

Women's Giving Circle of Harford County Newsletter

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Message from the Chair

Greetings Members!

Spring is here and you know what that means – it's time to award grants! I am so pleased to announce that we have \$54,715.73 available for 2018 grants. This is the largest sum of funding available since the inception of the Women's Giving Circle and we will easily exceed \$300,000 in total grants awarded once this year's awards are made.

The invitation for the general membership meeting on May 21st has been sent via email and there is also a link on our Facebook page. At this meeting, the Grant Committee will present the recommendations for 2018 grants. Please do not miss this opportunity to hear about the fabulous organizations and their project that are proposed for funding. This is a members-only meeting and is also your opportunity to vote on the slate of proposed grants.

As the Women's Giving Circle enters its ninth year of grant making, we remain committed to our philanthropy and in order to remain successful, we have continued to research best practices regarding membership and grant making. To increase opportunities for peer learning, our Circle recently joined the *Women's Collective Giving Grantmakers Network*, a national network of independent collective giving groups. Membership in the Network makes available to us "educational webinars, online chats, and national conferences to inspire smart, informed philanthropy." We are excited to take advantage of the many learning opportunities available from our peers across the nation.

I hope to see many of you at the meeting on May 21st. Thank you for your continued support of the Women's Giving Circle and your commitment to local philanthropy!

Kim Malat, Chair

Treasurer's Report

We are proud to announce that the Women's Giving Circle achieved historical success in 2017. For the first time in our Circle's history, the Endowment Fund total is more than \$100,000 with the 2017 year-end balance at \$111,036.47! The Grant Fund for 2018 is \$54,715.73 and represents the funds available to be awarded this year to non-profit organizations that serve women, children and families in Harford County.

As of March 2018, the 2019 Grant Fund is \$4,309 and will continue to grow as members join and renew. The life-blood of the Women's Giving Circle is the dedication each of us brings to our organization, along with our membership payments. We hope that the ability to make your membership payment online will make the process easier and more convenient for you. Make your payment online today at:

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

Thank you for supporting our historical success and for being part of such a generous circle of women supporting our community!

Marion Miller, Treasurer

Grant Committee

It's Spring- the most wonderful time of the year for the Women's Giving Circle Grant Committee! All year, the Committee looks forward to receiving, reviewing, and recommending deserving grant applications for funding. And the 2018 applications were worth waiting for!

We received 31 applications and are recommending funding in the amount of **\$54,715!** This is the largest amount of money recommended in a grant cycle since the Women's Giving Circle began awarding grants. The Committee recommendations were presented to and approved by the WGC Executive Board at their May meeting.

The Committee and the Board have done their part and now it is your opportunity to actively participate in the grant process. The recommendations will be presented to the membership for approval at the general membership meeting scheduled for May 21st at Harford Community College, 8:00 am, Darlington Hall, Room 210.

On behalf of the Grant Committee, please accept the invitation to attend the meeting on May 21st. This is your chance to hear first-hand about the applicants and to learn how your contribution to the Women's Giving Circle supports the meaningful work done by our grantees for the women and children of our county. Hope to see you there!!

Rosemary King Johnston, Chair

Membership and Outreach Committee

"I have found that among its other benefits giving liberates the soul of the giver" – Maya Angelou

Join us for our next general membership meeting on May 21, 2018 at Harford Community College in the Darlington Hall. We will enjoy a light breakfast and coffee together; the meeting starts at 8 A.M. We look forward to seeing you all there!

We are excited to celebrate with you our membership totals for this year. We have a total of 117 members, with 3 Next Generation members. In addition, we have welcomed 7 new philanthropists to our group through membership.

Spring is finally here! Our committee is busy building the calendar for the rest of the year. We are planning to host another morning Sneak Peek for prospective members at Newberry Café in downtown Bel Air. Keep an eye out for the date and time.

The general membership meeting where we invite the grant recipients and prospective members will be in September. The date and location will be announced very soon.

Please make sure to email us if any of your contact information has changed so that we can update our lists to keep you in the loop. Also, if you are on Facebook, please make sure to like and share our page.

Cathy Schmidt & Christine McPherson, Co-Chairs



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, click below to go to our website.

[WGC Website](#)

SAVE THE DATE!

General Membership Meeting for the Vote on 2018 Awards:

Monday, May 21, 2018

8:00 - 9:30 A.M.

Harford Community College

Darlington Hall, Room 210

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