highlands School – welcome Claudia!!**

The Membership and Outreach Committee continues to be on target – even slightly ahead - of our goal of 140 active members by the end of 2023!

If you would like to be on the frontline of the excitement in engaging with and recruiting new members, please come join us on the Membership and Outreach Committee. It is a super fun group of women who enjoy sharing good food/cocktails, loads of fun, but mostly the joy we get in sharing the good work the Committee does in our outreach to friends, family, co-workers, etc. when they join us! Our simple collective giving process – the more members the more grants we can fund – is demonstrated by the growing number of grants we award each year!

Watch the WGC website and Facebook page for information on upcoming events, including another impromptu summer ice cream social that is in the works for July!

As we move through the long hot days of summer, members should take pride in our support of summer program initiatives we have helped fund through grants to help children avoid the “summer slide” with their education. Most notable is the Boys & Girls Club’s “Summer Brain Gain” which provides six weeks of fun, theme-based *activities* designed to mitigate *summer* learning loss for early and upper elementary, middle, and high school children! Watch our FB page and website for spotlights on this and other awesome programs.

Member Havre de Grace vs. Bel Air contest update: Havre de Grace (1), Bel Air (10)

As always, please encourage friends, family, co-workers, etc. to visit the website or send me an email to: [wgcharfordmembership@gmail.com](mailto:wgcharfordmembership@gmail.com) and I'll reach out to them directly. Also remember to check employer's matching programs to see if the WGC membership dues qualify!

Donna Kahoe, Membership & Outreach Committee Chair

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### ***Membership Renewal***

Have you renewed your membership to the Women's Giving Circle? If you haven't, watch your email for your invoice! Questions about renewing? Contact us at [wgchco@gmail.com](mailto:wgchco@gmail.com)

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### ***2023 Women's Giving Circle Grantees!***

The moment we wait for all year—the announcement of our grant recipients! Congratulations to this year's grantees and thank you to all of our members for making it happen!

**2023 Grant Awards**

## \$54,724 to 13 Deserving Applicants (\*new recipient)

\$3,849	Chesapeake Therapeutic Riding, Inc.
\$5,000	CASA of Harford County
\$5,000	Girls on the Run of Central Maryland, Inc.
\$5,000	Homecoming Project, Inc.
\$5,000	Boys and Girls Club of Harford and Cecil Counties
\$2,000	The Forgotten Initiative-Harford*
\$5,000	The Sexual Assault/Spousal Abuse Resource Center
\$5,000	The Sharing Table
\$1,375	Harford County Family Assistance Fund
\$5,000	Improving Education
\$4,500	LASOS, Inc.
\$5,000	Coming of Kings, Inc.*
\$3,000	The HOPE Center of Maryland, Inc.

### ***Thank you x 2!***

The WGC wants to extend its appreciation to both Harford County Government and JPS Electrical Services for providing financial support to the WGC to help offset some of the costs associated with being a co-host of the Philanos National Conference which will be held in Baltimore in November. The WGC is still looking for additional sponsors, so if you are interested in being a sponsor, please contact us as [wgchco@gmail.com](mailto:wgchco@gmail.com).

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