

Women's Giving Circle of Harford County

October 2022 Newsletter



A Message from the Chair

Happy Fall! Over fifty members, guests, and grantees joined us for our Grantee Showcase on September 14th. As you can see, it was a packed house. It was wonderful to connect with everyone and to have the grantees share the impact your membership dollars are making. Special thanks to Treasurer Monica Worrell and [APGFCU](#) for their generous sponsorship of our recent Grantee Showcase!

As we near the end of the year, it's the perfect time to renew your membership. Use this link to directly access our donation site: <https://www.grapevine.org/donate/circle/pMJU1x?giftCode=1pu0We>. Details on joining/renewing are available on our website: [Women's Giving Circle of Harford County - Join or Renew \(harfordwomensgiving.org\)](https://www.harfordwomensgiving.org). If you need any assistance, contact us at wghco@gmail.com.

Membership and Outreach Committee Update

We are excited to welcome current and considering members to two upcoming events!

The Women's Giving Circle is invited to Char Hope Farm for an immersive experience where we will learn about their life-changing approach to recovery through social care farming and hear about the direct impact of our WGC funding!

The [Char Hope Foundation](#) is a grantee of the WGC so this is a wonderful opportunity for current and considering members to experience the impact of our support first-hand. We hope you will join us and bring a

prospective member along!

Following our group tour guided by Char Hope Founder Derek Hopkins, a light picnic dinner will be served on the farm.

Please bring a lawn chair as seating on the farm is limited!

If you would like to bring an item to donate, the women living and working on the farm are always in need of feminine products. Additionally, donations of paper products such as paper towels, toilet paper, and napkins are greatly appreciated.

RSVP: <https://forms.gle/RfHgm5p7uiG4FAVx6>

Event Location: 527 Pylesville Road, Pylesville, MD 21132 | [Directions](#)

Space is limited so kindly RSVP by Friday, October 7.

We also hope you will plan to join us for a volunteer opportunity in December with another grantee., **2022 - Time TBD**

Holiday Volunteering with Mason-Dixon Community Services
708 Highland Road
Street, MD 21154

More details to come!

Please help us reach our 140 member goal for the year by renewing your membership and spreading the WGC love across your personal and professional networks!

With gratitude,
The Membership & Outreach Committee

Questions? Contact WGCHarfordMembership@gmail.com

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

Join or Renew Now

Members' Choice Award

Nominate a Nonprofit for our 3rd Members' Choice Award!

On November 29, 2022, the Women's Giving Circle of Harford County will gather at the Maryland Golf and Country Club for our holiday happy hour and Giving Tuesday celebration! At this celebration, we will present the third Members' Choice Award to a deserving nonprofit, selected by you, the local philanthropists who have helped WGC reach this milestone.

When they established the Women's Giving Circle in 2011, our founding members pledged to set aside 25% of each yearly contribution in an endowment fund. This fund empowers our members' contributions to grow far into the future.

They also agreed that, once the fund reached \$100,000, up to 5% could be used to supplement WGC's ongoing annual grant fund or to create a separate award. Now, the endowment fund has grown to more than

\$142,000 and allows us to award the third Members' Choice Award in the amount of \$5,517.28.

The time to select our second Members' Choice Award recipient is now! A member may nominate any 501(c) (3) organization that serves women and children in Harford County and that has total expenses that do not exceed \$1 million.

Watch your inbox for the Members' Choice Award nominating announcement and submit a nomination by October 20th!

If you have questions about the Members' Choice Award or the process, or need assistance to complete a nomination, please email the Members' Choice Award committee at: wgcmemberschoice@gmail.com.

Thank you all for your commitment to local philanthropy and for making this award possible!

Grant Committee Update

Save the Date! The Grant Committee will meet on **Friday, October 14, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. via Zoom** to begin reviewing and updating the 2023 grant application. This is the perfect time to learn more about our Grant Committee if you are interested in joining this committee. The grant review process kicks off in January with orientation meetings followed by review and assessment of the grant proposals from March to April.

Becoming a member of the Grant 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 members. If you are interested in joining or learning more about the grant committee, **please contact Sara Burley** at srb18@gmail.com and attend our October meeting!



We're Looking for Leaders!

It's hard to believe that the new year is almost upon us, and that means that the terms of the current Executive Committee and Committee chairs will end in January 2023. If you are a member who is interested in stepping into a leadership role, please reach out and send an email using the button below.

No particular experience is needed, just a love of philanthropy and the WGC!

I'm Interested!

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