



**Women's Giving Circle of Harford County
December 2020 Newsletter**



Happy Holidays from the WGC!

The best holiday gift is giving, and that's exactly what we did last week! Although we were not able to gather for our traditional year-end holiday celebration, the Women's Giving Circle ended the year on a high note when we announced the first Members' Choice Award recipient on Giving Tuesday, December 1. When most organizations were asking for money, we were giving it away by awarding \$4,735.54 to The Harford County Family Assistance Fund, nominated by founding member Marlene Lieb. As Marlene stated in her application:

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Over my years of serving on the Harford County Department of Social Services Board (DSS), and in my six years as a foster parent in Harford County, I have witnessed first-hand the impact of the funds raised in support of programs whose funding is not part of the State DSS operating budget.

It (the Family Assistance Fund) provides support in Harford County for school clothing and supplies for foster children, Nurturing Parenting programs, Ready By 21 programming, Adoption and Reunification celebrations and other services that support foster care and help children and families thrive. This award will be used to aid elderly women who are wards of the State due to low income, no family or neglect or abuse.”

We are thrilled that this first Members' Choice Award is going to an organization that is new to the WGC and was nominated by one of our founding members, for without their forward vision, this award would not be possible. Including this award, the Women's Giving Circle has awarded 122 grants totaling \$402,067.30 to 53 different nonprofits serving women, children, and families in Harford County and we can't wait to watch these numbers increase next year!

Wishing you and your family peace, comfort, and all the joys of the holiday season.



Membership and Outreach Committee Update

We want to send out our heartfelt thanks to members that have renewed this year. We know it hasn't been an easy year and many of us feel helpless as we stand by and wait. Because of your membership gift, our grant fund has REAL POWER to help and alleviate the helplessness that others feel. We value every penny of your donation and we are so grateful that our neighbors can rely on the WGC's grant program that is made possible through your generosity.

If the time has gotten away from you and you still wish to join the WGC or renew your membership to have your funds included in the 2021 grant year, it is not too late! Click the link below or reach out to us at wgcharfordmembership@gmail.com or call 410-914-5467 and ask for Lisa.

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Lisa and Carol

Join or Renew Now

Grant Committee Report

The Grant Committee has wrapped up the 2020 grant year and is counting down to 2021!! There are:

19 days until the first day of winter,

29 days until the first day of the new year,

and,

Only 43 days until the posting of the 2021 grant application!!

Watch the WGC website and Facebook for information about the 2021 grant cycle and be sure to share the news with your favorite nonprofit organization.

If you'd like to get involved with the committee in 2021, send an email to wgcharfordcogrants@gmail.com.



We're Looking for Leaders!

The new year will be here soon, and that means that the terms of the current Executive Committee and committee chairs will end in January, 2021. If you are a member who is interested in stepping in to a leadership role, please reach out and send an email using the button below and we will put you in touch with the Nominating Committee.

Members are also welcome to join the Grant, Membership, and/or 10th Anniversary Committees, too. Use the button below to send an email.

No particular experience is needed, just a love of philanthropy and the WGC!

I'm Interested!

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