

EAU CLAIRE COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION

Women's Giving Circle

NEWSLETTER
NOVEMBER 15, 2022

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

 December 6

Gift of Giving Breakfast

The Florian Gardens
7:30-9:00 am

[Register Here](#)

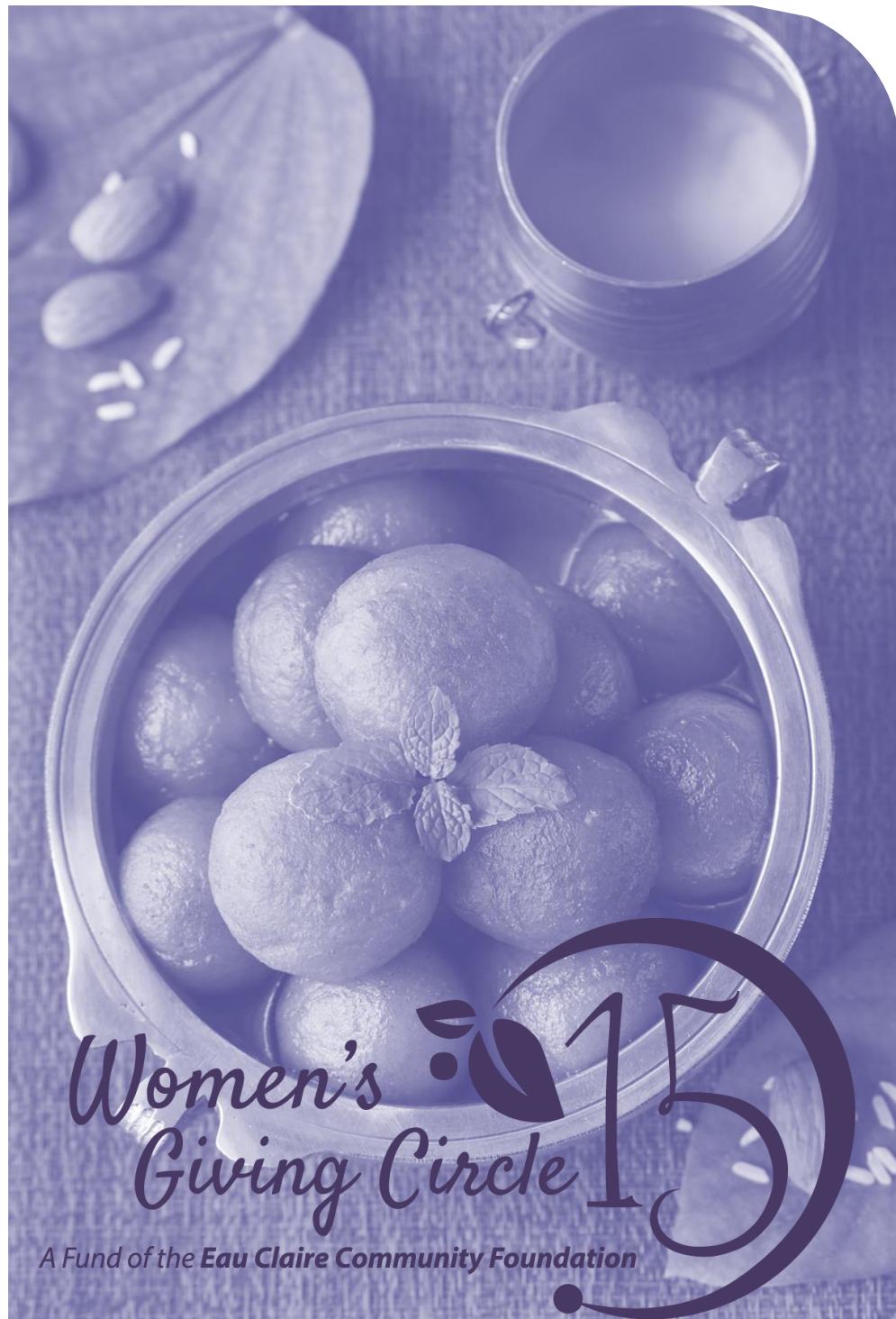
 December 13

Merry Mingle

Social Event to meet and
mingle with WGC members.
Bring a friend!

Flo Sheridan's Home
1226 Taft Avenue, Eau Claire
5-7 pm

No registration necessary.



EMPOWERING
THROUGH
PHILANTHROPY



REFLECTING WITH GRATITUDE

With just a couple of events left in the year, I'm looking back on 2022 feeling the collective love of our members and the collective impact on countless women and children in the Eau Claire area. If you ever wonder if what you do matters, think about how things would look differently if this didn't exist. Through WGC, hundreds of lives are touched and enriched, and new opportunities made possible. Well done!

Ann Kaiser, Women's Giving Circle Chair for 2022

The Joy of Community!



SO MUCH TO CELEBRATE!

The last three months have been filled with celebration and community. Here are a few highlights:

- ✿ On October 4, more than 40 WGC members gathered at River Bend Winery for our Fall Into Membership event, for amazing Fall weather, food, 'freshments, and fellowship.
- ✿ More than 100 members participated in the 2022 Annual Meeting, held at Hope Gospel Mission. Tours were available, a wonderful meal was enjoyed, reports were provided by our Circle Advisory Team chairs, and \$49,600 in grants were approved for distribution at the December 6 Gift of Giving Breakfast, setting a new record for the total amount awarded!
- ✿ WGC also celebrated our outgoing Circle Advisory Team members, who have led WGC initiatives for the past two years, and some for even longer. Many thanks to outgoing Past Chair Jennifer McDonough, Education Chairs Petey Ahneman and Ann Lamoureux, Grants Chair Jennifer Beckermann, Membership Chair Ami Christensen, and Social Media Chair Becky Schweinefus.
- ✿ Thank you to Hope Gospel and Riverbend for hosting WGC events!
- ✿ If you're NEW to Women's Giving Circle, WELCOME! Check out our social media channels below to see all the latest news and updates about our philanthropic community.
www.facebook.com/WGCEauClaire
www.instagram.com/wgceauclaire
www.linkedin.com/company/women-s-giving-circle-greater-eau-claire
- ✿ Be watching for the March Education Event, with the timely topic of childcare shortages.
- ✿ SAVE THE DATE: Spring Gathering is May 1 at Eau Claire Country Club

WELCOME!

