



Building a community of thoughtful, effective women philanthropists one woman at a time.

Summer Meeting

The Women's Giving Circle of North Central WV summer meeting was held on June 9th at the Waterfront Marriott. It was a wonderful opportunity for members and their guests to gather together and learn about the WGC and how we have thrived over the past few years. Bessie Fooks, our Chairwoman (front row middle in pink), provided a lovely analogy of nurturing our gardens of giving!



Planning for our upcoming Fall Annual Business Meeting

We are having our fall business meeting at **Smokin J's Rib and Brewhouse** (formerly The Winchester) on **Wednesday, September 21st, at 6 pm.** Join us for a dinner meeting to vote for a new Vice Chair and Secretary and listen to special guest speakers, Katie Wolfe-Elbon and Anjellica Scott with The Phoenix Recovery House (The Change Initiative), one of our 2021 grantees. You are always welcome to bring guests to learn more about the Women's Giving Circle and how to become a part of our organization and our mission of giving together.

Celebrating over \$104,000 in Giving!



Who We Are

A Fund of **Your Community Foundation**

Your Community Foundation, better known as the YCF, provides our 501 (c) 3 under which WGC operates so that annual gifts are tax deductible. YCF also provides the record-keeping, reporting and structure to make the giving circle a sustainable, credible organization.

About Us

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.

A Little Note from your Treasurer, Beth Fuller

It's been so exciting getting back together for meetings over the past year. Each meeting, we see more members joining together as we find little pieces of normalcy coming back. We continued to grant funds out over the past couple years even with limited meetings and Zoom calls. This is a tribute to each of you in support of women and girls in our community and our grantees found unique ways to help and engage girls of all ages.

Now is the time we can kick back into growing our membership, increasing our grant-making and enjoying precious time together! Our grant funding comes from sixty percent (60%) of our annual giving made by our members by September 30th. If you can support our grant-making in 2022, please make your gift by the end of September. Thank you for your past and current support!

~Beth

Grants Information Page

Please Share: Grant Applications are Available Now. Due: September 19, 2022.

<https://ycfwv.org/womens-giving-circle-grants/>

**2021 Grant Awards presented to seven local charitable organizations
at the Hotel Morgan's Grand Ballroom!**



Girls on the Run of North Central West Virginia, Inc.; Libera, Inc.; Mountain Stewardship and Outdoor Leadership School; The Change Initiative; On Eagles' Wings Therapeutic Horsemanship; Pantry Plus More, Inc.; Planned Approach To Community Health Coalition of Taylor County.

The Change Initiative

Anjellica Scott, Board Member

Carolina Aguilera WGC Grants Chairwomen



Did You Know? *The WGC's 2021 contribution to Girls on the Run (GOTR) of North Central West Virginia helped provide program materials and healthy snacks for 312 girls?! At GOTR, girls build friendships and empathy for others, they form a team where they are supported, accepted and encouraged and where they inspire each other to let their Star Power Shine! This season, GOTR participants used their star power to impact those in their community by cleaning up garbage, planting flowers, collecting donations and making cards for WVU Children's Hospital, gathering donations for a local animal shelter, and painting encouraging words on rocks to leave around their town.*



Did you know *that the Mountain Stewardship and Outdoor leadership training helped to build and grow relationships with the local Hispanic population to aid in leadership connections, educational opportunities, and community building?*

Did you know *the WGC Endowment has reached over \$100,000 and we grant out 4% in immediate grant making each year to continue to help women and girls in North Central WV in perpetuity.*

Did you know *that the WGC helped grantees, Pantry Plus More to stock feminine hygiene items and self-care products in our school pantries?*

Did you know *the WGC helped to fund Libera Teen Groups in Preston and Taylor County and the Clarksburg-Harrison Public Library to tell their stories; identify the lies they believe about themselves and the barriers in their way; get connected to the truth of who they are, and their potential; and get connected to resources to help them live out their potential and overcome their barriers.?*

Did you know *that the WGC was founded in 2014? Just eight years and we've granted over \$104,000!!!*

Did you know *that 60% of your annual gift to the WGC goes toward immediate grant-making in our community and 40% into the endowment fund?*



Did you know *that the WGC provided funding for the The Pinion Program through On Eagles Wings Therapeutic Horsemanship to help two young ladies participate in an eight-week program geared towards equine-assisted learning and wellness? The feedback from these two participants and their families was so positive that On Eagles' Wings made the determination to investigate ways to grow and expand the Pinion Program to reach more adolescent females!*

Did you know *that the WGC has helped over 20 different organizations' projects and programs specifically targeted to empower and encourage healthy development of women and girls and promote gender equity in our community!*



A Letter from our Chair, Bessie R. Fooks

Greetings Women Giving Circle Members,

I want to personally thank you for your generous support to the Women's Giving Circle of North Central West Virginia. We are beyond grateful for your compassionate and giving hearts which provides resources aimed at the growth and development of young girls and women. Supporters like you help us change the world every day.

Our ability to utilize your donations for the present and the future through our endowment fund is critical to the sustainability of WGC. Currently we have over 100,000 dollars in our endowment fund and have given out over 104,000 dollars in grant funding. Your giving has allowed us to accomplish this achievement in seven years.

Welcome to all of our new members. We are pleased that you have joined us in our efforts to provide philanthropy to our community. Despite the challenges of the past few years in giving nationwide, your generosity has allowed the Women's Giving Circle to become an integral part of the philanthropic community in North Central West Virginia.

Again thank you for your benevolence to the Women's Giving Circle. Thank you to the Executive Committee Members and the Grants Committee who have helped to provide guidance for WGC in regards to how your donations can be used most effectively.

Lastly, thank you to Alayna Fuller in the design and creation of our latest newsletter. Alayna is a 2022 WVU Reed College of Media graduate with her master's degree in journalism and minors in marketing and strategic social media. She is the daughter of our Past Chair and Treasurer Beth Fuller.

I look forward to seeing all of you for our Annual Business Meeting which will be held at Smokin J's Rib and Brewhouse (formerly The Winchester) on September 21, 2022 at 6:00pm.

Kind Regards,

Bessie R. Fooks, Chair



"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed, citizens can change the world...."

Margaret Mead

To Become a WGC member:

- *Join us at our next meeting*
- *Send your annual gift check to WGC with your name and contact information*
- *Register online:*

<http://womensgivingcircleofncwv.org/membership.html>



Membership is open to all women who wish to further the mission and goals through financial support. In our eighth year of operation, our numbers have grown to over 60 members with a committee structure in place for our marketing, membership and grant-making. A tiered giving structure is intended to encourage membership by younger women in the community.

Welcome!

Please join us in welcoming our
Newest members:

Ashley Faulkner

Penny Dacks

Lisa Fritsch

Adrienne Dering

Jill Woisnet

Sally Hazard

Debra Cyphert

Emily Corio



Executive Team

*(left to right) Cindy Tanner, Bessie Fooks,
Becky Mattern, Beth Fuller and Laurie Abildso*

For More Information: <http://womensgivingcircleofncwv.org>