WGC Grants Funded 2018/19

This is the fourth fulfillment of the WGCNCWV’s mission. Each year we accept grant applications via the Your Community Foundation website from not-for-profit organizations seeking to empower women and girls in our community. The grants committee members Barbara Myers, Sandra Spina, Sandy Graff, Suzanne Smart, Terry Gocke, Diana Scott, Nancy Elliott, and Nancy Wasson reviewed the applications and determined whether or not the applications met funding requirements. The committee recommended to the membership the amount to be granted based upon the request and the available funds. One committee member acts as the liaison and submits the funding recommendations.

The WGCNCWV membership voted to affirm the grants committee recommendations at the November 1, 2018, meeting. Many thanks to the diligent efforts of the grants committee members led by Chair Barbara Myers. We look forward to periodic reports from the grantees; their work is truly inspirational.

Read about the awarded grants on page 2.

The Tea Party: Here’s to a Happy New Year!

Our grants presentation tea at The Tea Shoppe in the Seneca Center was held on November 29, 2018. It was a grand turnout with representatives from each grantee organization, WGC liaisons, and executive officers along with multiple members of the media. Kudos to the marketing and membership committees for planning the event, and to Laurie Abildso for getting five representatives from the local media outlets to attend our presentation. For social media fans, our outreach on social media from this event reached over 1,600 people and created quite a buzz over the weekend!

Representing their grantee organizations are Roark Sizemore (left) for Pantry Plus More, Christine Wallace for Adventurous Girls, Darla Hickey for Libera Inc., Joanna Mizener for Girls on the Run, Laura Capage for Monongalia County Child Advocacy Center, Colleen Lankford for Christian Help, Erin Smaldone for WV Botanic Garden and Stacy Clovis-Woofter for WV Botanic Garden.
The grantees and how women and girls will benefit from the funds provided by the WGC

Adventurous Girls is a program of Monongalia Starting Points Family Resource Center; a collaboration of The Shack Neighborhood Center and Mylan Park Elementary School. This program will promote resiliency and healthy development in at-risk girls by developing positive relationships with girls and their families; creating a safe and open space for participants to share, learn and support each other in school; and encouraging leadership and confidence through adventures. This program serves 16-20 fourth and fifth graders at Mylan Park Elementary. This program will follow the girls into middle school and coordinate with the middle school counselor. The program was granted $3,000. The liaison is Nancy Wasson. For more information visit http://www.inhomefamilyed.com/monongalia_county/index.html.

Girls on the Run program encourages a world where every girl knows and activates her limitless potential—meeting the needs of increasing girls’ life skills and encouraging girls’ healthy development. The $3,000 grant will be used to develop an intentional curriculum to address leadership,

self-esteem, healthy relationships, and effective communication. Terry Gocke is the liaison. To learn more about the organization visit https://www.gotrncwv.org.

Monongalia County Child Advocacy Center was granted $3,000 to develop programming to provide child sexual abuse prevention education in partnership with the Adventurous Girls Program and the Monongalia Schools. Barbara Myers is the liaison. Find more information at https://www.moncocac.org.

Libera, Inc. was granted $1,000 for the program Women On Wellness (WOW); a one-day event that includes health screenings (BP, cholesterol, BMI, diet and exercise). Participants will receive a personalized health plan based on their screening results. Speakers will discuss how women and girls can implement a healthy lifestyle. Nancy Elliott is the liaison. Find additional information at https://www.liberawv.com.

Pantry Plus More is a collaboration with Monongalia County Schools and PACE. This program will provide pantries in schools that will offer hygiene items such as tampons, pads, toothbrushes, floss, shampoo, and deodorant to children and families. The goal of this project is to give girls a source for personal care items in the school. $1,043 was granted. Leesa Prendergast is the liaison. More information on the website https://www.pantryplusmore.org.

West Virginia Botanic Garden in collaboration with Girl Scouts and other agencies will offer an education program “Natural Wellness” to encourage girls to discover healthy lifestyle classes, experience nature and positively influence their pre-teen and young adult years. $2,565 was granted. The liaison is Diana Scott. More information about the WV Botanic Garden is found at https://www.wvbg.org.

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Indeed there was a lot of buzz around the Tea Party and the media coverage was impressive. The urls below will take you to the TV coverage by WBOY and WDTV.


The Sum of Our Support

Granted to Make a Difference

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Growth in Giving

Over the past four years the Women’s Giving Circle of North Central West Virginia has granted a total of $50,000 to local not-for-profits in fulfillment of our mission. Grant funding has increased annually. With continued membership growth our 2019 granting can be evermore generous.
Fall Fiesta Meeting

The Fall meeting took place on September 20, 2018, at the Mon Health Conference Center. It was a delightful evening with a perfect balance of business and pleasure. Chair Beth Fuller presided over the annual meeting and its full agenda.

In 2017, the Women’s Giving Circle granted $1,500 to the West Virginia Botanic Garden. Erin Smaldone, education director, and Stacy Clovis-Woofter, education specialist of the WV Botanic Garden gave an in-depth presentation on the programs that were made possible through generosity of the Women’s Giving Circle.

There were smiles all around while watching the video of “summer fun” photos submitted by our members. New members were warmly welcomed with the presentation of a rose. Grants Committee Chair Barbara Myers presented the committee’s recommendations for the grant awards. There was a discussion and vote that resulted in changing the existing 50/50 grant/endowment distribution to 60/40.

