



**Women's Giving Circle of Harford County  
December 2021 Newsletter**



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

As we continue to experience uncertainty related to the pandemic, a few things remain constant: the steadfast support of our members and the resilience of the nonprofits we are blessed to support.

Looking for a last-minute gift? Consider giving the gift of local philanthropy by making a donation or the gift of membership to the Women's Giving Circle of Harford County. Your gift will make a difference to women, family, and children.

Wishing you and your family a happy, healthy, and peaceful holiday.

Donna Kreis, Chair

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## ***2<sup>nd</sup> Member's Choice Award***

As we gathered together to celebrate Giving Tuesday and the holidays on November 30, we announced the second Members' Choice Award recipient. On a day when most organizations were asking for money, we awarded \$4,639.50 to The Miracle League of Harford County, nominated by member Julie Chmura. This award will be used to provide children and adults of all abilities the chance to play baseball. With this grant, the Women's Giving Circle has awarded 134 grants totaling \$450,222.36 to 56 different nonprofits serving women, children, and families in Harford County.

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## ***There's Still Time to Renew, Join, or Donate!***

It's not too late to renew your WGC membership (if you haven't already). Renew, join, give the gift of membership, or make a donation in honor or memory of a special someone. Membership fees and donations collected through December will be used for the 2022 grant cycle. Help us reach \$500,000 in giving next year!

1) Access the [grant fund website](#) and click on the "Credit Card Donation" button in the upper left corner of the page. Enter your amount - \$500 or \$200 (if under age 35) - and the rest of your payment information. (If you select a recurring payment option, remember to ensure that your total membership is paid by December 15<sup>th</sup>).

2) Access the [administrative fund website](#) and enter your contact and payment information to pay the \$50 administrative fee.

For questions, or if you need assistance with renewing, send an email to: [wgcharfordmembership@gmail.com](mailto:wgcharfordmembership@gmail.com). We are happy to assist!

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## ***Grant Committee Update***

Happy Holidays!

We can hardly believe we're less than two weeks away from the new year. As we enter 2022 the Grants Committee will be ready to roll.

On January 14, 2022, grant guidelines will be issued, and the online application will go “live.” You’ll be able to find it posted on the WGC Facebook and Instagram pages, WGC website, Harford County Charities and Nonprofits and Harford County Gives Facebook pages. Applicants will have eight (8) weeks to submit grant applications online.

On January 24, 2022, the pre-application meeting will be held. There are a few minor changes to this year’s application; as always we encourage applicants to attend this meeting.

We want to thank you for your generosity and wish you a very joyous holiday season. We look forward to seeing you next year.

Sarah Ortiz-Brown and Sara Burley  
Grant Committee Co-Chairs



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

What a year this has been!?! As of December 16, we have 39 new or rejoined members...and counting!

We want to extend special thanks to the newest members of the WGC! As our membership grows, so does our impact.

**Angela Rose**  
**Donna Zavacky**  
**Cheryl Steedman**  
**Michelle Karczeski**  
**Pat Koermer**  
**Emily Dickerson**  
**Allison Humphries Cuneo**  
**Olivia Spencer**  
**Anne Gessner**  
**Leslie Frost**  
**Susan Humphries**  
**Sheila Allen**  
**Jessica Boyle Tsottles**  
**Andrea Kirk**  
**Ruth Oswald**  
**Karen Kukurin**  
**Kelley Pugh**  
**Susan Butcher Roarty**  
**Lois Kelly**  
**Marcia Neuburger**

*Listed by date member joined during the  
2021 cycle*

**Yvonne Golczewski**  
**Elizabeth Rodriguez Diaz**  
**Maria Dontas**  
**Rosemary Dehn**  
**Rachel Fox**  
**Jennifer Snyder**  
**Kathy Burley**  
**Sarah Karantonis**  
**Lisa Bryson**  
**Judith Antisdel**  
**April Cheatham**  
**Beth Rebuck**  
**Katherine Kelly**  
**Hillary Smolenski**  
**Roxanne Lynch**  
**Carol Zimmerman**  
**Carolyn Zinner**  
**Beth Palm**  
**Tara Graf**

In November, current and prospective members connected during a *WGC Membership Meet & Greet* at Coakley's Pub in Havre de Grace! We were joined by Alicia Hamilton, Executive Director of Found in Faith Ministries, who shared the struggles and triumphs of building her non-profit. She inspired us as she talked about a vital component of her organization, the *Fresh Start Furniture Program*, which assists women in transforming their house into a home for their families. Thanks to all who participated! We look forward to hosting more engagement events in the future.

In the year ahead, we are looking to showcase current members of the WGC in our outreach to prospective members. We would

like to share your experience with those who may be considering membership: why you joined and what makes your involvement meaningful to you! If you are willing to take part, please contact us.

We are also looking for members to join the Membership and Outreach Committee in 2022. Look for a callout with more information and a schedule of upcoming events in the New Year!

As always, we encourage members to invite friends, family, co-workers, etc. to visit the WGC website. If you would like us to reach out to anyone personally, please email us their information at [wgcharfordmembership@gmail.com](mailto:wgcharfordmembership@gmail.com) and we will contact them directly.

Wishing you and yours a happy and healthy holiday season!

Allison Cuneo  
Donna Kahoe  
Membership and Outreach Committee Co-Chairs

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