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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!

Annual Holiday Happy Hour:

Thursday,
December 15th,

President's Message

Happy Holiday Season!

On behalf of the Executive Board, I am happy to share with you that our sixth Grant cycle was a huge success, and our **General Membership Breakfast** was held on September 22nd to applaud and acknowledge this year's award recipients. The room was full of excitement as we cheered our wonderful news that to date, **we have awarded over \$200,000 in grants** to 28 non-profits serving women and their families in Harford County. **Congratulations ladies**, and this proves our membership is truly gracious and giving!

We need you! We were able to share with you, the many successes of the last six years and celebrate the fabulous women that have made this possible. However, to continue awarding grants to non-profits serving women and their families, **we need your membership renewal checks by December 15th** to create the Grant fund for 2017. Please know, we cannot do it without your support, and if you have already renewed your membership, **thank you!**

On another note, I am sure you have seen our final call for nominations for the Executive Board of 2017/18. My term as Chair of the *Women's Giving Circle of Harford County* is coming to a close, and I am overwhelmed by all that we have accomplished together in six years of giving!

As one of the original founding members, I am humbled and honored to be surrounded by so many gracious, passionate philanthropic women. I am truly *Blessed* during this season of giving, and I am thankful for surrounding myself with the like-minded giving women that are the members of the WGC. Together we have accomplished so much, and together we can accomplish much more! Our service as philanthropists remind me of a favorite but simple quote,

***"When you learn, teach. When you get, give" –
Maya Angelou***

I hope through my service as Chair for 2015/16, I have been able to teach through mentoring, and give through membership and through my service on the Executive Board. I believe in the idea behind sharing

5:30 - 7:30 PM

Invitation coming by

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my time, talent and treasure, and I thank you for joining me through this philanthropic journey; it made it enjoyable and worthwhile!

Save the Date! We are so energized in our celebration of surpassing \$200,000 in Grants, and would like to end this giving year with a bang! ***So, Save the Date for our Annual Holiday Happy Hour on December 15th, from 5:30 -7:30PM*** to toast our past and future success, and the holiday season! The invitation is coming your way via Evite, so please be sure and respond. If you have any questions, please email our Membership Committee at wgcharfordmembership@gmail.com.

I hope to see you there, enjoy the holidays, and “Ring those Bells”!

Jodi Davis, President

Treasurer's Report

Hello ladies! I hope all of you have been having a great year and are looking forward to some fun holiday celebrations with family. I am happy to announce that we currently have over \$87,000 in our Endowed Fund and over \$35,000.00 in our Grant fund for 2017. We already have over 70 members for the year and look forward to having you all renew before December 15, 2016.

Please keep in mind our Grant fund is a direct correlation with our member numbers; so, the more members, the more we are able to give to our community. Please feel free to bring your renewal check to our December Happy Hour or you can always hand to a board member or Mail in to to the Community Foundation. We also have the the great option to pay online now which I used and recommend for convenience. Looking forward to seeing you soon!

Jodi Marschhauser, Treasurer

Committee Updates

Grants Committee

Since the completion of the last grant cycle, the Grants Committee has been enjoying a brief hiatus. In the weeks to come, we will be reviewing and editing the grant application package that will be issued in January 2017. If you are interested in joining the Grants Committee and having a hand in the grant-making process, please contact Kim Malat at kmalat@yahoo.com. No experience is necessary!

Kim Malat, Grants Chair

Membership Committee

This has been quite a year for our membership! We have gained new members and began a new initiative as we embrace younger members and give them the opportunity to be philanthropic. The deadline for renewing your membership is December 15, 2016. If you have not renewed yet, please do so as this is the way we can ensure funding for 2017 grants!

As our chair, Jodi Davis, mentioned, as 2016 comes to an end, we would like to celebrate the holiday with a Happy Hour for members only. Be on the lookout for an Evite from us!

We hope you have a wonderful holiday season! From your membership team, thank you for supporting the Women's Giving Circle. It is a wonderful feeling to be able to help those who are less fortunate; why not share that feeling of helping others with your friends and invite them to join the Women's Giving Circle. They can apply online at <http://cfharfordcounty.org/womens-giving-circle>

I would like to thank the entire membership committee for their commitment to making this year an outstanding one for our membership!