50% business. 50% pleasure. 100% satisfying!

Stacy Clovis-Woofter and Erin Smaldone share the results of our gift giving. The Women’s Giving Circle of North Central West Virginia is making a notable difference.

Welcome!
Please join us in welcoming our newest members:

Nicole Clark
Diane Market Gaston
Lauren Namsupak
Janet Scarcelli

Lauren Namsupak receives a rose from Beth Fuller.
(See Meet a Member on page 8.)
The Grant Voting Meeting

The Grant Voting Meeting was held at the Mon Health Conference Center on November 1, 2018. Although voting on the recommended grants was a top priority, this meeting covered several important topics including ways to increase public awareness and ultimately grow the membership of the Women’s Giving Circle. In addition, Cristiane Ueno spoke to the group about women’s legal right to reconstructive surgery after undergoing mastectomy. As for the grants, the recommendations of the Grants Committee were unanimously approved. This was a very informative, enlightening, and worthwhile meeting.

Chair Beth Fuller always conducts our meetings with ease and efficiency.

Grants Committee representative Nancy Elliott reviewed the committee’s recommendations.

Cristiane Ueno shared some truly eye-opening information regarding reconstructive breast surgery.

Thanks! To ALL who contribute to making the Women’s Giving Circle of North Central West Virginia a vital and thriving organization.
Just the facts, Ma’am.

Who We Are

The Women’s Giving Circle of North Central West Virginia is dedicated to engaging women of all generations in the power of community philanthropy. Through sharing financial resources, we can make a difference in the lives of women and girls throughout North Central West Virginia.

We’ve been around since Spring of 2014.

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There is no “I” in team...

...it takes a village...many hands make light work.
Help, please. We need YOU!

Representatives of the Marketing and Membership committees met with our very dedicated and hardworking President, Beth Fuller on October 11, 2018. Our discussion focused on growing our membership, and therefore, our collective ability to fund grants supporting women and girls in North Central West Virginia.

Social media is vital in communicating our message. We’ve had a number of members step up and create a presence on the web. Thanks to Cindy Tanner for creating our web page http://womensgivingcircleofncwv.org/index.html and the marketing committee (Sue Crist, Angela Faulkner-VanDeyse, Kelly Pryor, and Cindy Tanner) for getting us started on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/WomenGivingNCWV. Special thanks to Laurie Cicero Abildso, the newest member of the Marketing Committee who is updating our Facebook page.

We all acknowledged that introductions to other media outlets would be helpful, and that’s where we need your help. Here’s a list of outlets that we’ve thought of, and surely there are plenty that we’ve not thought of. If you can make the contact to set up an interview about the WGC, or see if a group would be interested in a presentation…it would be greatly appreciated. Here’s what we’ve thought of:

- Print media coverage: Dominion Post, WV Living, Morgantown Magazine
- Radio: W AJR
- Television: WDTV, WBOY
- Rotary Clubs
- Generation Morgantown

We’re also in the planning stages for our Spring meeting. The Spring meeting is a social event, giving us a chance to catch up with old friends and make some new. We generally also like to invite some of the grantees to provide an update of their projects. That said, we’d like to have the meeting in a venue with some atmosphere. We are grateful to Mon Health for allowing us to meet in the Conference center. It is a great meeting space, and very well priced, but sometimes we’d like a change. And the Spring meeting is a great opportunity for a new venue. Your ideas and contacts are welcome. With that said, the Membership Committee is always open to new members.

So who do you contact? Either Beth Fuller at womensgivingcircleofncwv@gmail.com or Shelly Duncan at shellyrd2014@gmail.com or 304-216-0186 (text or call).

Thank you for helping us grow.
Meet a Member

Lauren Namsupak was invited to the WGC by Patty Showers Ryan, enjoyed a warm welcome, and became a member this year. Lauren is an endodontist and owns Mountain State Endodontics. She was raised in the D.C. area and completed her college and dental education in West Virginia; she and her physician husband decided to make Morgantown home 15 years ago.

In addition to her busy professional life, she and her husband are involved in Boy Scouting with their two school aged children. Lauren and her son will enjoy their first camping experience this fall with the Scouts. Lauren’s daughter is an adventurous Webelos and has completed her first Scout camping experience. The family loves to travel, they’ve recently cruised Alaska, visited Thailand and are Disney fans having visited parks in Orlando, Paris, and Tokyo. Lauren and her husband were married at the Disney Epcot Park.

Lauren also enjoys scrapbooking with her club; the members meet monthly working on the same project type. Over time she’s made at least ten scrapbooks. I’m betting Disney stars in a few pages. Continuing the adventurous theme, when I asked about favorite dining options she mentioned Starport Arcade and Pub on Chestnut Street in Morgantown; looks like a lot fun!

This busy young woman appreciates that the WGC grants committee does the legwork in selecting qualified organizations to put our gifts to work in our community. It was my pleasure to speak with Lauren, I’m looking forward to future conversations with this dynamic young woman.

—Shelly Duncan

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** Non-voting participant; may attend one major event.

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Thank you for your gift.

The Your Community Foundation manages the fund and the administration of the Women’s Giving Circle and keeps the membership informed of the status of the fund.