

Dear GWG Members,

Spring has definitely arrived in Greenville County. It's great to see the trees and flowers begin to bloom. Everyone seems to have a little bounce in their step and there is positive energy everywhere. It's my favorite time of year!

And, there's lots happening with Greenville Women Giving:

**SAVE THE DATE: Thursday, May 20 at 5:30.**

Join the Co-Chairs as we come together virtually to learn about our 2021 grantees, carry out the annual business of our organization, and get a sneak preview of the plans for next year.

You'll be receiving your invitation and zoom link in May. If you're comfortable being with a few close friends, consider having a small "watch party" – and be sure to invite guests. Our annual meeting is a great way for potential members to learn about GWG.

**GRANT BALLOTS WILL BE SENT ELECTRONICALLY ON MONDAY, APRIL 5.**

You'll receive a full page description of every organization on the ballot. In addition, you will receive a link to access a narrated PowerPoint presentation for each grant request. **Deadline for voting is Friday, April 30 at 5:00 pm, no exceptions.** Remember you'll need to rank all grants on the ballot -- incomplete submissions are not able to be counted.

This has been a difficult time for nonprofits in all five of our granting areas. Many have dealt with lower donations coupled with increased demand for services. The \$50,000 grants they will receive from GWG are especially important. Our grant pool this year includes member contributions, designated funds from our operating budget that weren't spent because we didn't meet in person, plus a portion of the proceeds from our SHero campaign.

**THE DEADLINE TO HONOR YOUR SHEroes AND COVID SHEroes IS APRIL 16.**

Many of us have not been together, in person, with our friends and family for a year. Yet, we remain deeply grateful for the women in our lives who have guided us, encouraged us and empowered us. **They are our SHEroes.** There are also countless women who sustained our community during the pandemic – working to make our lives healthier, safer, and easier. **They are Covid SHEroes. They all deserve to be recognized.**

For a donation of \$50 each, you can honor them privately (a card is sent notifying them of this honor) and publicly (their name will appear in an ad in the May 7 edition of *Greenville Journal*). Click [here](#) for more information.

**MEMBERS ARE WHAT MAKE GWG SPECIAL**

The world changed and GWG members went into action in new ways:

- The Education Committee presented five fabulous Education Sessions fully on

Zoom.

- The Grants Review Committee evaluated 69 grant applications using remote discussions and remote site visits.
- The Grants Assessment and Special Events Committees worked in less visible ways, but made sure their responsibilities were handled in their usual first class manner.
- Special kudos to the Membership Committee who reinvented small events to make them work on Zoom as a way to tell prospects why they should consider joining GWG. And join they did! As of April 1, 47 women have become part of the Class of 2021 and 2 of the Class of 2022.

Thanks to all GWG members for your commitment to “growing a Greater Greenville”. I look forward to being with you (virtually) on May 20 and wish you a happy, healthy Spring!

*Diane*

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