

EAU CLAIRE COMMUNITY  
FOUNDATION

# Women's Giving Circle

NEWSLETTER  
JUNE 15, 2022

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

 June 20

If you plan to attend the **ECCF 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner**, we will gather to take a photo of WGC members. Watch for directions!

 July 26

### Sunflowers and Sips

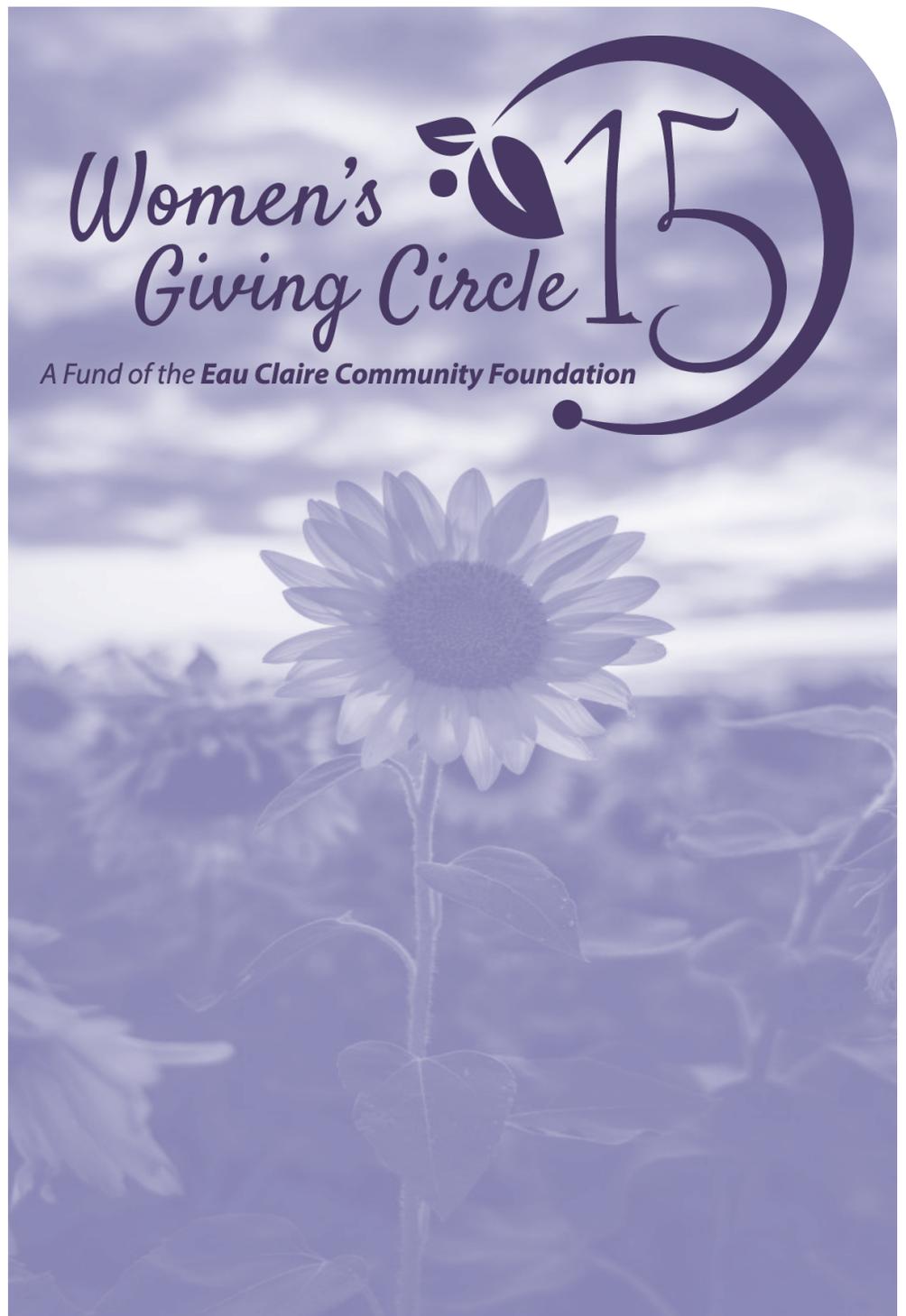
Social Event at River Jams,  
Members & Guests, 3:30-5:30  
pm Please RSVP [here](#).

