

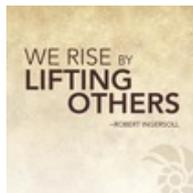


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Women's Giving Circle of Harford County Newsletter January 2018



Message from the Chair

Happy New Year, Philanthropists!

During this winter season, the Women's Giving Circle is experiencing a period of renewal. We have been busy processing member renewals, making plans for the eighth grant cycle that will commence shortly, and most of all – renewing our commitment to serving the women and children of Harford County through our collective giving.

As you will read, the Women's Giving Circle has been hard at work and we are proud to announce a few firsts for the Women's Giving Circle. On January 24, 2018, we will hold our first morning Sneak Peek gathering for prospective members at Pairings Bistro. This is the perfect opportunity for current members to introduce friends to the Women's Giving Circle. In addition, any current member who has never attended a Sneak Peek is invited to join us to meet other members and the Board. Next, I'm happy to tell you that the Grant Committee will convene its first pre-application meeting for prospective applicants who are considering responding to our announcement for 2018



Save the Date!

Sneak Peek

Wednesday,
January 24, 2018
8:30 -10:30 AM
Pairings Bistro

General Membership Meeting

Monday,
May 21, 2018
8:00 -10:00 AM
Darlington Hall
HCC

General Membership
Meeting

Thursday,
September 27, 2018
8:00 - 10:00 AM
Chesapeake Dining Hall
HCC

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.

grants. The committee has spent numerous hours developing an interactive session where they will present information related to the 2018 application.

Another first for the Women's Giving Circle is the recurring donation of \$1,000 per year from the Community Foundation's Academic Legacy Arts and Science Fund. The donors established this fund to support music legacy, S.T.E.M. education, and Women's Giving Circle grants. I extend my sincere thanks on behalf of the Women's Giving Circle to the anonymous donors. This gift will be added to the grant fund each year.

In closing, I offer my thanks to those of you who have joined this year or who have renewed your commitment to the Women's Giving Circle. Our gracious and giving members are the cornerstone of our organization and make our philanthropy possible.

Kim Malat, Chair

2018 Grant Cycle

The 2018 grant cycle has begun with the issuance of the *2018 Grant Guidelines and Application* on January 12, 2018. The document is available online here: <http://cfharfordcounty.org/apply-for-a-grant>

Please help us spread the word to potential applicants in your networks and share widely on social media!

Treasurer's Report

The Women's Giving Circle thanks all of our open-hearted and generous philanthropists! As you may know, 2017 membership fees build our 2018 grant fund, which stands at approximately \$47,000+. We are still in the process of closing our books for 2017, so we expect the 2018 grant fund balance to be even greater once the accounting has been completed!

Dear members, is it now time to grow our 2019 grant fund and we offer the convenience of online payment options. Through Network For Good, our automated payment system, you may elect to pay \$45.83 monthly, \$137.50 quarterly, \$275 semi annually or \$550 annually - whichever option works for you. And this payment flexibility has shown to be popular with more than 50% of our

For more information or to join, go to:

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

To make a membership payment online, go to:

<https://cfharfordcounty.networkforgood.com/projects/19674-woman-s-giving-circle-of-harford-county>

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<https://cfharfordcounty.networkforgood.com/projects/19674-woman-s-giving-circle-of-harford-county>

* 12 Pay Plan set-up deadline is January 25

* 4 Pay Plan set-up deadline is March 15

* 2 Pay Plan set-up deadline is June 1

Thank you for another successful year and we look forward to sharing our 2018 grant winners with you soon.

Marion Miller, Treasurer

Grant Committee

It is January and that means the Women's Giving Circle is gearing up for the 2018 grant cycle. The 2018 Grant Guidelines and Application was posted by the Community Foundation on January 12, 2018. Please spread the news!

There will be a pre-application meeting for prospective applicants on January 23, 2018 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the MedStar facility, 12 MedStar Boulevard, Bel Air, 21015. Members of the Grant Committee will conduct the meeting and answer questions related to the guidelines, application, and grant cycle. We invite all interested applicants to attend this meeting. Completed applications are due to the Community Foundation by noon on March 16, 2018. For additional information regarding the grant cycle and this meeting, please contact the Grant Committee at wgcharfordcogrants@gmail.com.

Beginning with the initial grant awards of \$20,000 to 10 deserving recipients in 2011, and with the ongoing generous support of our membership, the Women's Giving Circle has awarded a total of \$254,492.76 through 2017 to fund non-profit organizations' programs and projects for women, children, and families in Harford County.

In the 2017 grant cycle, \$53,500.85 was granted to 15 deserving recipients. This represents the highest number of recipients and the highest monetary amount awarded in a grant cycle.

Our goal is to support resources that directly serve women, children, and families in Harford County. We invite you to

children, and families in Harford County. We invite you to be part of our vision and mission: to engage women of all generations in community philanthropy and to effect change through collaborative giving. Join the Women's Giving Circle, join the Grant Committee, and/or apply for a grant. Your participation, whatever you choose, will benefit you personally, support the non-profit entities in our community, and make a difference in the lives of the women, children, and families of Harford County. We welcome you!!

Contact the Grant Committee:
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Rosemary King Johnston, Chair

Membership and Outreach Committee

Happy New Year! Here is a glance at our 2018 membership events:

Sneak Peek – January 24th from 8:30 – 10:30 a.m. at Pairings Bistro for prospective members.

General Membership Meeting – May 21st from 8-10 a.m. at Harford Community College, Darlington Hall - to vote on the slate of grants for 2018.

General Membership Meeting – September 27th from 8–10 a.m. at Harford Community College, Chesapeake Dining Hall - to recognize the 2018 grantees.

Sneak Peeks are a great opportunity for you to invite prospective members to learn more about Women's Giving Circle. They will hear about the Women's Giving Circle's philanthropic mission from our passionate members. Members share stories of the impact that the WGC is making in our community, as well as the influence it has had in their personal lives. We encourage you personally ask someone to attend with you on January 24th.

The general membership meeting on May 21st is for members only; the Grant Committee will present the grant applications for the year and the membership votes on the funding of those grants. Plan on attending and being a part of the decision-making process.

The general membership meeting on September 27th is a celebration of our grantees. It is a great opportunity to meet the grant recipients and hear about their projects that we have funded. Please feel free to invite a prospective member to this event.

This year, we have welcomed several new members, including two Next Generation members! We are thrilled to have each and every one of you as a part of our Circle! "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." Please feel free to contact us at wgcharfordmembership@gmail.com. You can like us on Facebook at [WomensGivingCircleofHarfordCounty](https://www.facebook.com/WomensGivingCircleofHarfordCounty).

*Cathy Schmidt and Christine McPherson,
Co-Chairs*

Do You Know?

Do you know what is the purpose of the \$50 administrative fee that is part of your membership? The funds are pooled and are used to cover the administrative expenses of the Women's Giving Circle, such as the management fee charged by the Community Foundation; expenses for refreshments at Sneak Peeks, general membership meetings, and other gatherings; and grant-related expenses such as photo printing, frames, etc. We are quite frugal and work hard to keep expenses to a minimum. With no paid staff, the Board both provides and is reliant upon in-kind donations of time, talent and other resources to allow us to accomplish so much on behalf of our membership.



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