New Members

Emily Berge, Sherry Crane, Melissa Madson,
Mary Race-Gooderham, Catherine Wildenberg

CONGRATULATIONS!

Lifetime Member

Karla Halloin



JOIN THE WGC BOOK CLUB

The WGC Book Club will meet on November 28 at 4:00 PM in person at the library or by Zoom to finalize our picks for next year's discussions. Contact Katherine Schneider at schneiks@uwec.edu for further details. We welcome new members!



GIFT OF GIVING BREAKFAST

You won't want to miss this annual Women's Giving Circle event that celebrates our newest grantees as they tell their stories and receive their grant award check. Invite a friend to inspire them to join WGC in 2023.

Tuesday, December 6

7:30 to 9:00 am

The Florian Gardens, 2340 Lorch Avenue, Eau Claire

[Register Here](#) or by calling the ECCF Office: 715-552-3801

SUPPORTING OPPORTUNITIES



2022 GRANTS APPROVED & CIRCLE ADVISORY TEAM ELECTED AT 2022 NOVEMBER 1 WGC ANNUAL MEETING

✿ 2022 Grants were approved totaling \$49,600

Chippewa Valley Free Clinic - Advancing Women's Health Services - Year 2 - \$7500

Chippewa Valley LGBTQ+ Community Center - Youth Engagement Initiative - \$6500

Family Resource Center - Reaching More Families with Triple P Positive Parenting - \$7500

Feed My People Food Bank - Childhood Hunger Program Expansion - \$7500

L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library - Laundromat Libraries - \$5600

Literacy Chippewa Valley - ELL Class with Childcare - \$7500

Professional Dental Hygiene Express - Bright Smiles - \$7500

✿ Many thanks to our hard-working Grant Reviewers and Grants Team members!

✿ The following slate of Circle Advisory Team members was approved by membership

Lacey Logslett, Chair

Jennifer Beckermann, Vice Chair

Amy Kalmon, Secretary

Education Team: Dawn Yarrington, Chair, Katie Myers, Co-Chair

Grant Team: Liz Spencer, Chair, Cheri Weinke, Co-Chair

Membership Team: Carol Gabler, Chair, Karen Kohler, Co-Chair

Social Media Team: Carla Leuck, Chair, Connie Harkness, Co-Chair

Ann Kaiser, Outgoing Chair and Nominating Team Chair



2021 WGC GRANT RECIPIENT

EAU CLAIRE CHAMBER ORCHESTRA FAMILY AND FRIENDS PRESENTS MOTHER GOOSE



A grant of \$4,200, from WGC helped support the Eau Claire Chamber Orchestra's 2022 free family concert, Ravel's Mother Goose, providing an opportunity for over 400 of Eau Claire's children and their parents to experience a professional classical music event with a ballet component in a state-of-the-art performance center.



2020 WGC GRANT RECIPIENT

CHILDREN'S SERVICE SOCIETY OF WISCONSIN – BUILDING FAMILIES

With a \$6,000 grant in 2020, Building Families was able to help ensure families served by the program were able to get many basic needs met. Building Families is a home visiting program serving families with children prenatal until the child enters kindergarten. COVID-19 added additional strains and challenges for families especially as many were already in poverty prior to the pandemic. Grant funding was used to purchase child-proofing safety supplies, diapers, wipes, backpacks, thermometers, gas cards, grocery cards, breastfeeding supplies, bedding, storage supplies to organize potential child hazards, winter clothing and activities to help alleviate the activity burden on caregivers that are having to constantly provide every activity for their child.



A FEW FINAL THOUGHTS

MANY THANKS

2022 was a banner year for WGC, and it would not have been possible without the A Team at the Eau Claire Community Foundation. You provide the structure, accountability and support to make all of this possible!

SPECIAL APPRECIATION

A special thank you to outgoing Past Chair Jennifer McDonough for her leadership, especially during the pandemic, and her mentorship to strengthen our leadership team.

AS ALWAYS

Many thanks to each of you for contributing to this community in the way that works best for you!

“Collective philanthropy and our endowment are powerful tools to help improve our community.” Ami Christensen, WGC Member and Membership Team Chair



Women's Giving Circle members enjoying the beautiful weather, company, food and beverages at the Fall Into Membership event at River Bend Winery on October 4.



A RICH COMMUNITY GETTING RICHER

I learn so much from every gathering of WGC members. Whether it's a social, a large group gathering like the Annual Meeting, or our Circle Advisory Team (CAT) monthly meetings, the thoughtfulness, intention and values each of us represent certainly have made my experience richer. You've broadened my perspective and changed my viewpoint.

But while we might benefit as individuals, WGC is about our larger community. The real reason we come together is to make the Eau Claire community richer for its women and children. Maybe we're removing a barrier. Maybe we're providing an opportunity for someone to have a new experience. Maybe we're listening to others and helping to do things in a new and more meaningful way.

For that, I am very thankful. Ann Kaiser, 2022 WGC Chair