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Women's Giving Circle of Harford County Newsletter November 2017



Message from the Chair

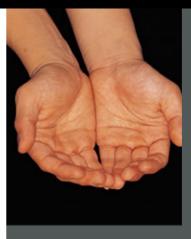
Happy Thanksgiving, Fellow Philanthropists!

On behalf of the Executive Board, I am happy to share with you that our seventh grant cycle was a huge success, as was the General Membership Meeting that was held on September 28th to officially recognize the 2017 grantees. The room was full of both members and grantees when we announced that to date, the Women's Giving Circle has awarded over \$254,492 in grants to 38 non-profit organizations serving women and their families in Harford County. Congratulations, ladies, for your part in making the Women's Giving Circle such a success in seven short years!

We are thankful to our many members who have made these gifts possible. But - we are not done! To be able to award grants in this amount in 2018, we need your membership renewal

checks by December 15th to create the next grant fund. Please know, we cannot do it without your support, and if you have already renewed your membership, thank you!

I want to invite each of you to a holiday open house for members on December 13th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. This is the perfect opportunity to catch up with other members, drop-off your membership check and celebrate our successful year. An Evite



Save the Date!

Holiday Happy Hour

Wednesday, December 13, 2017 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Forest Hill

Check your email inbox for an Evite for details.

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, go to:

To make a membership payment online, go to: //charfordcounty.networklorgood.com/projects/19674 woman-s-giving-circle-of-harford-county

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invitation has been sent, so please check your email inbox. For questions, please email the Membership and Outreach Committee at wgcharfordmembership@gmail.com. I hope to see you there!

Wishing you health and happiness in this holiday season. Let's continue to lift each other and our community in 2018!

Kim Malat, Chair

Treasurer's Report

Hello ladies! I hope all of you are 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 \$102,000 in the Endowed Fund and more than \$29,000 in our Grant Fund for 2018. Thank you to the members who have renewed or joined so far this year. If you have not yet renewed, please do so by December 15, 2017 to ensure that your membership counts toward the 2018 grant fund.

Please keep in mind that the Grant Fund grows in direct relation to our member numbers - the more members we have, the more we are able to give to our community. Please feel free to bring your renewal check with you to the Holiday Happy Hour, mail it to the Community Foundation, or pay on-line here: https://cfharfordcounty.networkforgood.com/projects/19674-woman-s-giving-circle-of-harford-county. It's a great option that I have used and recommend for convenience. Or, contact any Board member for assistance.

Looking forward to seeing you soon!

Marion Miller, Treasurer

Grant Committee

As we enter the holiday season, we take stock of our many blessings. The Grant Committee is especially thankful for the members of the Women's Giving Circle and the non-profit community. We are thankful for the 29 non-profits who applied for grants during the 2017 grant cycle and the 15 exceptional grantees who received funding this year totaling \$53,500.88.

Gift giving is also a traditional part of the holiday season and the philanthropy that is the heart of the Women's Giving Circle is an ongoing gift to the women and children of Harford County. Since 2011, the Women's Giving Circle has awarded 80 grants totaling \$254,492 for the benefit of women and children.

As we plan for the 2019 grant evelo of giving, we invite you to

join us – as women, philanthropists, and proud members of our community.

Contact the Grant Committee: randdjohnston@comcast.net cynthia@hergenhahn.net

Rosemary King Johnston, Chair

Membership and Outreach Committee

Thank you to everyone who attended the General Membership meeting on September 28th. It was an exciting time celebrating our grant recipients and learning more about what they do in our community. On October 18th, we had a wonderful Sneak Peek event for prospective members with over 20 people in attendance. A special thank you to Amber O'Brien for hosting and to the new members we met that night.

The Membership and Outreach Committee is excited to announce that we have two NEW *Next Generation* members! We are thrilled that they have embraced the opportunity to be philanthropic!

The deadline for renewing your membership is December 15, 2017 in order for your membership to count toward the 2018

grant cycle. Payments can be mailed to the Community
Foundation of Harford County or made online:
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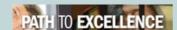
We look forward to celebrating the holidays with our members on Wednesday, December 13th at 5:30 pm. Members should have received an emailed Evite invitation. Please check your inbox and RSVP!

Remember to LIKE us on Facebook and invite your friends to do the same! Help us spread the word about all the great work that Women's Giving Circle of Harford County does in our community!

Happy Holidays,

Cathy Schmidt and Christine McPherson, Co-Chairs

Path to Excellence





The Women's Giving Circle was profiled in the November 2017 issue of the Daily Record's *Path to Excellence* magazine.

The article is available via this link:

http://www.pageturnpro.com/The-Daily-Record/81528-Path-to-Excellence-November-2017/index.html#12



Do You Know?

You (or anyone, actually) can make a gift to the Women's Giving Circle at any time? It's a wonderful way to celebrate a milestone or to honor someone special. Simplify your gift giving this holiday season by making a donation.



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