



Women's Giving Circle of Harford County September 2022 Newsletter



A Message from the Chair

At a recent talk by [Arthur Brooks](#), several Women's Giving Circle members were there to learn the secret to happiness. This inspiring speaker reminded me of the importance of making personal connections which are meaningful. Our 2022 Grantee Showcase on September 14th is designed to make those connections by putting you in touch with our grantees as well as to connect with fellow members and prospective members. I hope you are able to join us next week!

As we near the end of the year, it's the perfect time to renew your membership. Use this link to directly access our donation site: <https://www.grapevine.org/donate/circle/pMJU1x?giftCode=1pu0We> Details on joining/renewing are available on our [website](#). If you need any assistance, contact us at wgchco@gmail.com.

Donna Kreis
Chair

[Register for Grantee Showcase](#)



Membership and Outreach Committee Update

Over the summer, we gathered current and prospective members for our first-ever Ice Cream Social at Broom's Bloom Dairy in Bel Air! We were joined by grantee speakers Mary Biggs and Jenn Greenleaf from [Harford Family House](#) who shared the exciting news of their merger with [Welcome One Emergency Shelter](#).

We want to welcome our newest members! We've had seven new members join so far this year, bringing our total membership to 116. We need your help to reach our ambitious goal of 140 members by December!

We are excited to promote a few exciting opportunities to connect with fellow members this fall and support the growth of the WGC through recruitment. We hope you will mark your calendars and spread the word across your personal and professional networks!

Grantee Showcase

September 14 from 8:30-10:00 a.m.

Ramada by Wyndham Edgewood Hotel and Conference Center

1700 Van Bibber Road

Edgewood, MD 21040

[Register for Grantee Showcase](#)

At the meeting, each 2022 grantee will be officially recognized. There will be an opportunity for members to network with each other and the grantees who are invited to set up a small display to showcase their work and the projects funded by WGC. This event is open to all, so please invite a friend to learn about the WGC.

A Visit to Char Hope

October 12 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. - *Stay tuned for a link to register!*

Char Hope Farm

527 Pylesville Road

Pylesville, MD 21132

The [Char Hope Foundation](#) is a past grantee of the WGC. We are invited to visit the Char Hope Farm for an immersive experience where we will learn about the program and the impact of our WGC funding. This event is open to all, so please invite a friend, colleague, or family member.

Holiday Volunteering with Mason-Dixon

December 13 - *Stay tuned for more information and a link to register!*

Mason-Dixon Community Services

708 Highland Road

Street, MD 21154

The WGC is invited to volunteer with the Senior Secret Santa Program through [Mason-Dixon Community Services](#) this December. Low-income seniors are eligible to receive a holiday basket which we will help assemble and deliver during their volunteer days.

We look forward to all that is to come in the months ahead and we hope you will join us for one or more of these activities!

Donna Kahoe & Allison Cuneo

Membership and Outreach Committee Co-Chairs

Grants Committee Update

Save the Date! The 2022 grant cycle is complete, and we have transitioned to preparing for the 2023 grant cycle! The Grants Committee will be meeting on **Friday, October 14, 2022, at 8:30 a.m. via Zoom** to begin reviewing and updating the 2023 grant application. Be on the lookout for the invitation as the date draws near.

Join our Grants Committee! We are always open to new members. The Grants Committee is a group of passionate women seeking to work together to ensure our grant proposals are reviewed and assessed via diverse perspectives. Between March and April, organized teams of grant readers review grant requests and recommend selected programs to receive funding. If you would like to be a grant reader, you need to be able to attend grant reader meetings between January and April 2023.

Becoming a member of the Grants Committee is a wonderful way to become involved in our Women's Giving Circle, learn about the various nonprofits and programs in Harford County, and get to know other members. If you are interested in joining or learning more about the grant committee, **please contact Sara Burley at srbri8@gmail.com** and attend our October meeting!

Sara Burley

Grants Committee Chair

Members' Choice Award

Watch your inbox for the kickoff of the third Members' Choice Award in October with a call to members to nominate a deserving nonprofit. All members will have the opportunity to vote and select the award recipient. The distribution amount for this year's award is \$5,517.28. The Members' Choice Award Recipient will be announced at our Holiday Celebration on Giving Tuesday, November 29th.

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