



Women's Giving Circle of Harford County May 2021 Newsletter

A Message from the Chair - It's Time to Vote!

I want to extend a special thanks to the co-chairs and many members of the Grant Committee for concluding the hard work of reviewing the grant applications and making their recommendations for 2021 awards. Now, it's time for our members to vote! Join us on Thursday, May 20, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. via the Zoom videoconference platform to hear the recommendations. Use the link below to get meeting details.

Because this is a voting session, this meeting is limited to members only, please.

Hope to see you online on May 20th!

Donna Kreis, Chair

[Register for May 20th](#)

Membership and Outreach Committee Update

At the close of April, new member registrations are chipping away at our goal to exceed 100 members by the end of 2021, with a total of 88 members, including 7 women new to WGC (two of whom are Next Generation members) and two women who have rejoined the WGC after a brief absence!

One of those new members who joined in April, Allison Cuneo, has jumped right into the role as co-chair of the Membership and Outreach Committee with Donna Kahoe. Allison has extensive outreach experience in her role as Assistant Vice President for Annual Giving & Alumni Relations – lucky us!!

Join us for our quarterly open house on May 13th where we will welcome current and considering members to gather for an informative chat about the work of the WGC, an overview of our amazing grantees from 2020, and a run down of upcoming events to look forward to! An email invitation was sent on May 6th and we encourage everyone to share the invitation with women you would like to introduce to the WGC and how our collective giving benefits women and their families in Harford County. The greater our numbers, the greater our giving!

As always, please encourage friends, family, co-workers, etc. to visit the website as well or send an email to: wgcharfordmembership@gmail.com and we'll reach out to them directly. Also remember to check employer's matching programs to see if the WGC membership dues qualifies for a matching gift!

Donna Kahoe
Allison Cuneo
Membership and Outreach Committee Co-Chairs

Virtual Open House

Grant Committee Update

April showers and May flowers mean the grant applications are in! A HUGE thank you to the Grant Committee members for their time, effort, and collaboration during this grant season. Your diligent work and discussions have made the grant season process a pleasure.

Grant applications were due March 12, 2021. A total of 24 grant applications requesting \$107,286 were accepted for review. There were even a few first-time applicants! The Grant Committee reviewed and scored the applications, scores were compiled, and a group discussion meeting was conducted to finalize recommendations. The Committee's suggestions were then presented to the Executive Board on April 28, 2021 for approval. Our last step is to present the final proposed recommendations for a vote at the May 20th General Membership meeting.

If you are interested in assisting with the grant cycle efforts and learning more about nonprofit applicants, please consider becoming a Grant Committee member. Send an email to Sarah Ortiz Brown at mybliss@mac.com or Sara Burley at srbrl8@gmail.com with your inquiry. No experience necessary!

Sara Burley
Sarah Ortiz-Brown
Grant Committee Co-Chairs

Giving Circle Directory

The giving circle movement is growing exponentially and changing the landscape of philanthropy. As a field that thrives on connections, Philanthropy Together, in partnership with Grapevine, is proud to announce the launch of the first-ever [Global Giving Circle Directory](#) - and the WGC is included [here!](#)

Learn more in a [Forbes article](#) about the directory and how Philanthropy Together and Grapevine support other giving circles like ours.

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