



## Women's Giving Circle of Harford County October 2020 Newsletter

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### ***Announcing the Inaugural Members' Choice Award!***

This December, the Women's Giving Circle (WGC) will celebrate 10 years of helping nonprofit organizations support women and children in Harford County. To mark the occasion, we will present the first-ever Members' Choice Award to a deserving nonprofit, selected by you, the local philanthropists who have helped WGC reach this milestone.

All members (except for WGC Board members and those on the Members' Choice Award committee) are encouraged to nominate a deserving nonprofit and tell us why it deserves this award. Then, after finalists are chosen, we will all vote to select the winning organization.

#### **About the Members' Choice Award**

When they established the Women's Giving Circle in 2011, our founding women 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 grant. Now, the endowment fund has grown to more than \$142,000 and allows us to grant the first Members' Choice Award in the amount of \$4,735.54.

#### **The time to select the first Members' Choice Award is now!**

We will announce the winning organization on December 1, 2020 at a virtual gathering celebrating Giving Tuesday. We hope you will join us on December 1 at 7 p.m. via teleconference when we make this surprise announcement and tell you about how the nonprofit plans to use the funds to help women and children in Harford County.

For additional information, or to make a nomination, click the link below. For questions, please send an email to: [wgcmemberschoice@gmail.com](mailto:wgcmemberschoice@gmail.com).

[Make a Nomination](#)

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

We are approximately 60 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!

Take advantage of the installment option and spread the fee across several months. If you set-up an installment payment to join or renew your WGC membership in October, pay the \$50 administrative fee and then divide the \$500 balance across the next 3 months and pay only \$166 for the months of October through December. The monthly installment will increase each month so don't delay!

Reminder invoices will be sent next week and the Membership and Outreach Committee will be reaching 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](mailto:wgcharfordmembership@gmail.com)

Join or Renew Now

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# GIVING TUESDAY

***Save the Date - December 1, 2020***

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend a virtual celebration on Giving Tuesday, December 1, 2020 at 7 p.m. when we will announce the organization selected for the first Members' Choice Award.

While we are sad not to be able to gather in person to celebrate the season and another successful WGC year, we are thrilled to be able to award up to \$4,735.54 to a nonprofit to help women and children in Harford County as nominated by one of our members.

Additional details and call-in information will be provided in the November newsletter and on Facebook.

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### ***Treasurer's Report***

*With more members renewing, our 2021 grant fund has reached \$12,814 and the administrative fund has over \$2,200. If only 64 more members renewed, we can match the total 2020 grant fund, but we'd love to exceed that amount and make the 2021 grant fund the largest ever.*

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## **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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