

# Women's Giving Circle

A Fund of the **Eau Claire Community Foundation**



"Alone we can do so little,  
together we can do so much."  
Helen Keller

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### Wine, Women & Chocolate

June 19th at The Coffee Grounds

4:00-6:00pm - cash bar, appetizers and chocolate!  
Come join other members and their guests at this  
fun social event. Bring a friend or two!

Thank you to our sponsors: Martin Dental, Coffee  
Grounds and an anonymous sponsor.

Register here: [Wine, Women, & Chocolate](#)

## TOGETHER IN 2023

Happy Spring! It's only the very beginning of May, but  
we've accomplished so much together! The  
Education Team put on a wonderful event in March  
highlighting Childcare Issues in the Chippewa Valley.

The Grants Team updated the application and it's  
ready for the non-profits to complete. The  
Membership Team has scheduled some fun events for  
members and guests. The Social Media Team is  
keeping us all up to date!

## 2ND ANNUAL PUDDLEJUMP

On April 22nd, a group of WGC members  
got together to support Longfellow  
Elementary School by participating in the  
Jeannie Richie Memorial Puddle Jump  
run/walk. It was chilly, but a great time to  
chat, walk and support another great group  
in our community. This was the second year  
WGC members participated together. Next  
year, it will be our 3rd annual run/walk as a  
group! Come join us!



## SPRING GATHERING 2023

Together -over 100 of us- were able to celebrate this year's grant recipients at the Spring Gathering. We heard from the seven non-profits that are currently using WGC dollars to advance their missions. As always, there were tears and smiles as we learned more about these wonderful projects. Great stories from all the presenters! The grant dollars totaled \$49,600 this year! Thank you to all our sponsors: Gold-Becky Schweinefus with ReMax, Green-Xcel Energy, Silver-HyVee & Anonymous, Room Sponsor-Brewing Projekt.



## Education Event

On March 27th the Education Team hosted their annual event. This year the topic was: "Childcare Challenges in the Chippewa Valley." Speakers Chris Hambuch-Boyle, Janet Black, and Renee Ernsting presented great information on the challenges families face when looking for childcare and those providing the care.

Thank you to Frandsen Bank & Trust, plus 2 anonymous donors for sponsoring this event.

If you were not able to attend, you can view the recording here: [Education Event](#)



The Education Team will be working on planning next year's event later this summer. If you have topics, (or would like to help with the event), please reach out!

## Welcome New Members

Nicole Billings

Cindy Hofacker

Nancy Kerr

Melissa Kirschner-Scarseth





# More ways to be together

**Book Club - The WGC Book Club meets on the dates listed from 4-5pm at the LE Phillips Senior Center.**



May 22 - "The Girl Who Wrote in Silk"  
by Kelli Estes  
Discussion Leader - Mandy

June 26 - "The Other Einstein"  
by Marie Benedict  
Discussion Leader - Marjorie

July 31 - "Leaving Time"  
by Jodi Picoult  
Discussion leader - Marilyn

**"A book is a gift you can open again and again." Garrison Keillor**

## Looking Forward...Staying Together

As we move into the next part of the year, here's how we can continue to grow our circle and the amount we can give as grants next year and into the future!

- Donate to the Operations Budget (This allows us to plan fun social events!)
- Attend Wine, Women, & Chocolate on June 19th ([Register here](#))
- Gift a membership to someone - Mother's Day is coming up. Gift a membership to your mom, your daughter, someone who is like a mom or daughter to you. (Basically anyone that loves women and children!) [Join here!](#)
- Be an anonymous donor for an upcoming event (maybe being the "Green Sponsor" to help purchase items that can be recycled after our socials!)

## STAYING CONNECTED

[Facebook](#)



[Instagram](#)



[LinkedIn](#)



## Last Thoughts

Years ago I was invited to the Spring Gathering by a friend. I loved hearing the stories from the non-profits and seeing all the women in the room that had used collective philanthropy to accomplish this tremendous goal. I hope to see you at an event this year. Together we will continue to do great things here in the Chippewa Valley.

Jennifer Beckermann - WGC Vice Chair

"No act of kindness, no matter how small is ever wasted." Aesop