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Women's Giving Circle Newsletter



One Legacy, Many Hands

The Women's Giving Circle of Harford County is dedicated to engaging women of all generations in the power of community philanthropy. Our contributions of time, talent and financial resources address the needs of women and families. Through education and increased awareness of local needs, we make a difference in the lives of women and their families throughout Harford County.

For more information or to join: [Link to our webpage](#)

Save the Date!

General Membership Meetings:

Thursday, May 12, 2016

President's Message

Hello Giving and Gracious Ladies,

I believe we can agree that 2015 was a fantastic year for the WGC! We held our 5th Anniversary Event, and were thrilled to announce that we have collectively given over \$155,000 in grants to non-profits serving women in our county during this time. *We truly "give where we live"*. We were also happy to say that we have accumulated over \$66,000 in our endowment fund.

Take Note: The Grant application window is now open, so please alert non-profits that serve women and their families in Harford County to apply!

We also announced that in 2016, we will introduce the **Women's Giving Circle Next Generation**, which is a membership level for young women philanthropists. The level of membership is at a lower entry point of \$350, and is age restricted (up to 35 years of age). Past-Chair, Terri Garland, is leading this new initiative and will kick-it-off this spring at the **May General Membership Meeting, on May 12th at the Bush River Yacht Club** – so more news to follow.

For now, if you know of a young philanthropic woman, you may want to let her know that in 2016, she may want to take a look at the Women's Giving Circle of Harford County. The WGC is a powerful example of an organizational model that is truly inclusive and meaningful, which most definitely is making an impact on women and their families, served by the non-profits of this County.

I am happy and excited to report that The Harford County Celebration of Philanthropy committee has selected the Women's Giving Circle of Harford County as the 2016 Philanthropists of the Year! We will be honored at the **Harford County Celebration of Philanthropy Luncheon on April 6th**, as the passionate philanthropists that we are - BRAVO!

Finally, take a look at the **February issue of I95 Magazine!** I hope you enjoy reading about how The

5:30 PM
Bush River Yacht Club

Thursday, September
22, 2016

8:00 AM
Harford Community
College

Prospectivel
Membership Events:

Wednesday, April 13th
Thursday, October 20th
Wednesday, November
9th

Membership Happy
Hour:

Tuesday, March 22,
2016
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Liberatores, Bel Air

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Women's Giving Circle was recognized for our continued focus on our mission and vision over the last five years, serving this community, emphasizing the tagline, "One Legacy, Many Hands".

So, it seems we will have much to celebrate in 2016... ***Ring Those Bells!***

Jodi Davis, President

Treasurer's Report

WGC is proud to announce our grant fund for 2016 Grant Cycle is \$45,853.12. This is fantastic, please pat yourself on the back for being a part of this!

I'm also happy to report that our endowment fund has now passed the \$66,000 mark. Great jobs ladies- I can tell you are all ringing those bells.

I'm excited to see what we accomplish together in 2016. Remember our annual contributions directly impact our grant fund, so thank you for your continual support and I hope to see you at one of our Happy Hours or General Membership Meetings soon!

Jodi Marschhauser, Treasurer

Committee Updates

Grants Committee

The 2016 grants cycle has begun! On January 18th, the grant guidelines and application packet for 2016 grant awards was posted on the website of the Community Foundation of Harford County at <http://cfharfordcounty.org/apply-for-a-grant>. Applications are due on March 18, 2016.

The next step is to spread the word so that those organizations eligible to apply are aware of this opportunity. Will you help by sharing the news with any nonprofit organizations in your address book? If you are a Facebook user, spread the news by "Liking" and sharing the post on the Women's Giving Circle's Facebook page that announces the release of the application. You can

access the page here:

https://www.facebook.com/WomensGivingCircleofHarfordCounty/?ref=aymt_homepage_panel

After individual reviews are completed by the Committee members, we will meet as a group on April 22 to discuss the applications and prepare recommendations for the Executive Board. If you are interested in participating, please contact Kim Malat at kmalat@yahoo.com.

Kim Malat, Grants Chair

Membership Committee

Happy 2016! We are planning our first happy hour to take place on March 22 at Liberatores. I hope you can attend to catch up with other like-minded women and friends. This is a great opportunity to invite women you think might be interested in meeting philanthropists and learning about giving back to our community. We are happy to report we gained 20 new members in 2015. This means, that once again, we were able to raise the bar for the amount of grant money available to be awarded in 2016!

If you have someone you would like to invite to hear more about philanthropy and how the Women's Giving Circle of Harford County has made a difference in the lives of women and their families, and the non-profits that have received our grants, please contact us at WGCHarfordMembership@gmail.com.

In the theme of philanthropy, another really great way to invite your friends or peers to learn more about The Women's Giving Circle is to personally invite them to an upcoming **Prospective Member Event in 2016**. The scheduled dates are: Wednesday, April 13th, Thursday, October 20th and Wednesday, November 9th. A personal ask from you, a current member, is traditionally the most successful way to grow membership, and in turn, allows us to grow the pool of funds available for grants for the coming year.

As a member, please do not forget to send in your check for this year's Women's Giving Circle. You can send your check to Community Foundation of Harford County, PO Box 612, Bel Air,

MD, 21014. Your membership dues – can be sent in anytime!
Check the Women's Giving Circle of Harford County's Facebook Page for updates regarding happy hours, Prospective Member Events, and General Membership Meetings. Let's make 2016 an outstanding year for Women's Philanthropy in Harford County. Together we make a difference in our community!

Ronnie T. Davis, Membership Chair

Community Outreach and Engagement Committee

"Philanthropy is not about the money. It's about using whatever resources you have at your fingertips and applying them to improving the world." **Melinda Gates**

The Community Outreach and Engagement Committee's purpose is to enhance the recognition and awareness of The Women's Giving Circle of Harford County. Please let us know of any opportunities to speak before organizations to share our mission to engage the women in our community. Please share our story with your family, friends and co-workers.

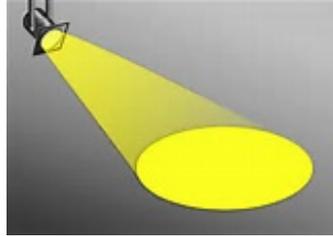
In the **"SPOTLIGHT ON"** section below, please check out the link to the Women's Giving Circle's page which can be found on the Community Foundation's website.

There, you will find:

- 1) Grant Recipients – past 5 years
- 2) 2015 Newsletters
- 3) Upcoming events/dates for 2016:
General Meetings:
 May 12th & September 22nd
Prospective Member Events
Happy Hours
- 4) The second link is to our "GRANT Application".

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To learn more information, please join us at our next committee meeting. Please contact Terry Troy (mrt8696@gmail.com) or Susie Bowser (susiebowser@comcast.net) for date/location and time.



“SPOTLIGHT ON”

Link to:

<http://cfharfordcounty.org/womens-giving-circle>

For the grant application:

<http://cfharfordcounty.org/apply-for-a-grant>

Terry Troy, Outreach Chair

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