Happy Holidays,

Ronnie T. Davis, Membership Chair

Community Outreach and Engagement Committee

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful,
committed citizens
can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that
ever has.”
—**Margaret Mead**

The Community Outreach and Engagement Committee's (COE) purpose is to enhance the recognition and awareness of The Women's Giving Circle. We are looking for possible "leads" to engage the women in our community to join. Please let us know of any opportunities to speak before organizations to share our mission. Please also share our story with friends, family and co-workers.

The COE is finalizing our last six (6) years into Shutterfly photo books. Also, we have gathered updates on our 2015 Grant Recipients which you have seen recently on WGC's Facebook page and excerpts are provided in the "SPOTLIGHT ON" section below.

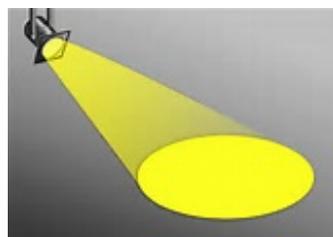
Please check out the link to the Women's Giving Circle's page which can be found on the Community Foundation's website. Our six (6) years of Grant Recipients and Newsletters along with upcoming events/dates for 2016/2017. Please "**LIKE**" us on Facebook.

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

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.

Happy Holidays!

Terry Troy, Outreach Chair



“SPOTLIGHT ON”

HCC Foundation - *“Get Your Mind Moving Program”* at the Early Learning Center//Because of the grant from the WGC, the College’s youngest students are moving more and having fun. The addition of both indoor and outdoor equipment has increased their daily physical activity and helped improve important developmental skills. “We are so excited to take the fun outside to use the new soccer balls, footballs, playground balls, and goals. The terrific addition of the bicycles and traffic signs has also taught the children important lessons about rider safety.”

Tabitha’s House – *“Sweet Dreams Program”*//A single mother of three asked for bedding, blankets and sheets. Along with the blankets and bedding for her children, was a nice new set of queen sheets- Thanks to WGC. She was so happy that she could pick out/ “shop” for clothing for herself and her children and was so thankful when I gave her the big Saint Nicholas like “sack” of linens.

Mason-Dixon Community Services - *“The Highland Summer Backpack Lunch/Nutrition Program”* // It proved to be quite successful. The parents of the sixty participating children expressed their gratitude and stated that it was reassuring to know that their children had healthy breakfasts and lunches throughout the summer months while easing their economic burden since they didn’t have to purchase those additional groceries.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Harford County - *“SMART Girls”*// This program is learning how to act like a young lady and how girls are just as good at doing things than men can. It is also about believing in yourself and not letting other people bring you down. I have been bullied since first grade and I have zero confidence in myself. That is one thing that I took away from SMART Girls, is to believe in myself and don’t let people bring you down. SMART Girls is an awesome club and I would wish for it to continue to inspire other people.”

Inner County Outreach – *“Trinise Jones Summer Day Camp”*//WGC made a difference in the enrichment of youth by supporting the operation of the Trinise Jones Summer Day Camp where the campers had the opportunity to reinforce their learning through participation in educational field trips.

Habitat for Humanity Susquehanna – *“Homeownership Program-Women Rebuild”*//The WGC helped to change the lives of Michelle Robinson and her three children, who now lives in Havre de

Grace. As she prepared to purchase her own home, she completed five financial education classes, 250 hours of volunteer “sweat equity” construction time to build the home, and she learned so much as 115 women from the community worked alongside her. They are starting a new life empowered by the community and WGC. Deep thanks and blessings to the WGCHC from the Robinsons and Habitat!

LASOS – “*Enrich Program*”//WGC made a difference for 13 women by providing quality seminars on life and goal setting and by affording the women the power to make change for their families.

Harford Family House – “*Wheels for Work Program*” // WGC provided two (2) ladies vehicles. Here is a quote from one of their clients: “Wheels for Work was a great help to me. Thanks to the WGC’s support of this program, I was able to get to reliable transportation to and from college and work”.

Arrow Child & Family Ministries – “*Arrow Crossroads Community Equine Assisted Therapy Program*”// WGC made a difference in the lives of the residents at the Arrow Crossroads Community. The program was successful in achieving its goals of providing team building opportunities for the participants to enhance self-confidence and demonstrated improvements in social skills and leadership capabilities.

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