



Women's Giving Circle of Harford County December 2023 Newsletter



A Message from the Chair

Our Holiday Happy Hour and Giving Tuesday event was a great success. I really enjoyed seeing a packed room full of members connecting. The vibe was great. Thanks so much to founding member Jodi Davis and [The Kelly Group](#) for their generous sponsorship of this event.

As we wind down the year, our focus is on 2023 membership renewals. We have 33 renewals pending which equates to an additional \$16,500 available for grants in 2024. If you received an emailed invoice, that's our friendly reminder to renew by December 15. You can visit our [website](#) for many payment options or reach out to wgchco@gmail.com for assistance.

Thank you so much for your support throughout the year. Wishing you and your family a happy, healthy holiday.

Donna Kreis, Chair

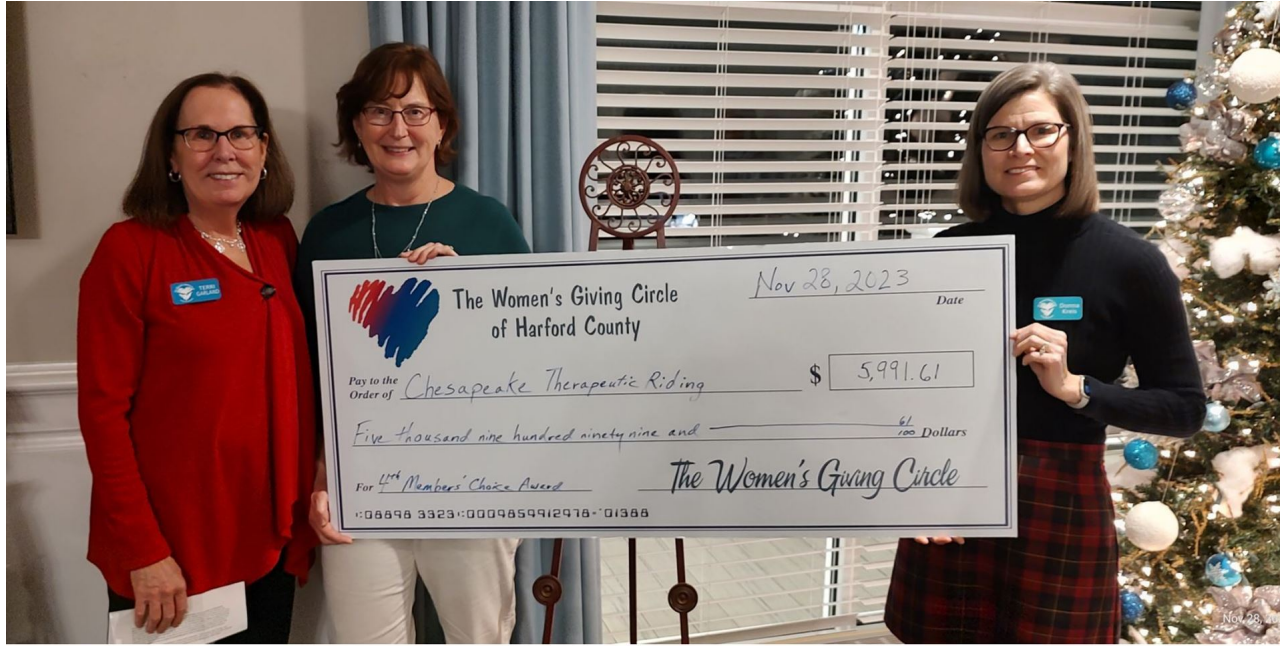


Chesapeake Therapeutic Riding Selected as the 4th Members' Choice Award Recipient

At the recent Holiday Happy Hour and Giving Tuesday celebration, [Chesapeake Therapeutic Riding](#) (CTR) was announced as the recipient of WGC's 4th Members' Choice Award! CTR is Harford County's only Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship

(PATH) International Premier Accredited Center and the first Horse Discovery Center and offers equine-assisted services to children and adults, both individually and in groups.

CTR was nominated by member Jean Foulk and will receive a donation of \$5,991.61 from the WGC. Congratulations [CTR](#)! Thank you, Jean, for your nomination and to all of our members who submitted nominations and voted this year!



Membership & Outreach Committee Update

Happiest of Holidays as we welcome new members:

Kim Huntley, Judi Short and Kristin Kirkwood – WOOHOO!!!

We are in full celebration mode as these new members have not only taken us to our 2023 goal of 140 active members but have sent us past it to 142 – our highest membership ever!!

We 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.

As our membership grows, so do our grants! Please continue your generous support of our mission in 2024! Remember your annual donation can be made in a one-time payment (by credit card or check) or spread out over 12 monthly payments from your bank account or credit card. You can contact us at wgchco@gmail.com for assistance in guiding you through the process.

We thank you for taking the time to renew your WGC membership!

Happy Holidays!

Donna Kahoe, Membership and Outreach Committee Chair

Grant Committee Update

The grant committee is getting ready to kick off the 2024 Grant Cycle! Our application will be live on Monday January 15th, 2024. A pre-application meeting will be held on Tuesday January 23rd. Applicants will be able to attend a morning session at 10 a.m. or an evening session at 5 p.m. This is great opportunity to learn more about the application process. As a reminder, grant applicants must provide a copy of their 501(c)(3) status during the time of application submittal.

The Grant Committee is always looking for new members! Please email us at wgcharfordcogrants@gmail.com if you would like to join our team for the 2024 Grant Cycle. The committee will provide a technical review of each application to ensure that all required documentation has been included with the application. This will be an in-person meeting which will be held on Thursday March 14th at 10 a.m. Additional details will follow as the date approaches. This is also a wonderful time to learn more about the amazing support these groups provide for our community as the committee members will read through each application.

Important dates to keep in mind:

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

Tami Zavislan Named Honorary Founding Member

At the Holiday Happy Hour on November 28th, Chair Donna Kreis surprised Tami Zavislan with a special presentation making Tami an honorary founding member of the WGC. Donna explained the vital role Tami played in the creation of the WGC: “When Jayne Klein and Marlene Lieb first planted the seed of establishing the WGC, they recruited a group of 16 founding members. But just as important as these founding members is the work that Tami Zavislan did as the Executive Director of the Community Foundation of Harford County to establish the WGC under their umbrella. Tami was steadfast in her dedication to the success of the WGC and was the Board's trusted advisor during her tenure as the Executive Director of the Community Foundation.”

Tami's involvement with the WGC did not end when she moved on from the Community Foundation for another career in 2016. At that time, she officially became a WGC member and as a member, Tami has continued to support the Board and the WGC as a two-term vice-chair, a founding member of the Members' Choice Award Committee, and WGC's liaison to the Philanos conference planning committee—just to name a few examples of Tami's long-time support of our mission. Thank you, Tami, for your dedication and service to the WGC!



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