

Women's Giving Circle of Harford County

January 2022 Newsletter



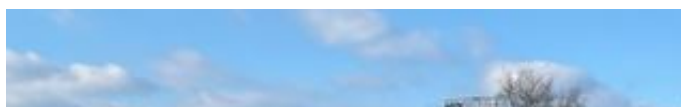
A Message from the Chair

Happy New Year! If one of your new year's resolutions is to get more involved in your community, consider volunteering your time to support the Women's Giving Circle of Harford County (WGC). Our grant committee and membership and outreach committees would love to have your help.

Now that we have concluded our 2021 membership drive, we are excited to start the grants season where our pooled membership dollars are awarded to non-profits serving women and families in Harford County. Our [grant application](#) is officially live. Please share with your favorite non-profits and encourage them to attend our [pre-application meeting](#) on January 24th.

As we transition to using Grapevine to administer our grant fund, please be on the lookout for an email to activate your Grapevine account. This will enable you to receive notifications from Grapevine and includes links to easily set-up a recurring membership payment for 2022 or make a one-time renewal payment. Additional details are contained in our [recent email notification](#) to members.

Donna Kreis, Chair





2nd Member's Choice Award

The WGC recently met up with the Miracle League of Harford County at their baseball field located in Schucks Regional Park to present the 2nd Members' Choice Award. Pictured from left to right are Donna Kreis (WGC), Tom and Katie Walls (Miracle League), and Julie Chmura (Miracle League/WGC).

Grant Committee Update

The 2022 Grant Cycle has begun, and it is off to a great start! We have already received several inquiries from local nonprofits.

The grant guidelines and applications were posted (WGC Homepage, Facebook, emails, Wild Apricot, etc.) on January 14, 2022. A pre-application meeting for prospective applicants will be held on **January 24, 2022, at 3 PM via Zoom**. [Registration](#) for the pre-application meeting is open on the events page of our website. Take a look at the WGC site and share the information with your friends and colleagues in the non-profit community. Encourage them to apply for a grant – up to \$5,000 could be waiting for their organization!

To be considered for funding, applicants must submit their application, required documents, and budget by **March 11th at noon** – not a minute later!! So, get started now.

If you want to be a part of the action, please consider joining the Grant Committee by becoming a grant reviewer, participating in the committee review, and making recommendations for 2022 grant funding. Our first Grant Committee meeting of the year will be on **February 4, 2022, at 8 AM via Zoom**. No prior experience is necessary! Don't hesitate to contact either of the Sara(h)s for additional information and inquiries. [Register here](#).

There is a lot of grant committee activity from February through June of 2022. Be sure to check the WGC website, WGC Facebook page, and monthly newsletters for updates on events and progress on the 2022 grant cycle. Stay tuned!!

Contact us, Sarah Ortiz-Brown, and Sara Burley, at mybliss@mac.com or srbrl8@gmail.com



Membership and Outreach Committee Update

What a fantastic year this has been! As of December 31st, we closed 2021 with 39 new members! We thank every one of them as well as our existing members who renewed and those who also helped to recruit some of our new members!

As we start this new year, the Membership and Outreach Committee is brainstorming on plans for outreach in 2022, by way of activities and events. We would welcome any members who have ideas and would like to work with us on this to reach out to us, or better yet join the Membership and Outreach Committee. We welcome the ideas and help!

We want to continue our Facebook showcase feature for new and existing members who want to share how they became connected to the WGC. Please email us if you are interested and include a picture, some personal background information and what led you to the WGC.

As always, we encourage members to invite friends, family, co-workers, etc. to visit the WGC website. If you would like us to reach out to anyone personally, please email us their information at: wgcharfordmembership@gmail.com and we will contact them directly.

Remember to check if employer's matching programs qualify WGC membership dues!

Let's grow bigger and better in 2022! Remember, the WGC is totally member funded so the more members we have join us the more grants we can give.

Watch for future communications from the Outreach and Membership Committee on future activities and events. See you soon!

Thank you,

Allison Cuneo
Donna Kahoe
Membership and Outreach Committee Co-Chairs

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