 Watch for it!

### Fall Into Membership

Watch your email, the August  
newsletter, and social media  
for this upcoming social event!

IMPACTING THE  
LIVES OF WOMEN  
& CHILDREN



## GOALS MET! THANK YOU & CONGRATULATIONS!

This group doesn't mess around! Three BIG goals were set for the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year, and as of June 1, ALL THREE GOALS have been met!

- ✓ Raise more than \$14,000 in a special 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Grant Campaign, to gift a record \$50,000 grants in 2022
- ✓ 15 New Lifetime Members
- ✓ 22 New WGC Members

# 15 Years of Impact



## DID YOU KNOW?

At the May 4 Annual Women's Giving Circle Spring Gathering, in addition to hearing from our most recent grant recipients, the 15-year impact of WGC was celebrated. In case you missed it....

- 40 different nonprofit organizations who serve women and children have received WGC grants
- Grants have grown steadily:
  - In 2008 \$10,000 was awarded
  - In 2012, \$19,568
  - In 2017, \$41,466
  - In 2022, \$50,000, with individual grants increasing to a record \$7,500
- If you'd like to view the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary presentation, go to Facebook or [view here](#).



# WELCOME!

## New Members

Lisa Ausman, Jill Barland, Mary Dunbar, Deborah Rae Fisher, Marla Garfield, Christine Geraci, Katie Myers, Maria Nygren, Pamela Pamperin, Emily Riechers, Jennifer Severin, Hailey Talley, Ruth Wright, JoAnn Vruwink

# CONGRATULATIONS!

## Lifetime Members

Jill Barland, Mary Ryan-Miller, Sarah Robertson



## JOIN THE WGC BOOK CLUB

WGC Book Club has some great picks for your summer reading list. New participants are always welcome! Book Club meets on the dates below from 4-5 pm at LE Phillips Senior Center & on Zoom. Contact Rebecca at [grants@eccfwi.org](mailto:grants@eccfwi.org) for more information.

**Monday, June 27, 2022**

*Crying in H Mart* by Michelle Zauner  
Discussion Leader: Sherry

**Monday, July 25, 2022**

*Book of Hope* by Jane Goodall  
Discussion Leader: Kathie

**Monday, August 29, 2022**

*On Juneteenth* by Ann Gordon-Reed  
Discussion Leader: Mandy

**Monday, September 26, 2022**

*All the Frequent Troubles of Our Days* by Rebecca Donner  
Discussion Leader: Laurel

**Monday, October 31, 2022**

*The Invisible Library* by Genevieve Cogman  
Discussion Leader: Rebecca

# SUNFLOWERS AND SIPS

You are invited to a special WGC event, *Sunflowers and Sips*, hosted by the Education and Membership Committees. This event is an opportunity for you to socialize with members and also learn more about the experiences of Ukrainian refugees. Natalia Ripeckyj, (one of our members) whose family is directly impacted by the current crisis, will be sharing with us. Join us Tuesday, July 26<sup>th</sup> from 3:30-6 pm at River Jams in Chippewa. Registration is required [using this link](#).

# Looking for opportunities?



## GETTING MORE INVOLVED WITH WGC

- Become a Grant Reviewer! This year the Women's Giving Circle is charged with handing out over \$50,000 in grant dollars. We need your help reviewing the applications!

The review process occurs the last few weeks of September. We will train you and after the final scoring, we'll have a celebration get-together in early October.

Reviewing grants is a fun way to be more involved in the WGC. You'll learn more about all the non-profits and help fund the projects that make our community stronger!

Feel free to reach out with any questions or to sign-up to review! [Jenrbecker@hotmail.com](mailto:Jenrbecker@hotmail.com)

- Would you like to help create WGC's educational events like Sunflower and Sips? The Education Committee is looking for members! Contact WGC Chair Ann Kaiser @ [AKaiser@cvclubs.org](mailto:AKaiser@cvclubs.org) to learn more.
- If you're looking for the latest information on WGC, between bi-monthly newsletters you can follow WGC on any of our three social media platforms. Or simply reach out to the ECCF office, and the staff will be happy to update you!

