



## Women's Giving Circle of Harford County January 2024 Newsletter

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### *A Message from the Chair*

Happy New Year! As we close out 2023, I'd like to extend a warm welcome to all members who joined and a special thanks to those who renewed their membership this year. We truly appreciate your support as it enables us to fulfill our mission and broaden our impact as our membership grows.

One of our New Year's resolutions as an Executive Board is to make membership more affordable for those at the lower and higher ends of the **age spectrum** with the ultimate goal of

amendable for those at the lower and higher ends of the age spectrum that the ultimate goal is expanding membership. So, stay tuned for an announcement on proposed revisions to our membership tiers and a meeting for a membership vote on these exciting changes.

With our grant season officially kicking off today, we'd love to have you join our Grant Committee (details below) and share our grant announcement with your favorite nonprofits.

I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming 2024 events! Take care.

Donna Kreis, Chair

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### **Grant Committee Update**

The 2024 Grant Cycle is officially underway, and the application is now LIVE! Please spread the word to all nonprofits in Harford County serving Women, Children and Families! (501(c)(3) status required). Last year we had 36 applicants and this year we are hoping to exceed that number!

Thank you to those that have expressed interest in serving on the Grant Committee. The first official meeting will be held on March 14<sup>th</sup> (details to follow). During this meeting we will review each application to ensure all proper documentation has been provided. In the event that a document is missing, we will contact the nonprofit and they will have 24 hours to update their application. Once the technical review has been completed, the fun begins! Members of the committee will read through and rank each application. The goal is that each application has the same number of reviewers, however we can divide and conquer and still achieve that goal. This works great for members that want to be involved but have limited time.

If you are still interested in joining us, there is still time! Please email [wgcharfordcogrants@gmail.com](mailto:wgcharfordcogrants@gmail.com)

Important dates to keep in mind:

- January 15<sup>th</sup>: application will be live on WGC website
- January 23<sup>rd</sup>: 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. application review sessions
- **March 11<sup>th</sup>: 12 p.m. applications are due!**
- March 14<sup>th</sup>: 10 a.m. technical review
- March 15<sup>th</sup> - April 19<sup>th</sup>: application review period, scores due by 12 p.m. on 4/19
- April 23<sup>rd</sup>: Grant Committee to meet and make recommendations for the Board

Hillary Smolenski, Grant Committee Chair

[Register for Pre-Application Meeting](#)

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## **Membership & Outreach Committee Update**

### **Happy New Year from the Membership and Outreach Committee!**

We are still enjoying the thrill of welcoming 35 new members to the WGC in 2023! We blew past our goal of 30 and cannot wait to meet our new members.

We look forward to doing just that soon as the Membership and Outreach Committee (MOC) begins their work on events and volunteer opportunities for our members and prospective members in 2024. So, make sure to check our website, Facebook, and Newsletter for upcoming activities.

The MOC meets monthly. If anyone is interested in joining this fun group of women, please feel free to call me and/or send me an email at [www.wgcharfordmembership@gmail.com](mailto:www.wgcharfordmembership@gmail.com). We'd love to have you!!

The entire MOC and I are grateful to have all of you as members of the Women's Giving Circle of Harford County in our collective mission of supporting women, children, and families in Harford County through our nonprofit partners. I am so proud of the work of the WGC and thrilled to be among these caring and passionate women.

Donna Kahoe, Membership and Outreach Committee Chair

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### **Recurring Payments**

Why wait and pay your membership fees at the end of the year in a lump payment when you can break it into convenient, smaller monthly payments? Now is a great time to set up recurring payments and it's easy! Just log into the website at [www.harfordwomensgiving.org/join-renew](http://www.harfordwomensgiving.org/join-renew).

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