

November 3, 2020

Dear Women's Giving Circle Members:

As we enter the festive holiday season of celebration, I am grateful to each of our members who despite a global pandemic, worked to ensure we were able to award more than \$44,000 in grants this summer to local non-profits – all according to the schedule that the Grant Committee finalized in January 2020. I'm equally appreciative of those members who have already re-committed to WGC membership for 2021 – because of their generosity, the 2021 grant fund now stands at \$16,871 and is growing daily as members renew.

It is true that we have much to celebrate as this year comes to a close – 10 years of local philanthropy as Harford County's only giving circle, the inaugural Members' Choice Award, and our unwavering support of collective giving. Unfortunately, recognizing the risks of COVID-19, out of an abundance of caution and in consideration of the health and safety of our members, the Executive Committee has made the difficult decision to cancel our traditional inperson holiday happy hour celebration that was scheduled for December 1, 2020.

While we regret the loss of another opportunity to gather as a group, we are planning a virtual gathering for December 1st and are already making plans for celebrations and meetings in 2021. These are detailed below. We hope that you will save the dates and plan to join us!

With gratitude,

Kim Malat, Chair

December 1, 2020

Giving Tuesday Celebration and Announcement of the Inaugural Members' Choice Award 7 p.m. Teleconference

Please join us via teleconference as the WGC celebrates Giving Tuesday, the international day of charitable giving, by announcing the organization selected to receive the inaugural Members' Choice Award.

Please click the link below to register and receive the information to join the meeting.

This is a members-only event, please.

Register

December 15, 2020 Deadline for 2020 Renewal Payments

The deadline for 2020 renewal payments to be included in the pool for 2021 grants is December 15, 2020. To renew online or for instructions to renew by check, please use the link below.

In addition to membership, donations in any amount, and from any one are accepted at any time.

Thank you for your generosity and commitment to local philanthropy!

Send an email to wgcharfordmembership@gmail.com if you have questions.

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January 19, 2021 General Membership Meeting State of the Circle and Vote on New Executive Board 10 a.m. Teleconference

The next general membership meeting is scheduled for January 19, 2021 for the traditional "State of the Circle" update and presentation and vote on the Executive Board for the 2021-2022 term.

Please click the link below to register and receive the information to join the meeting.

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October 7, 2021 General Membership Meeting 10th Anniversary Celebration and Recognition of 2020 and 2021 Grantees

We are thrilled to announce that our belated 10th anniversary celebration and recognition of the 2020 and 2021 grantees is scheduled for October 7, 2021 at the Vandiver Inn in Havre de Grace. Please save the date for this evening celebration that is open to members, 2020 and 2021 grantees, and guests.

More details will be shared as the event nears.

If you are interested in assisting with planning for the event, please contact Anniversary Committee co-chairs Robin Tomechko and Sherifa Clarke at: wgcanniversary@gmail.com.

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