

Women's Giving Circle of Harford County

November 2020 Newsletter



Thankful for YOU!

As we enter the festive holiday season of celebration, we are grateful to each of our members who despite a global pandemic, worked to ensure we were able to award more than \$44,000 in grants this summer to local non-profits – all according to the schedule that the Grant Committee finalized in January 2020. I'm equally appreciative of those members who have already re-committed to WGC membership for 2021 – because of their generosity, the 2021 grant fund now stands at \$16,871 and is growing daily as members renew.

It is true that we have much to celebrate as this year comes to a close – 10 years of local philanthropy as Harford County's only giving circle, the inaugural Members' Choice Award, and our unwavering support of collective giving. Unfortunately, recognizing the risks of COVID-19, out of an abundance of caution and in consideration of the health and safety of our members, the Executive Committee has made the difficult decision to cancel our traditional in-person holiday happy hour celebration that was scheduled for December 1, 2020.

While we regret the loss of another opportunity to gather as a group, we are planning a virtual gathering for December 1st and are already making plans for celebrations and meetings in 2021. These are detailed in the letter linked below that was recently sent to members.

We hope that you will save the dates and plan to join us!

[Learn More](#)



Membership and Outreach Committee Update

The Women's Giving Circle is at the heart of Harford County. We need your support now more than ever so we can continue to assist local nonprofits to have an impact on women, children, and families in our community.

Continuing your membership in the WGC brings a sense of personal fulfillment while giving back to our community. Thank you to those who have already made their contributions this year. We are approximately 30 days from the December 15th deadline to join or renew your membership in the WGC for the funds to be included in the 2021 grant pool. In this current environment, local nonprofits need our help more than ever. We would like to make 2021 our biggest giving year ever as we start our 2nd decade of giving! Awarding grants to the organizations represented above is what we do best - but we need your help!

If the opportunity arises, please reach out to friends and neighbors to raise awareness about WGC. Remember - the greater our numbers, the greater our giving!.

If you set-up an installment payment to join or renew your WGC membership in November, pay the \$50 administrative fee and then divide the \$500 balance across the next 2 months and pay only \$250 for the months of November and December.

Reminder invoices were sent recently and the Membership and Outreach Committee continues to reach out to members by phone to touch base, update your information, and offer assistance with completing renewal transactions.

For questions, or if you need assistance with renewals, send an email to:
wgcharfordmembership@gmail.com

Join or Renew Now



***Giving Tuesday Celebration and
Members' Choice Award Announcement
December 1, 2020***

7 p.m. Teleconference

Please join us via teleconference as the WGC celebrates Giving Tuesday, the international day of charitable giving, by announcing the organization selected to receive the inaugural Members' Choice Award.

Please click the link below to register and receive the information to join the meeting.

This is a members-only event, please.

[Register](#)

Grant Committee Report

The Grant Committee is turning the page on the 2020 grant cycle and preparing for 2021. The 2021 grant timeline has been finalized, with an announcement posted for interested nonprofits in January 2021. Applications will be due in March 2021, with reviews completed by the Committee in April, recommendations made to the Board in May, and grants awarded to deserving applicants in June!

Sound like a worthwhile activity? Want to learn more about nonprofits serving our community? Want to be more involved in 2021? Join the Grant Committee – we welcome your participation.

Sent an email to wgcharfordcogrants@gmail.com if interested!





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, 2021. If you are a member who is interested in stepping in to a leadership role, please reach out and send an email using the button below and we will put you in touch with the Nominating Committee.

Members are also welcome to join the Grant, Membership, and/or 10th Anniversary Committees, too. Use the button below to send an email.

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

I'm Interested!

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