



## Women's Giving Circle of Harford County November 2022 Newsletter



### *A Message from the Chair*

As we near the end of our two-year term for the Executive Board, I am thankful for an awesome group of board members who have grown our membership while still fulfilling our mission of serving women, children and families in Harford County. I am also thankful for those new members who have joined this gracious group of giving women. It is truly amazing what we can achieve by pooling our resources. I look forward to seeing the group continue to prosper under new leadership, as I step down as Chair and transition to the Past Chair role where I will assist with the board transition and future endeavors.

Mark your calendars for our Holiday Happy Hour and Third Members' Choice Award Announcement on Giving Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at the Maryland Golf and Country Clubs. I look forward to seeing you there!

Wishing you and your family a happy and healthy Thanksgiving!

Donna Kreis, Chair



*Women's Giving Circle of Harford County*

# HOLIDAY HAPPY HOUR

and announcement of the 3rd  
Members' Choice Award!

*Tuesday, November 29 | 5:00-7:30 p.m.  
Maryland Golf and Country Clubs*

*This event is proudly sponsored by:*



### ***Leaders Wanted***

We are actively looking for the next group of members to step into leadership roles. We have openings for the Chair, Vice-Chair, Membership and Outreach Committee Chair/Co-chair, Treasurer, and Communications. This is an excellent opportunity to get more involved with our circle.

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### ***Membership Renewals***

We are a little over a month away from our membership renewal deadline of December 15<sup>th</sup>. You can directly access our Grapevine donation site [here](#). Detailed instructions for joining/renewing are available on our website: [Women's Giving Circle of Harford County - Join or Renew \(harfordwomensgiving.org\)](http://www.harfordwomensgiving.org). If you need any assistance, contact us at [wgchco@gmail.com](mailto:wgchco@gmail.com).

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### ***Member's Choice Award***

I'm excited to announce we had five members nominate their favorite nonprofit for our 3<sup>rd</sup> Members' Choice Award. These members will share why their nonprofit is special to them via video. Watch your inbox for an invitation to vote for one of the deserving nominees. The organization with the most votes will be our third Members' Choice Award recipient! We will announce the winning organization at our holiday happy hour on Giving Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at the Maryland Golf and Country Clubs from 5 to 7:30 p.m. For details and to RSVP for the event, please click [here](#).

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### ***Membership and Outreach Committee Update***



On October 12, WGC members and their guests visited Char Hope Farm for an immersive experience where we learned about their life-changing approach to recovery through social care farming and saw the impact of our support first-hand! Members spent the evening connecting with the residents, sharing a delicious farm-to-table meal, touring the property, and learning more about the [Char Hope Foundation](#). We are grateful to Char Hope's founder Derek Hopkins, along with the staff and residents, for making us feel so welcome in their space. Congratulations to raffle winners, Maria Dontas and Kelli McDowell, who went home with a full Char Hope chicken!

We hope you will plan to join us for **Holiday Volunteering with Mason-Dixon Community Services** on Tuesday, December 13! *Keep an eye on your inbox and our WGC social media for more information coming soon.*

**We are excited to have welcomed five new members this month bringing our total membership for 2022 to 122!** We need your help to reach our goal of 140 members by the end of the year. Please help us by [renewing your membership](#) and spreading the WGC love across your personal and professional networks!

With gratitude,

Donna Kahoe & Allison Cuneo  
Membership and Outreach Committee Co-Chairs

Join or Renew Today!

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## ***Grant Committee Update***

Are you interested in learning more about the grant applicants for the 2023 grant cycle? Have you previously participated in the Grants Committee and miss it? Now is the time to join our Grants Committee before we start our next cycle in January! No experience is necessary!

The Grants Committee is a group of passionate women seeking to work together to ensure our grant proposals are reviewed and assessed via diverse perspectives. It is a five-week commitment between March and April.

Becoming a member of the Grants Committee is a wonderful way to become involved in our Women's Giving Circle, learn about the various nonprofits and programs in Harford County, and get to know other Harford County Women's Giving Circle members. If you are interested in joining or learning more about the grant committee, please email Sara at [wgcharfordcogrants@gmail.com](mailto:wgcharfordcogrants@gmail.com).

The committee is turning the page on the 2022 grant cycle and preparing for 2023. An announcement will be posted for interested Nonprofits in January 2023. Applications will be due in March 2023, with reviews completed by the committee in April. Grant committee recommendations will be presented to the board in May, and grants will be awarded to deserving applicants in June!

Sara Burley  
WGC Grants Committee Chair

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