

The Women's Giving Circle has reached
a milestone of \$500,000 in our
Endowment Fund!

Truly an accomplishment to celebrate!

Congratulations and Thank you!

for, "improving the quality of life for women and
children in the greater Eau Claire area through collective
philanthropy!"

We could not have done it without your support!

Did you know?

The Women's Giving Circle has granted \$357,792 since our inception!

- \$45,379 to nine non-profits in 2020, and
- \$38,781 is available to grant for the 2021 grant cycle (We have fewer dollars this year, due to fewer members, showing why it is so important for us to grow our circle)!

Thank you for your amazing generosity ladies!

We hope you were able to attend our Recent Women's Giving Circle Events -

February - Thank you to Cindy Hangartner and Ami Christensen of our Membership Team and Ann Kaiser, our Circle Advisory Team CO-chair, for putting together the "Decadent Delight" wine and chocolate event in February. It was a delightful and delicious time! Also, thank you to Rebecca Flynn of Sweet Driver Chocolates for customizing the chocolates and pairing beverage list!

March - Thank you to our Education Team Members, Petey Ahneman and Ann Lamoureux (not pictured) and all the Education Team for putting together the highly informative March Education Event, "Navigating Health Challenges - During COVID-19."

Also, thank you to our presenters; Jackie Bachmeier and Laura Baalrud, HSHS Sacred Heart St. Joe's and Corina Fisher, Prevea Health. And thank you to our sponsors, Frandsen Bank and Trust, the ZANIYA Center and our anonymous donors.



Upcoming Women's Giving Circle Events

May 3rd 6:00-8:00 p.m. – The Women's Giving Circle "Spring Gathering" will take place virtually! The Education and Program Team have been working diligently on this event, which will remind all of us of the reason we are members of this amazing "collective philanthropy" group! We will hear from this year's nine non-profit grantees and about how the grant dollars they were awarded are impacting women and children in our own community. They will also be sharing how COVID has impacted their organizations. Please plan to attend. We welcome your family and friends to attend and to join our circle as well! The more members we have, the more we will be able to grant next year! All attendees will be eligible for our gift drawings too! To register for this event: [Click here](#)

Wednesday, June 16th 4:00-6:00 p.m. The Membership Team will be hosting our first "in-person, socially distanced event at the Coffee Grounds!" Appetizers will be provided, and a cash bar will be available. The event will take place in the K-Point area and outside if weather permits. Due to COVID-19 spacing requirements, this event will be limited to 50 people. Guests are welcome, but reservations will be required. Please watch for more information and a link to RSVP. We are sooo excited to see you in person!

Are you interested in helping with a special project or assisting with a mailing for the Women's Giving Circle or the Eau Claire Community Foundation? We are always looking for volunteers! Please contact Jennifer McDonough, Women's Giving Circle Chair, at jamcd4@yahoo.com for more information.

Reminders -

- If you have not made your annual contribution to the Women's Giving Circle, please make that today at eccfwi.org. The Women's Giving Circle thanks you and our local non-profits thank you too! Remember, the more members in our circle, the more we can give back to the community! As always, we welcome you to invite your family, friends, and colleagues to be members of our circle too!

Annual contributions for Team members and/or Grant readers must be made prior to participating in those activities and for all members prior to the annual meeting.

Consider becoming a "Lifetime Member!" Convenience, favorable tax advantage, whatever your reason! If you have reached age fifty-five, you may choose a Lifetime Membership with the Giving Circle by making a one-time pledge of \$6000. This contribution may be paid in a lump sum or over three years.

- We would love to have you join a WGC Team: Education and Programs, Membership, Nominating, Social Media or help as a Grant reviewer. Contact Jennifer McDonough, Women's Giving Circle Chair, at jamcd4@yahoo.com for more information.
- Book Club 4:00-5:00 p.m. Is open to any Women's Giving Circle member who is interested. Please join us! Contact Rebecca White Body, of the Eau Claire Community Foundation, at grants@eccfwi.org to obtain the zoom link. Upcoming reads:
 - o May 24 - "A Woman of No Importance", by Sonia Purnell
 - o June 28 - "Mother Road", by Dorothy Garlock
 - o July-December reads coming soon!

Grant News -

- The 2021 grant application is now available on the Women's Giving Circle website. Tax exempt, governmental, religious, or educational organizations can apply for up to \$6,000 to fund a project that benefits women and/or children (18 years or younger) in the greater Eau Claire area. Encourage an organization you know to consider applying for funding this year. The application process ends July 1.
- The grants team is always looking for grant reviewers. Grant review training for new reviewers is scheduled for the week of September 13th. The on-line review process begins September 20th. The Grants Team hopes to conduct this year's meeting in person on Monday, October 4th; however, a final decision regarding the meeting format will be determined closer to the date of the review. Final review scores are due from reviewers on Tuesday, October 5th. If you would like more information about serving as a grant reviewer, please contact Grants Team chair, Diane Hoadley, at hoadley17@me.com.

Welcome to our Newest Circle Member -

Terri Hernandez – recently moved from the healthcare industry to the financial services industry and is partnering with Northwestern Mutual. She is excited about the opportunity to help people maintain and grow their wealth and plan for retirement. Prior to joining NM, she was the compliance and privacy officer for Sacred Heart and St. Joseph's hospitals for 10 years. She considers herself lucky to have found two careers in her lifetime that she is passionate about. In addition, Terri serves as the secretary for the Family Support Center board of directors and sits on the Regis Catholic Schools Foundation Board.

**** Welcome Terri ****

Sponsorship Updates -

We are planning in person events for the November "Annual" meeting and December "Gift of Giving Breakfast." If you would like to help sponsor either of these get togethers, please contact Erin Dayton, of the Eau Claire Community Foundation at development@eccfw.org.

Mark Your Calendars -

May 3rd 6:00-8:00 p.m. - Our annual "Spring Gathering" will be held virtually.

June 16th 4:00-6:00 p.m. - Coffee Grounds "Membership Event" will be in-person.

(We are working on events for July-October. Keep an eye on your e-mails. If you have suggestions you would like to share, please let us know!)

November 2nd 5:00-7:00 p.m. - Our "Women's Giving Circle Annual Meeting" will be in-person.

December 1st 7:30-9:00 a.m. - Our "Gift of Giving Breakfast" will be held in-person.

Thank you for being a part of our circle and helping to accomplish our mission by "Engaging and educating women about issues affecting women and children in the community, philanthropy, and grant making programs that support women and children!"

Jennifer McDonough, WGC Chair