

Women's Giving Circle of Harford County Newsletter September, 2018



One Legacy, Many Hands



Message from the Chair

Greetings Members!

As the summer solstice is winding down, our thoughts turn to back-to-school preparation, Fall colors and the impending holiday season. We are about to complete the 2018 grant cycle by officially recognizing the grantees at the General Membership meeting scheduled for September 18, 2018 at 8 a.m. at Harford Community College. This meeting is always a favorite of our members as we introduce the grantees and recognize their work in the community. Because of the overwhelmingly positive response to last year's meeting, we will again showcase the good works of the grantees who have been invited to set-up a display table at the breakfast. This is a fantastic opportunity for members to converse with each other, grantee representatives and for the grantees to network amongst themselves.

As we did last year, members are again invited to bring a guest to this meeting to hear firsthand about the mission of the Women's Giving Circle. Do you have a friend, family member or coworker with whom you'd like to share the Women's Giving Circle opportunity? Any member is invited to bring to the September General Membership meeting a woman who is interested in hearing more about our organization and the grantees we support. There will be no formal presentation for prospective members and no obligation for guests who attend - just an opportunity to celebrate the power of the purse! Please check your inbox for an Eventbrite invitation that was sent on August 15, 2018 from the Membership and Outreach Committee and RSVP today. The same information is also posted as an event on our Facebook page. I look forward to seeing you there!

Later in September, renewal letters and invoices will be sent to all current members. Please consider renewing your commitment to the Women's Giving Circle for the 2019 grant year. Help us to continue to support the women and children of Harford County. Remember - the greater our numbers, the greater our giving!

Thank you for your continued support.

Kim Malat, Chair

Treasurer's Report

We are proud to announce that the Women's Giving Circle has achieved a milestone. For the first time in our Circle's history, the Endowment Fund total is greater than \$100,000 with the balance as of May 31, 2018 of \$125,118.80! This year, we awarded a total \$54,715.73 to the 2018 grant recipients.

As of May, 2018, the 2019 Grant Fund is \$6,081.98 and will continue to grow as members join and renew. The Women's Giving Circle's success is made possible by the dedication each of us brings to our organization, along with our membership payments. We hope that the ability to make a payment online and to pay incrementally makes 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 contributing to our historical success and for being part of such a generous circle of women supporting our community!

Marion Miller, Treasurer

Grant Committee

At the General Membership meeting in May, Rosemary King Johnston, Chair, and Cynthia Hergenbahn, Vice-Chair, presented to the gathered membership a proposed slate of grantees for the 2018 grant cycle.

Of 31 applications received, 29 met eligibility requirements and those applications were reviewed by 15 members of the Grant Committee that recommended that \$54,715 be granted to 16 deserving applicants. The members voted to accept the Committee's recommendation.

Beginning with the 2011 grant cycle and including the 2018 grant cycle, the WGC has granted a total of \$309,207.76 to non-profit organizations that serve women, children, and families in Harford County - made possible through the collective philanthropy of the WGC members. As a group and as individuals, this is a reason to celebrate!

This year's grantees have been invited to attend our General Membership meeting on September 18. At the meeting, each grantee will be honored and a brief description of their grant project or program will be shared. Additionally, each grantee has been invited to display information about their non-profit organization and the project or program funded by the WGC. This provides an opportunity for our members to meet the grantees and hear first-hand about their work with the women, children, and families of Harford County. We invite you to attend this meeting and meet our grantees.

The Grant Committee is a group of highly-engaged women and is always open to new members. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions about the Committee and its work or would like to consider becoming a member. We welcome your involvement!!

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Rosemary King Johnston, Chair

Membership and Outreach Committee

"Giving is not just about making a donation. It is about making a difference" –

Kathy Calvin, President of United Nations Foundation

Join us for the next General Membership meeting on Tuesday, September 18, 2018 from 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM at Harford Community College in the Chesapeake Dining Room. We will enjoy a light breakfast and coffee with our 2018 grant recipients to congratulate them and recognize their good work!

Prospective members and guests are welcome to attend this event. The invitation was sent to members on August 15th. For more information or to RSVP, go to: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2018-womens-giving-circle-general-membership-meetinggrant-recipient-networking-breakfast-tickets-49009712369>

We look forward to seeing you there!

To date, we have 6 new members for this year and 16 membership renewals, bringing our current membership total to 22. Renewal letters and invoices will be sent later in September, but you can renew your membership today online at:

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

Or, you can renew by check. Checks should be made payable to the Community Foundation of Harford County. Bring it with you to the General Membership meeting, or mail it to: The Community Foundation

of Harford County, P.O. Box 612, Bel Air, MD 21014.

Our committee is busy building the calendar for the rest of the year. We will host a morning Sneak Peek for prospective members at Newberry Café in downtown Bel Air on Wednesday, October 17 from 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM. Be sure to make note of the date and time and send an email to the Committee at the email below if you know a philanthropist that you would like to invite. An Eventbrite invitation is forthcoming.

Contact us at: wgcharfordmembership@gmail.com

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

IMPORTANT DATES!

General Membership Meeting
recognizing our
2018 Grant Recipients
Tuesday, September 18, 2018
8:00 - 9:30 A.M.
Harford Community College
Chesapeake Dining Room

RSVP Today!

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Sneak Peak Coffee for Prospective Members
Wednesday, October 17, 2018
9:00 - 11 A.M.
Newberry Cafe
140 N. Bond Street
Bel Air, MD 21014

Invitation is forthcoming!



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.

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