

## Women's Giving Circle of Harford County April 2024 Newsletter



A Message from the Chair

Our grant process will conclude with our General Membership Meeting & 2024 Grant Vote on May 8<sup>th</sup> at Harford Community College from 9 to 10:30 a.m. For those of you who are members, I hope you can join us for this event, as it is exciting to learn and vote on the proposed grants to organizations serving women, family, and children in Harford County. Register <a href="here">here</a>. If you are not a member, I encourage you to <a href="join">join</a> before May 8<sup>th</sup> so that you can participate in the grant vote.

Our Membership and Outreach Committee is hard at work planning 2024 events with our first event planned for April 28th. I hope that you and a friend are able to join us. Register here.

Finally, come see us at the Harford County Chamber of Commerce's <u>Networking at Night</u> event on April 30 from 5-7 p.m.

Thanks, as always, for your support of the WGC.

Donna Kreis, Chair

## **Grant Committee Update**

Grant season is in full swing! The Grant Committee completed the technical review on March 12th. During this process, we reviewed each application to ensure we have received the proper documentation in order for the non-profit to be considered for a grant. This year we have requests totaling \$147,520!

The most rewarding part of the grant cycle is reading through each application. It is incredible to see how many citizens of Harford County work so hard to help women, children and families in need. The most challenging part of the grant cycle is coming up on April 18th. During this meeting, the Committee will gather to review the average scores of each application. We will talk through each application and painstakingly create a list of recommended grantees to present to the Board and ultimately to our membership on May 8th.

WGC membership and our giving ability work hand in hand. If you know someone who would love what we do to support local non-profits, please ask them consider joining our mission. There is a great need in Harford County and we want to one day be able to award each applicant!

Hillary Smolenski, Grant Committee Chair

## Hello from the Membership and Outreach Committee!

Welcome Spring from the Membership and Outreach Committee!

The Membership and Outreach Committee's (MOC) first event of the year – a *Welcome Spring Event* – is fast approaching on *Sunday, April 28th*, 2-4 pm at The Barn at Rockfield Manor (located behind the Manor House). WGC members should have received an invite via email with the registration link. Please join us and share the invite with a friend or two! If you did not receive the invite, please contact me (see below) or access the registration link on our website.

We will have more information in the May Newsletter of events coming up throughout the year, so stay tuned!! As always, if you have questions regarding any of our events, don't hesitate to contact me. In addition, if you have friends, family, co-workers, etc. who you believe would be interested in any of our events and learning about the WGC please let me know and I'd be happy to send them information about us.

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## April is National Volunteer Month

April is National Volunteer Month and we want to take a moment to thank everyone who takes time out of their already busy lives to volunteer. A special thank you to all of the women of the WGC who serve on our Board and our Committees—we cannot do it without you! If you are a member and want to get more involved, just let us know! We'd love to have you!



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