



GREENVILLE
WOMEN GIVING

About Greenville Women Giving

Since its founding in 2006, Greenville Women Giving (GWG) has given grants to 76 Greenville County non-profit organizations totaling \$4.8 million. Today there are over 550 active members, and more are welcome. GWG is open to all women who commit to donating \$1,200 per year for three years to the collective fund (\$1,000 for grants; \$200 for program and operations costs).

GWG began with the vision of one local woman, Harriet Goldsmith, and her “good idea” file where she had placed an article about Washington Women’s Foundation, a women’s philanthropic organization in Seattle, WA. Its organizing principle was that women, pooling their financial resources and giving collectively, could maximize their impact in addressing their community’s needs.

Harriet was intrigued by the idea and approached Bob Morris, President of the Community Foundation of Greenville (CFG) to discuss if the time might be right to begin such a venture in Greenville, and who might help her do it. Bob said yes, and recommended Frances Ellison and Sue Priester. Around Harriet’s dining room table, the three women began planning how to create a thriving philanthropic women’s group in Greenville.

They thought the idea would be appealing and talked with other women who agreed. CFG was celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2006, and offered a challenge which spurred on the effort: if they could recruit 50 members the first year, the Foundation would match those contributions with \$50,000 from the recently established Jean Harris Knight Fund at CFG. Mrs. Knight was a Greenville philanthropist who would have applauded the spirit of GWG. Harriet, Frances, and Sue seized the

opportunity and not only met the challenge, but exceeded it by 85 women. GWG was established as a special initiative of the Community Foundation, and CFG has continued its generous support.

GWG is committed to improving the lives of Greenville County residents by awarding high-impact grants ranging from \$50,000 to \$100,000 in five areas: arts and culture, education, environment, health, and human services. The grant process is democratic – one woman, one vote – and doesn’t stop with writing a check. A GWG member teams up with each grantee to ensure funds are spent appropriately and to assist with any bumps in the road.

For GWG members, collective learning is as important as collective giving. Through its widely respected Education Program, members and guests learn about community needs and opportunities. An added bonus is the camaraderie that members enjoy as they work and learn together to improve the place we call home.

In addition to its relationship with CFG, GWG is part of the Greenville Partnership for Philanthropy. Organized in 2014, their goal is to maximize the impact of philanthropy on our community by connecting grant makers to share their knowledge and best practices and to pursue collaborative opportunities for positive change.

GWG is also a founding member of Women’s Collective Giving Grantmakers Network, a national network of 44 independent collective giving organizations in 22 states. Founded in 2009 to support the creation and development of women’s collective giving nationwide, many GWG members actively participate in webinars and conferences.

To learn more about GWG, visit greenvillewomengiving.org



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2007

Clement's Kindness Fund for the Children	\$ 25,585
Conestee Foundation	\$ 29,453
Greenville Area Interfaith Hospitality Network	\$ 25,000
Greenville Literacy Association	\$ 27,000
Greenville Rape Crisis & Child Abuse Center	\$ 25,000
Loaves & Fishes	\$ 27,962
YWCA	\$ 25,000

2008

Camp Spearhead	\$ 26,000
Furman University Bridges to a Brighter Future	\$ 26,100
Greenville County Schools	\$ 35,325
Greenville Free Medical Clinic	\$ 25,800
Homes of Hope	\$ 25,000
Mental Health America of Greenville County	\$ 48,313
Metropolitan Arts Council	\$ 25,000
Naturaland Trust	\$ 13,962
Pleasant Valley Connection	\$ 36,500
YMCA Teen Services Branch	\$ 25,000

2009

Camp Opportunity	\$ 25,000
Center for Developmental Services	\$ 25,000
Foothills Family Resources	\$ 25,000
Graduate Greenville	\$ 50,000
Greenville Area Interfaith Hospitality Network	\$ 30,000
Greenville Literacy Association	\$ 29,000
Greenville Rape Crisis & Child Abuse Center	\$ 25,305
Loaves & Fishes	\$ 30,000
Phillis Wheatley Association	\$ 35,800
Safe Harbor	\$ 25,000
Speech, Hearing and Learning Center	\$ 25,000
Welvista	\$ 30,000
Habitat for Humanity: Women Build	\$ 26,895

2010

Greenville Free Medical Clinic	\$ 65,000
Meyer Center for Special Children	\$ 49,290
Project Hope Foundation	\$ 45,200
Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club	\$ 80,000
South Carolina Children's Theatre	\$ 40,000
Triune Mercy Center	\$ 45,000
United Ministries	\$ 48,000
Washington Center	\$ 23,810

2011

Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Greenville	\$ 43,742
Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Upstate	\$ 40,000
Camp Opportunity	\$ 49,540
Carolina Family Services	\$ 40,000
Clarity	\$ 40,000
The Family Effect Foundation	\$ 47,000
Greenville County Recreation Department	\$ 50,000
Senior Action	\$ 43,718
SC First Steps to School Readiness	\$ 60,000
Surgeons for Sight	\$ 40,000

2012

A Child's Haven	\$ 57,598
Camperdown Academy	\$ 36,813
Diligent Hands Gracious Hearts	\$ 43,500
The Generous Garden Project	\$ 52,882
Meals on Wheels of Greenville	\$ 46,998
Pendleton Place	\$ 79,367
Project Host	\$ 49,042
Public Education Partners Greenville County	\$ 100,000

2013

Allen Temple CEDC	\$ 35,697
Greenville County Schools Food & Nutrition Services	\$ 100,000
Greenville Literacy Association	\$ 56,600
Julie Valentine Center	\$ 46,777
Legacy Charter School	\$ 76,445
Mental Health America of Greenville County	\$ 59,300
Project Hope Foundation	\$ 45,748
St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School	\$ 50,000

2014

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Upstate	\$ 40,000
Catholic Charities, Diocese of Charleston	\$ 60,000
Faces and Voices of Recovery Greenville	\$ 60,000
The Family Effect	\$ 100,000
Greer Community Ministries	\$ 81,219
Metropolitan Arts Council	\$ 63,500
Meyer Center for Special Children	\$ 50,552

2015

Blue Tent	\$ 50,000
Center for Developmental Services	\$ 65,272
The Frazee Center	\$ 53,246
Generation Group Homes of Greenville	\$ 87,000
Harvest Hope Food Bank	\$ 100,000
Mill Community Ministries	\$ 61,000
Safe Harbor	\$ 49,700
Taylor's Free Medical Clinic	\$ 75,000

2016

Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Greenville	\$ 44,240
City of Greenville: Police Department	\$ 63,000
Friends of the Reedy River	\$ 40,000
Greenville County Schools: Washington Center	\$ 35,450
Greenville Free Medical Clinic	\$ 67,000
Greenville Literacy Association	\$ 59,158
Greenville Little Theatre	\$ 42,208
Meyer Center for Special Children	\$ 56,292
The Music Club of Greenville	\$ 73,242
Trees Greenville	\$ 40,000
The Turning Point of South Carolina	\$ 52,450
YMCA: LiveWell Greenville	\$ 7,210

2017

Alston Wilkes Society	\$ 45,756
Feed & Seed	\$ 34,854
Fostering Great Ideas	\$ 47,000
Mental Health America of Greenville	\$ 49,875
Project Host	\$ 100,000
Rebuild Upstate	\$ 52,000
South Carolina Children's Theatre	\$ 80,000
United Ministries	\$ 54,000
Upstate Forever	\$ 80,000
Urban League of the Upstate	\$ 70,000