Quarterly Update – Winter 2017

Grant Activity Update

At the November 23, 2016 general meeting of the Women’s Giving Circle of North Central West Virginia six organizations were voted grant funds: Adventurous Girls, $2500; Girls on the Run, $2500; Monongalia County Child Advocacy Center, $2000; Society of Women Engineers, $2000; Pantry Plus More, $500; and Libera, Inc. $2,000. This is the second round of grants funded by WGC.

Subsequent newsletters will feature the activities of these fine organizations and how they are using our dollars.

Grantee Links

Monongalia County Child Advocacy Center
http://www.moncocac.org/

Pantry Plus More, as featured in the Dominion Post
http://www.dominionpost.com/Mobile-Food-Pantry-and-Pantry-PI


Upcoming Committee and Spring Meetings

Spring Membership Gathering-Thursday, April 27th at the Clubhouse Grill at the Pines. Come celebrate Spring and the activities of our grantees.

Executive Committee, January 23, 2017 11:30 am at Club House Grill at the Pines.

Membership Committee, February 20, 2017, 11:45 a.m., Yesterday’s Restaurant

Exciting News

Coming this spring is our Women’s Giving Circle of NCWV Website. The Marketing Team is working on putting together a website for us to share with other women who may be interested in joining the WGC and for our members to learn about the wonderful ways we are helping to empower women and girls in our community. We hope that this will be a great tool to in spreading our mission and keeping everyone informed. The team is also working on an updated brochure for our spring meeting. We extend a rose to each of our committee members for their work on our spring projects: Cindy Tanner, Sue Crist, Angela Van Deyesen and Kelly Pryor.

Society of Women Engineers Grant Presentation by our own WGC member Nancy Wasson!
http://swe.orgs.wvu.edu/
Girls on the Run

Laurie Abildso shared the interview link by a WBOY reporter that aired on December 20th. Here’s the link: http://www.wvalways.com/clip/12978402/local-girls-on-the-run-council.

Laurie expressed a few kind words in an email to the Women’s Giving Circle: “We feel very fortunate to have received such a generous grant from the WGC! We are looking forward to the spring season and to welcoming the girls from Taylor County to GOTR!” The WGC provided grant funding not only for their current programs but extended funding to welcome girls from Taylor County to the GOTR. Girls on the Run: http://www.gotrncwv.org/

New Members – December 2016

Kelly Pryor is our newest Women’s Giving Circle Member. I interviewed Kelly over the phone, asking her a range of questions about her career, hobbies and concerns. She grew up in Cumberland, Maryland and moved to Morgantown in the mid-1980s.

Kelly used her skills in math and science to earn a BS in Industrial Engineering at WVU. Like many Industrial Engineers, she chooses to focus her professional endeavors in non-engineering areas. Her enjoyment of business operations compelled her to complete the Executive MBA program at WVU. She is the Chief Financial Officer at Gulf Breeze Software Partners.

When asked why she decided to join the WGC, she immediately responded that she appreciated the grant application process and consensus decision making of the group, as well as the focus on women and girls. The grants process ensures vetting of applicants and builds confidence that money is well used. In the short-term Kelly feels that the WGC needs to develop its web presence; she has enthusiastically offered her skill in helping with this goal.

Kelly enjoys travel in her leisure time; her favorite domestic destination is Orlando, Florida. She notes that the number and variety of restaurants there make eating gluten free quite easy. She and husband Frank have been gluten free for about 6 six years, noting significant improvements in their health and well-being.

Her favorite foreign destinations have been South Africa and Italy; she enjoys soaking up the culture of far-away places and peoples. China is on her eventual to-do list; and an Oceania Cruise may be in her shorter term plans.

I asked Kelly what method she prefers for keeping up with current events; without hesitation, she replied “Facebook”. All the more reason to keep the WGC internet presence up to date!

She lives with her husband, Frank and two adorable dogs, Violet and Daisy. Violet has a college degree in Obedience School, using her skill when it suits her. Welcome Kelly!

Submitted by Shelly Duncan

Mark your calendars for all of our 2017 meetings and important dates:

April 27th at 6pm – Spring Membership Gathering, Clubhouse Grill at the Pines in Morgantown-Banquet Rooms

June 1st – Grant applications available

August 31st, 5pm – Grant Applications deadline

September 21st 6pm – Annual Business Meeting Mon General Conference Center

November 2nd 6pm – Grant Voting Meeting Mon General Conference Center

A Special Rose to Shelly Duncan for designing our first WGC Newsletter!