



Women's Giving Circle of Harford County June 2020 Newsletter



Update from the General Membership Meeting

*We conducted our first general membership meeting by video call on May 13, 2020 and voted to approve **12 awards totalling \$44,220** for our 2020 grant year. In 10 years of grant making, the Women's Giving Circle has awarded \$397,331.76 in 121 grants to 52 nonprofits serving women, families, and children in Harford County! Stay tuned for our press release and the official announcement of the grantees.*

On a serious note, out of an abundance of caution and in keeping with public health guidelines, in-person events are currently suspended until further notice. This has caused come uncertainty regarding recognition of the 2020 grantees who would normally be

introduced at the next general membership meeting and the plan to celebrate our 10th anniversary - both of which we were looking forward to in the fall. The Executive Committee continues to meet monthly to consider all options and will keep you informed of future plans made once it is safe to gather in large groups.

In the meantime, we'll still keep in touch with regular newsletters and Faceook and Instagram posts, and periodic pop-up social hours conducted via WebEx. These social hours are informal opportunities to ask a question, share the WGC experience with a prospective member, or just listen in on the conversation. All are welcome! Check our Facebook page or our website event page linked below for details.

Pop-Up Social Hour



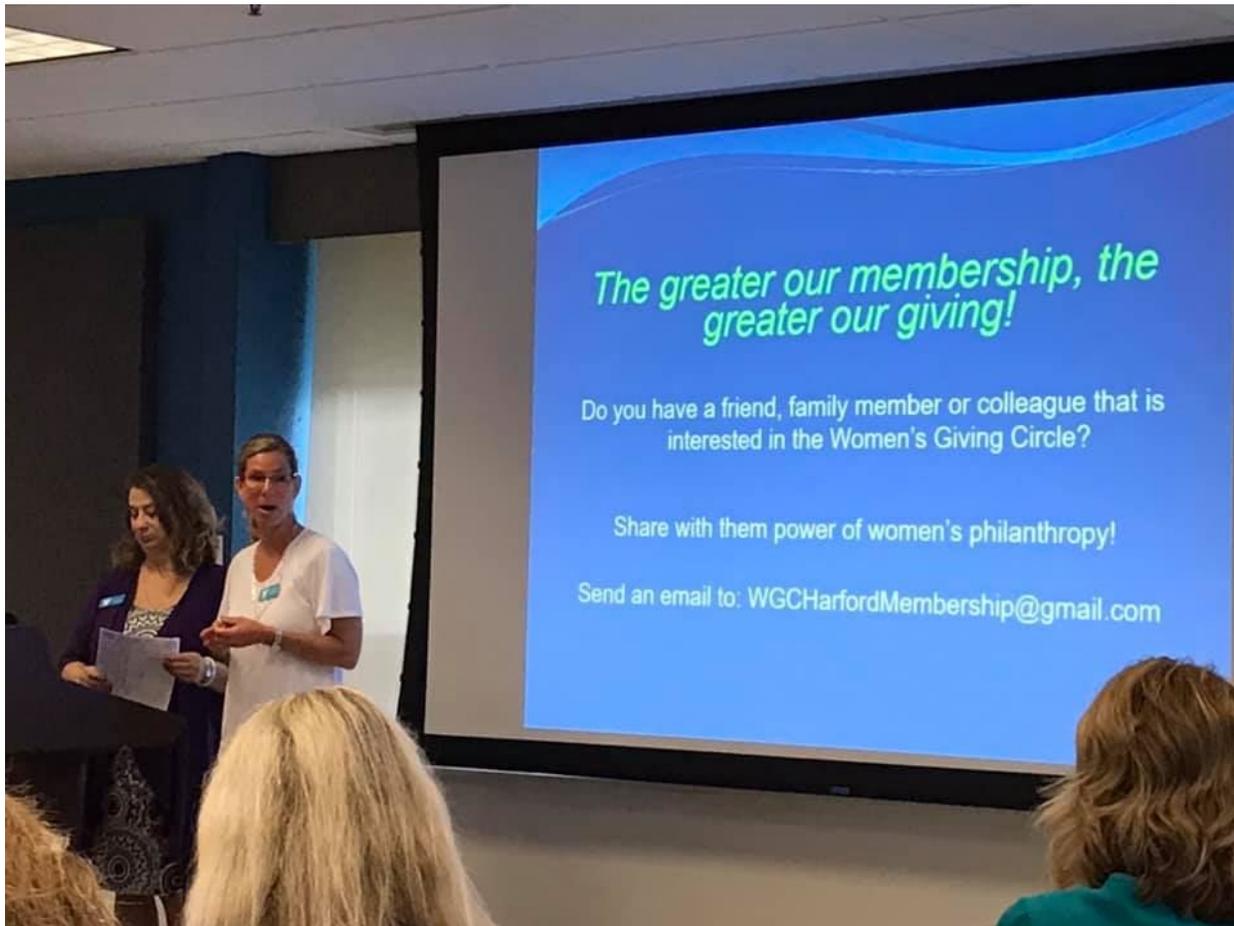
"Great things are done by
a series of small things
brought together."

- Vincent Van Gogh

Grant Committee Update

The Grant Committee is winding down its work for the year with preparation of notification letters to be sent to all applicants and plans for a meeting later this summer to debrief the 2020 grant cycle.

Many thanks to the committee members (and special kudos to chair Rosemary King Johnston!) for their dedication to the process and their commitment to ensuring that the grant year continued as proposed, regardless of the State of Emergency and the pivoting required.



Membership and Outreach Committee Update

Now more than ever, local nonprofits need our help to continue their work. In the last 10 years, the Women's Giving Circle has awarded \$397,331.76 in 121 grants to 52 different organizations serving women, families, and children in Harford County. We are proud to have been able to provide this past support, and we are planning to make our next grant year our best giving year ever, as the need is great.

To continue our philanthropy, we need your help. As you know, our grant making is made possible only because of our members and 100% of your membership gift is used to award grants that benefit our neighbors. By renewing your membership in the Women's Giving Circle, you can help us grow our grant fund for 2021 and be part of the next decade of the WGC!

Two transactions – one for the grant fund and one for the administrative fund - are necessary to join or renew. Don't forget about the installment option - pay the \$50 administrative fee and then divide the \$500 balance across the next 7 months and pay only \$71.42 for the months of June through December.

Renewal letters and invoices are coming soon. Help us get a head start on ensuring that our 2021 grant year is the best yet. Remember, the greater our numbers, the greater our giving!

The next committee meeting is scheduled for June 8th if you are interested in assisting with membership and outreach activities. For meeting details, send an email to the address below.

For membership or committee questions, or if you need assistance with online payments, contact the committee at: wgcharfordmembership@gmail.com

Join or Renew Now



From the Treasurer

The following fund balances were reported at the General Membership meeting:

\$142,045 - Endowed Fund (as of 2/19/2020)*
\$48,708.56 - Grant Fund (as of 5/9/2020)
\$4,193.30 - Administrative Fund (as of 3/31/2020)

A note about fees:

Over the last year, the WGC incurred \$1,061.06 in fees for the grant and administrative accounts managed on our behalf by Growfund. Adding the 1% grant distribution fee for the 2020 awards recently approved increases fees by \$442.20 for a total of \$1,463.26.

However, our members covered over \$1,190 of the fees when paying for membership, and because of your generosity we were able to award an additional \$1,190 in grants.

* Unofficial balance, excluding administrative fees

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