



## Women's Giving Circle of Harford County July 2021 Newsletter

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### *A Message from the Chair*

Happy summer! Thanks to one of our Next Generation members, Emily Dickerson, the WGC now has an updated brochure and banner to use at events. We promptly made use of these brochures at First Friday's in Havre de Grace on July 2<sup>nd</sup> where we connected with existing and prospective members to maintain the focus on widening our circle.

Be on the watch for the WGC in the news as our press release for the 2021 grantees just went live. Many thanks to member Theresa Wiseman at MediaWise, Inc., for creating the press release and highlighting the impact of our membership dollars.

Finally, the date for our belated 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration has changed to October 20. Please mark your calendars accordingly. More details to follow.

Thanks as always for your continued support!

Donna Kreis, Chair

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**WHO WE ARE**  
**MISSION:** To engage women of all generations in the power of community philanthropy.

**WHAT WE DO**  
 We financially support non-profit organizations serving women, children, and families in Harford County.  
 Membership in the Giving Circle is open to any woman who makes the minimum annual contribution. Donations are tax deductible as allowed by law.  
 Grants are awarded annually. To learn more about the grant program and our grant recipients, visit our website.

**CONNECT WITH US**

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

As of June 30, 2021, the growing number of new members sent our active member total past 90, woohoo!!

During the month of July, the Membership and Outreach Committee is primarily focused on a prospective members initiative to introduce local women to the WGC and the ways in which we support Harford County women and their children and families. We hope you will support this initiative by sharing prospective member information with us so that we can reach out directly and share membership details and an overview of our grantees!

Unfortunately, the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic has canceled many of the usual summer events throughout the County, but look for the teal shirts of the WGC Board and Membership and Outreach Committee members at various community events; including farmers markets, First Friday events, The Grove's 4<sup>th</sup> Friday Event, etc.

If you are interested in assisting the Committee, please join us at our next virtual Committee meeting on August 19, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. Zoom link to follow.

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

Lastly, don't forget to check employer's matching programs to see if the WGC membership qualifies for a match!

Stay cool!

Donna Kahoe

Join or Renew Today!

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### **Grant Committee Update**

Summer sun, longer days, vacations, and relaxation are finally here for the Grant Committee. We officially made it through another season of grants and awarded \$43,515.56 to 11 deserving nonprofits serving the local women, children, and families of Harford County! We celebrated with a big check presentation and photographs with representatives of each grantee at the Liriodendron Mansion in Bel Air. Thank you to Theresa Wiseman of MediaWise, Inc. for our 2021 press release. The photographs with all 11 grantees will be featured on our Facebook page, so be sure to take a peek and click "like!"

The final grant reports from 2020 grantees were due June 30, 2021, and the support we were able to provide is remarkable. All of the grantees couldn't have been more grateful.

Thank you to all of the WGC members for their generosity and the impact we will make on our community. An even bigger thank you to all of the Grant Committee members who made this possible; your hard work and efforts are greatly appreciated. We will prepare for the 2022 season with a Grant Committee meeting this fall. If you are interested in joining the Committee and learning more about nonprofit applicants, please consider becoming a Grant Committee member and reach out to us now! Send an email to Sarah Ortiz Brown at [mybliss@mac.com](mailto:mybliss@mac.com) or Sara Burley at [sbrl8@gmail.com](mailto:sbrl8@gmail.com) with your inquiry. No experience is necessary!

Sara Burley  
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Grant Committee Co-Chairs

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