



## Women's Giving Circle of Harford County September 2021 Newsletter

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### *A Message from the Chair*

Who will be our 100th member? If you've been following our Facebook posts, you know we recently welcomed our 21st new member for the year, bringing our total membership to 99! Now, we are looking for the woman who will be #22 for the year and #100 overall. I challenge each of you to invite your friends to join the WGC and help us to reach 100 members.

Plans for our 10th anniversary celebration are coming together. Many thanks to the committee members for their hard work to make this event special. I am looking forward to connecting with our members and grantees during this event.

Watch your inbox for the kickoff of the second Members' Choice Award in mid-September with a call to members to nominate a deserving nonprofit. All members will have the opportunity to vote and select the award recipient. The distribution amount for this year's award is \$4,639.50. The Members' Choice Award recipient will be announced at our Holiday Celebration on Giving Tuesday, November 30th at the Maryland Golf and Country Clubs.

Donna Kreis, Chair



TUESDAY  
OCTOBER  
**19** 2021

**Vandiver Inn**  
301 S Union Ave  
Havre de Grace,  
MD 21078

**TICKETS \$65**  
CASH BAR  
AVAILABLE

— JOIN US FOR OUR —  
**ANNIVERSARY  
CELEBRATION**  
— OF MORE THAN —  
**10 YEARS OF GIVING**

**5:30 - 6:30 p.m.**

Founder's Meet & Greet

**6:30 - 8:30 p.m.**

Dinner & Program

Recognition of 2020/21 Grantees

**Emcee: Kristy Breslin**

*Traffic Reporter for WJZ-TV | CBS Baltimore*

**Purchase tickets at [bit.ly/WGC10thAnniversary](https://bit.ly/WGC10thAnniversary) by 9/30**  
*For more information, contact us at [wgchco@gmail.com](mailto:wgchco@gmail.com)*

### **10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

Tickets are now available for our belated 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on October 19, 2021, at: [bit.ly/WGC10thAnniversary](https://bit.ly/WGC10thAnniversary). The event will kick-off with a Founder's Meet & Greet in honor of our founding members from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Kristy Breslin, the traffic reporter from WJZ and host of Harford MagaScene, will emcee the evening. Jayne Klein and Marlene Lieb, WGC co-founders, will speak about the origins of the Circle, and Jodi Davis, a founding member and Past Chair, is the Keynote Speaker.

One of the highlights of this event will include a video tribute from our grantees throughout the years detailing the impact your membership dollars have made. Our 2020 and 2021 grantees have been invited to join us for this event as we celebrate their grant awards.

Robin Tomechko and the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee members are hard at work planning the event. To make this a success, we are in need of donors to help defray the costs. If you would like to make a donation, email Pat Perluke at [perluke@gmail.com](mailto:perluke@gmail.com). Your help is greatly appreciated.

**As of August 31<sup>st</sup> we have 99 active members – one away from our goal of 100!**

The Membership and Outreach Committee held a small, but very successful, invitation only event in July for prospective members. Liz Tutino, a WGC member, gave a wonderful presentation in her role as Executive Director of Welcome One Emergency Shelter. WGC had great response to the event, with six attendees joining as new members, one as a Next Generation member and one renewing former member.

***Thank you and welcome to all!***

The Committee is focused on ways to ensure our members enjoy the most meaningful experience as a WGC member. So, watch our Facebook and website postings for opportunities for members who wish to engage with our grantees through service projects and/or Committee involvement!

Also on the subject of social media, we would like to invite new members who would like to participate to be showcased in a Facebook announcement feature we are starting that would include a picture, brief information on how they became connected to WGC, and some personal background. Stay tuned as new member, Angela Rose (President of Harford County Chamber of Commerce) will start us off with this new feature.

- Initial plans for a **September** open event had to be canceled but we are still working on an alternate for this month and we will provide updates as we have them.
- **October 21, 2021** at 6 p.m. is the Membership & Outreach Committee (virtual) meeting.
- An announcement of a **November** happy hour open event at Maryland Golf and Country Club is forthcoming.

As always, please invite friends, family, co-workers, etc. to visit the WGC website. If you would like us to reach out to anyone personally, please email us their information at: [wgcharfordmembership@gmail.com](mailto:wgcharfordmembership@gmail.com) and we will contact them directly.

Remember to check if WGC membership fees qualify for your employer's matching programs!

\*\*\*\*Watch for membership renewal reminders coming out in **September**\*\*\*\*

Happy Fall!

Allison Cuneo  
Donna Kahoe  
Membership and Outreach Committee Co-Chairs

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### ***Renewing your Membership***

Members may renew any time during the year before December 15<sup>th</sup>. Please take the time to renew today and avoid the year-end rush.

Joining/renewing just takes two steps:

- 1) Access the [grant fund website](#) and click on the "Credit Card Donation" button in the upper left corner of the page. Enter your amount - \$500 or \$200 (if under age 35) - and the rest of your payment information. (If you select a recurring payment option, remember to ensure that your total membership is paid by December 15<sup>th</sup>.)
- 2) Access the [administrative fund website](#) and enter your contact and payment information to pay the \$50 administrative fee.

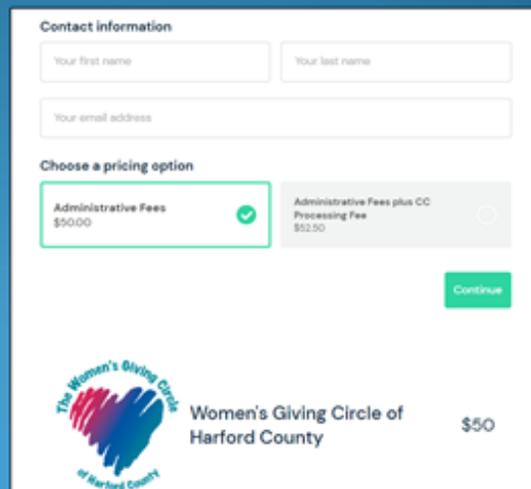
A simple snapshot of the process is provided below. For questions, or if you need assistance with renewing, send an email to: [wgcharfordmembership@gmail.com](mailto:wgcharfordmembership@gmail.com). We are happy to assist!

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# Giving Online in Two Steps

**Step 1:** Make your contribution to the grant fund via [Growfund](#) in the amount of \$500/\$200.

**Step 2:** Make your contribution to the administrative fund in the amount of \$50 regardless of your membership level.



Join or Renew Today!

## **Grant Committee Update**

Save the Date! The 2021 grant cycle is complete, and we have transitioned to preparing for the 2022 grant cycle!

The Grant Committee will meet on Friday, October 15, 2021, at 8:00 AM via Zoom to begin reviewing and updating the 2022 grant application. Be on the lookout for the invitation as the date draws near.

Join our Grant Committee! We are always open to new members. The Grant Committee is a group of passionate women seeking to work together to ensure our grant proposals are reviewed and assessed via diverse perspectives. Between March and April, organized teams of Committee members review grant requests and recommend selected programs to receive funding. If you would like to be a grant reviewer, you will need to attend grant reviewer meetings between January and April 2022.

Becoming a member of the Grant Committee is a wonderful way to become involved in our Giving Circle, learn about the various nonprofits and programs in Harford County, and get to know other WGC members. If you are interested in joining or learning more about the Grant Committee, please contact Sara Burley or Sarah Ortiz-Brown at: [srb18@gmail.com](mailto:srb18@gmail.com) and [mybliss@mac.com](mailto:mybliss@mac.com) and attend our October meeting!

Sara Burley  
Sarah Ortiz-Brown  
Grant Committee Co-chairs

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