



Women's Giving Circle of Harford County September 2023 Newsletter



A Message from the Chair

Our recent Grantee Showcase was a huge success thanks to our members and guests being able to connect with our 2023 grantees to learn about the impact our grant dollars are making for women, children, and families in Harford County. I'm looking forward to our next event at Chesapeake Therapeutic Riding on October 6th where you'll be able to learn more about their programs and see the AEDs and Micro Rain sprinkler funded by our grants.

Mark your calendars for the Holiday Happy Hour event on November 28th from 5-7:30 p.m. at Maryland Golf and Country Clubs where our 4th Members' Choice Award will be announced. Special thanks to [The Kelly Group](#) for sponsoring the event.

Thanks to the 43 members who have already renewed your membership this year. For those of you who haven't yet renewed your membership, keep your eyes out for a renewal reminder in your inbox.

Donna Kreis, Chair

Membership & Outreach Committee Update

Hello (almost) Fall as we welcome new member, ***Denise Polakoff*** – woohoo!!!

We closed out our busy summer months with a fun night participating in the ***Havre de Grace 1st Friday Event on September 1st*** where we were able to meet and introduce many to the WGC!!

The Membership & Outreach Committee continues to work diligently on upcoming events; starting with the Grantee Showcase Breakfast that took place on September 19th, moving right on to our much-anticipated ***Lunch & Learn Event, October 6, 2023 at Chesapeake Therapeutic Riding***. We hope you will join members & guests of the WGC as we munch on sandwiches and learn of the wonderful work of Harford County's only PATH Premiere Accredited Center, tour the facility and meet some of the stars of CTR; Buttons, Tilly & Sally!!

Register for the event here: <https://www.harfordwomensgiving.org/event-5418402>

If you're looking to get started for next year.....

As members know, we collect annual donations for the next year by December 15th. However, some members may not know they have a choice to select a recurring payment option, with the final payment for the year posting no later than December 15th. If you have questions regarding our payment process, whether choosing a recurring monthly donation or one annual donation, please contact us at wgchco@gmail.com and our treasurer, Kelley Pugh, will assist in guiding you through the process.

We are so thankful for all our members and very excited for our new members to experience the wonderful work we do for women and their families in Harford County! We LOVE introducing women to this wonderful organization, so if you have friends, family, co-workers, etc. who are interested, or who you think may be interested in the WGC, email me

at wgcharfordmembership@gmail.com and I'll happily send them information about the WGC.

Donna Kahoe, Membership & Outreach Committee Chair

Members' Choice Award Nominations—More to Come!

It's time to start thinking of a great non-profit to nominate for the Members' Choice Award! Nominating a non-profit is easy! More details will follow in early October when the Members' Choice Award Committee opens the window for nominations. This year, the grant for the Members' Choice Award is almost \$6,000!

Grant Committee Update

If you attended the 2023 Grantee Showcase, we hope you enjoyed learning about the organizations who received grants in 2023. We appreciate that the grantees are always excited to explain how their organizations help our community and answer any questions our members and guests may have.

The Grant Committee will resume meeting in October to review and update the grant application for 2024. Stay tuned!


Those interested in joining the grant committee can reach out to Hillary Smolenski @ wgcharfordcogrants@gmail.com. All are welcome to join!

As a member of the grant committee, you will be directly involved in reviewing applications as well as voting on recommendations for funding. These recommendations are then presented to the board for approval. Once approval is made, the final vote will go out to all members of WGC.

Please consider joining for the 2024 grant cycle! You will be amazed at the work these nonprofits do for women, children and families in Harford County.

2023 Women's Giving Circle Grantee Showcase

The 2023 Grantee Showcase is in the books and was a phenomenal success! If you were one of the **OVER 70 people** who were able to attend the event, you witnessed first hand the wonderful interaction our members and guests had with this year's grantees and with each other. A special thank you goes out to the Membership and Outreach Committee for putting this year's event together, and to the 2023 grantees who attended and told us about the good work they do in our community.





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