[www.facebook.com/WGCEauClaire](https://www.facebook.com/WGCEauClaire)

[www.instagram.com/wgceauclaire](https://www.instagram.com/wgceauclaire)

[www.linkedin.com/company/women-s-giving-circle-greater-eau-claire](https://www.linkedin.com/company/women-s-giving-circle-greater-eau-claire)

Family Resource Center’s “Triple P” Positive Parenting Initiative



With a \$6,000 grant in 2020, the Family Resource Center was able to provide Tip Sheets to area families in support of the “Triple P” Positive Parenting Initiative, an evidence-based program backed by almost 40 years of research showing it improves children's behavior and parents' mental health, stress, and self-confidence. Through 494 events attended by parents and caregivers, families were able to create improved relations with their children, foster improved parental consistency and decrease stress. The Family Resource Center is very grateful for the generous support.

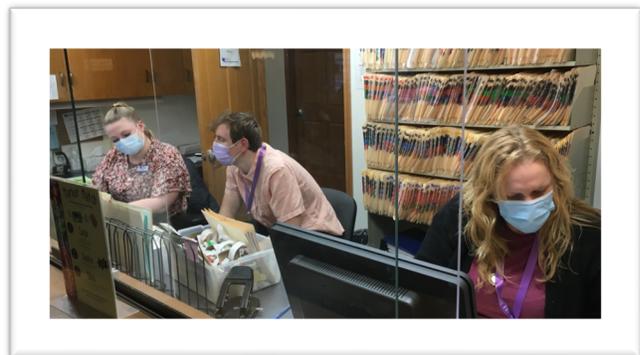
<https://m.facebook.com/frcec/>



Chippewa Valley Free Clinic

With a \$6,000. grant awarded by WGC in 2021 for their Improving Women’s Health Care Through Cancer Awareness and Screening, the Chippewa Valley Free Clinic will be able to develop a screening and referral program for breast and cervical cancer for women who do not qualify for other programs. The grant will also allow the clinic to expand their “Women’s Becoming a Healthier You” wellness program as well as offer a Women’s Health Night four times a year. Through these programs, the Chippewa Valley Free Clinic is able to reach women who otherwise would not have access to invaluable cancer screenings and treatments. Your WGC donation is going a long way to helping keep all the women in the Chippewa Valley healthier!

[www.cvfreesclinic.org](http://www.cvfreesclinic.org)



# A FEW FINAL THOUGHTS

## THANKS

Education Committee Chair Ann Lamoureux and Co-chair Petey Ahneman put together a stellar Spring Gathering and 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration!

## KUDOS

Congratulations to the Membership Team, Chair Ami Christensen and Co-chair Carol Gabler for reaching the Lifetime AND New Member goals!

## AS ALWAYS

Many thanks to Executive Director Sue Bornick, Operations Director Erin Dayton, and the whole Eau Claire Community Foundation team!

“I encourage everyone to learn about what we do and what a great impact is being made.” Jane Gobler, WGC Member and WGC Grant Recipient, HSHS Sacred Heart Foundation Director



Kelly from L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library shares the impact of WGC funding at the 2022 WGC Spring Gathering



## A PICTURE IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS

I was sad to miss the May 4 Spring Gathering. It's a signature Women's Giving Circle annual event where there are so many smiles, like the one you see above. It's also the event where members are encouraged to "Bring your Kleenex!". The stories tug at the heart, and even evoke tears. There are circumstances we learn about that are tough to hear and realities we wish didn't exist. We also hear from the incredible people who are doing work that changes lives. It's often the work that we wish we could do ourselves, the impact that we wish we could have, the difference we want to see. We're so appreciative of those who are doing the work, and we are so grateful that we can help them do good, through our personal giving, and through the power of collective philanthropy. Thank you, WGC members and WGC grant recipients, for being the good we all want to see in the world.

*Ann Kaiser, Women's Giving Circle Chair for 2022*