



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



A Message from the Chair

I'm energized after participating in the [Philanos PowerUP! 2023 National Conference: The Spark Igniting Collaboration](#) in Baltimore along with WGC members April Cheatham, Maria Dontas, and Bonnie Miranda. Philanos is the leading national women's giving circle network. We met so many amazing, inspiring women who are leading collective giving and gathered many best practices and connections to strengthen our circle.

One of the highlights for me was the recognition of the [DEI Advocate Awardees](#). Our very own April Cheatham is one of the first thirteen awardees. April is passionate about creating connections and pathways to success for all within the communities she serves through [Extreme Family Outreach](#). Her experience with overcoming obstacles gives her a unique perspective to understand the needs of her community and fuels an intense desire to pay it forward.

Special thanks to member Tami Zavislan who served on the steering committee for the Philanos conference and helped make the event a great success.

I hope to see you at our [Holiday Happy Hour and Giving Tuesday](#) event on November 28th where our 4th Members' Choice Award will be announced.

As we approach Thanksgiving, I'd like to personally thank you for your support. We couldn't fulfill our mission without you, our members. Your membership contribution enables us to continue awarding grants which fulfill critical needs in the community. For those with pending renewals, visit our website for many payment options.

Donna Kreis, Chair





2023 Members' Choice Award

Nominate a Nonprofit for our 4th Members' Choice Award!

It's time to vote for the fourth Members' Choice Award recipient!

We asked our members to nominate a favorite nonprofit to receive this fourth Members' Choice Award in the amount of \$5,991.61 and there were four eligible organizations nominated by five members (one organization was nominated by two different members). At the conclusion of the nomination period, the Members' Choice Award Committee hosted a virtual presentation and asked each nominator to tell us, in five minutes, why she felt passionately about the organization nominated.

Members – check your inbox for an email with a link to view the video presentation and the ballot. **Each member may vote one time and the deadline for voting is Sunday, November 19, 2023.**

The organization with the most votes will be our fourth Members' Choice Award recipient! We will announce the winning organization at our holiday happy hour for members on Giving Tuesday, November 28, 2023 at the Maryland Golf and Country Club.

Should you have questions or need assistance, please email the Committee at: wgchco@gmail.com.

We hope to see you on November 28th – and remember, this is a secret – so please do not share outside of WGC membership!

Membership & Outreach Committee Update

We are thrilled to welcome new member, *Lisa Fleming* to the WGC, woohoo!!

Please say hello and welcome to Lisa at the Holiday Happy Hour – Giving Tuesday Event on November 28, 2023. If you haven't registered for the event yet, there is still time! You can register [here](#).

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

As members know, we collect annual donations for the next year by December 15th. 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 15th. If you have questions regarding our payment process, whether choosing a recurring monthly donation or one annual donation, please contact us at wgchco@gmail.com and our treasurer, Kelley Pugh, will assist in guiding you through the process.

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! We LOVE introducing women to this wonderful organization, so if you have friends, family, co-workers, etc. who are interested, or who you think may be interested in the WGC, email me at wgcharfordmembership@gmail.com and I'll happily send them information about the WGC.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Donna Kahoe, Membership and Outreach Committee Chair

Grapevine Giving Tuesday Match!

Mark your calendar! Grapevine, our fiscal sponsor for the grant fund, is offering a match up to \$50 (while funds are available) for any donation given to any non-profit or giving circle through its website on Giving Tuesday (Tuesday, November 28th). Please consider donating on that day to give an extra boost to either the WGC or another deserving non-profit. Donations can be made through Grapevine.org.

Happy Veteran's Day!

On November 11th, our nation recognizes the sacrifices made by those who served our country. We appreciate and are grateful for all those who have served our great nation. If you served in our Armed Forces, thank you for your service!

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