



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

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### ***A Message from the Chair***

In honor of Women's History Month, I'd encourage you to reflect on women who have made a difference in your life and pay it forward to make an impact on others in your life. When you think about it, your WGC membership does just that by investing in the women, families, and children in Harford County. We are a small, but mighty organization.

Now that our grant application deadline has passed, our Grant Committee is hard at work, performing their painstaking review of the applications. I'd like to extend a special shout out to Hillary Smolenski and the Grant Committee for their efforts, enabling the WGC to fulfill our mission of engaging women of all generations in the power of community philanthropy.

Donna Kreis, Chair

*"The older I get, the greater power I seem to have to help the world; I am like a snowball—the further I am rolled the more I gain." – Susan B. Anthony*

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

WGC is excited to announce that we have officially received 31 grant applications for the 2024 grant cycle. Soon, the Grant Committee will meet to perform a technical review. During this review we will make sure that all required information was turned in with the application.

Over the next few weeks, the Grant Committee will read through and rate each application. Once reviews are complete, the Committee will come together to vote and make recommendations for which applications we would like to fund and will present these recommendations to the Board for approval. After the Board approves, the recommendations will be presented to the general membership for a final vote!

It is an exciting time for the Women's Giving Circle and all of our applicants!

Hillary Smolenski, Grant Committee Chair

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***Hello from the Membership and Outreach Committee!***

Happy March from the Membership and Outreach Committee!

The Membership and Outreach Committee is excited to announce our first event of the year – a **Welcome Spring Event** – Sunday, April 28th, 2-4 p.m. at The Barn at Rockfield Manor. Please look for an invite to come via email with the registration link and the invite will also be on our website and social media as well! We hope you will come and bring a friend or two with you!

Following this first event, will be a couple of volunteer opportunities for members in the months of April and May, so make sure to watch our website and social media for details on those.

Additionally, as our event opportunities come up if you have friends, family, co-workers, etc. who you believe would be interested in the WGC and learning more about our organization, contact me and I'd be happy to send them an invite, along with information about the WGC.

The MOC meets the first Thursday of each month, alternating between zoom and (very) fun in person dinner meetings. If anyone is interested in joining this fun group of women, please contact me - we would love to have you!! Also, feel free to share any activity suggestions you have with me as well.

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### ***Tax Receipts***

During tax season, it can be challenging to remember where and when you've donated. In mid-January, our fiscal sponsor, Grapevine, sent all members an email entitled "Grapevine 2023 Tax-Deductible Donation Receipt" which gives a summary of your donations to the WGC in 2023. To find individual receipts, search your inbox for: [info@grapevine.org](mailto:info@grapevine.org).

Remember, you can track your impact at any time by logging into your Grapevine account and viewing your past donations: <https://www.grapevine.org/account/impact>

If you are unable to locate your Grapevine receipt, please contact us at [wgchco@gmail.com](mailto:wgchco@gmail.com).

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