



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

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### *A Message from the Chair*

I am excited to announce our transition to in-person events beginning in July! Stay tuned and be sure to join us for these upcoming events as well as bring a friend or two to expand our circle.

Your membership and donations are the fuel behind our grant dollars. This year, we had over \$100,000 in grant applications and were able to fund 41% of these requests. Help us further expand our ability to fund these deserving nonprofits by sharing our story with your friends and family.

I'd like to thank those members who joined us for the virtual grant vote. This is a culmination of a lot of hard work by the Grant Committee members and Co-Chairs, so I want to express my appreciation to all involved. Stay tuned for the formal, public announcement of the grantees.

Donna Kreis, Chair

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### *Membership and Outreach Committee Update*

At the close of May, the number of new member registrations has us well on our way to our goal to exceed 100 members by the end of 2021. We have a total of 89 members currently, including 10 women new to the WGC, two of whom are Next Generation members!

The Membership and Outreach Committee held its first open house virtually this month with close to a dozen attendees. The event showcased the 2020 WGC grantees and featured Melynda Velez of LASOS as the guest speaker. Melynda told of the history of LASOS and how it has evolved into the successful organization it is today, serving over 9,000 people. The event wrapped up with our first ever virtual prize drawing, a gift card to The Nest on Main, which was won by new member, Michelle Karczeski. Congratulations Michelle!

We encourage everyone to watch the WGC website for upcoming Membership Committee meetings and outreach events. We will have our bi-monthly virtual Committee meeting on June 17, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. Look for the Membership and Outreach Committee on July 2, 2021 at the Havre de Grace First Fridays event. Finally, we are excited to announce our first IN PERSON(!) open house event to be held on July 15, 2021! Save the date and details will follow.

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As always, please encourage friends, family, co-workers, etc. to visit the website or send an email to [wgcharfordmembership@gmail.com](mailto:wgcharfordmembership@gmail.com) with membership related questions and we'll reach out to them directly. Also remember to check employer's matching programs to see if the WGC membership dues qualify!

Donna Kahoe  
Allison Cuneo  
Membership and Outreach Committee Co-Chairs

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### ***Grant Committee Update***

It's "unofficially" summer and we'll soon be notifying our 2021 grant recipients with the great news.

The grant applications as recommended by the Committee and the Board were presented for a vote at WGC's May 20th General Membership meeting and the recommendations were unanimously approved as proposed. We're excited to announce that in 2021 the WGC will award \$43,515.56 to 11 deserving nonprofits. This is only possible because of the generosity of the philanthropic women of the WGC. Thank you!

As we close out the grant year activities, we'll be reaching out to our 2020 grantees for their final reports.

The majority of the work for the Grant Committee is behind us for the 2021 season. Again, we could not have accomplished all we did without the time and hard work of our Committee members. Give yourselves a round of applause.

If you are interested in joining the Grant Committee and learning more about nonprofit applicants, send an email to Sarah Ortiz Brown at [mybliss@mac.com](mailto:mybliss@mac.com) or to Sara Burley at [srbri8@gmail.com](mailto:srbri8@gmail.com) with your inquiry. No experience necessary!

Sara Burley  
Sarah Ortiz-Brown  
Grant Committee Co-Chairs

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### ***Communications Update***

As we welcomed a new Board earlier this year and introduced them via social media, we noticed the posts were VERY popular with our members and others. As we continue outreach efforts to grow our membership and in turn, our grant fund, we would like to similarly introduce members of the WGC who care to publicize their involvement. If any member is willing to provide a photo and a few sentences about why she supports the WGC, we'd love to use that in a social media post. Please send an email to [wgchco@gmail.com](mailto:wgchco@gmail.com) if you are interested.

Also, as we transition to in person events again, we will rely on the [Events page](#) of our website and our Facebook page to publicize these gatherings. Please check the page for all the details about each event and for registration information as applicable. See you soon!

Events

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