



**GREENVILLE
WOMEN GIVING**

**2018-2019 ANNUAL
PROGRAM BROCHURE**

A SPECIAL INITIATIVE OF THE
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF GREENVILLE

12 YEARS OF IMPACT

Dear Friends,

Triskaidekaphobia? Not at Greenville Women Giving – no fear here! Quite the opposite, we are enthusiastically looking forward to our thirteenth year of giving collectively, granting strategically and growing a greater Greenville.

In 2006, our three founders talked about this unique philanthropy concept, and within a year GWG had 135 members. We surpassed 500 in our tenth anniversary year, and are on track for 600 – making us one of the larger (possibly the largest) women’s collective giving groups in the country. But it really isn’t about being big. Size matters only because it allows us to expand our impact. And there is no doubt we have been impactful: 109 grants to 75 different non-profits for a total of \$5.4 million invested in our community in arts and culture, education, environment, health, and human services.

There are still many needs, and we are grateful to everyone who joined a committee to work on activities that will positively influence Greenville County now and into the future. While most of the committees focus on the present, two committees are working to ensure our future – Leadership Development and Endowment. You’ll be hearing more from them, as well as from the Visioning Committee led by Sue Priestler and Frances Ellison.

Each committee chair is a member of our board (vice chairs also serve as non-voting members). This brochure will introduce you to the dedicated women who are serving for 2018-2019. We welcome any and all ideas to make GWG better and more impactful. Feel free to contact anyone on the board. Their email addresses are in the Members Section of our website, greenvillewomensgiving.org.

Finally, we would be remiss if we didn’t say thanks. To the Community Foundation of Greenville for the important services they provide to us and their on-going support. To all of the companies who help offset our operations costs by becoming partners, sponsors, friends and supporters. And – most importantly – thanks to you, our members, for being part of Greenville Women Giving and joining us on a journey to prove that thirteen is, indeed, a lucky number.

*Maggie Diane
Emelia Janet*

Maggie Glasgow
mglasgow47@hotmail.com

Diane Perlmutter
dperlmutter@aol.com

Emelia Stephenson
emeliastephenson@gmail.com

Janet Sumner
jsumner@hotmail.com

GWG BOARD 2018-2019

CO-CHAIRS

Maggie Glasgow
Diane Perlmutter
Emelia Stephenson
Janet Sumner

SECRETARY

Susan Robbins

TREASURER

Debbie Stuckey

COMMUNICATIONS

Vicki Fowler

EDUCATION

Ginny Mitchell, Chair
Tommie Reece, Vice Chair

ENDOWMENT

Connie Lanzl, Chair

GRANTS ASSESSMENT

Kathleen Wall, Chair
Denise Sudderth, Vice Chair

GRANTS REVIEW

Beverly Ward, Chair
Rene Hutchisson, Vice Chair

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Susan Cinquemani, Chair
Laura Moore, Vice Chair

MEMBERSHIP

Sue Fisher, Chair
Karyl Woldum, Vice Chair

SPECIAL EVENTS

Magaly Penn, Chair

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE

Roselle Bonnoitt
Deshia Leonhirth
Suzanne Sanders
Tiby Weinstein

FOUNDERS

Frances Ellison
Harriet Goldsmith
Sue Priestler

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION LIAISON

Gina Blohm

MEET YOUR BOARD

With the exception of our wonderful part-time administrator Melanie Dixon, GWG is a volunteer-led organization. And some of our hardest working volunteers are our board members. Take a few moments to get to know the fabulous women who will be leading us this year, their previous GWG involvement, and what they like best about GWG.

Board Co-Chairs

MAGGIE GLASGOW



- Class of 2008
- Education Committee (Chair), Strategic Planning Committee (Chair), Leadership Development Committee (Chair), Grants Review

• “My grandmother Elvira Brown (born 1899) always reminded her grandchildren to “brighten the corner where you are.” Greenville Women Giving simply radiates light when it comes to making our community a better place. I am proud to be a member and serve on the Board every single day.”

DIANE PERLMUTTER



- Class of 2012
- Membership, Tenth Anniversary Chair
- “As someone who is not from the area, I love the Education sessions where I learn about all of the good work being

done in our community and how Greenville leads the way in so many areas. Every session makes me prouder to be a Greenvillian and part of GWG.”

EMELIA STEPHENSON



- Class of 2007
- Grants Review (Chair), Grants Assessment (Chair)
- “GWG constantly teaches me new things! And the amazing women

I have met inspire me daily.”

JANET SUMNER



- Class of 2009
- Grants Review, Membership (Chair), Mentor
- “My time and money have never been better spent than those given to GWG.

What a powerful organization that affects change throughout our entire community.”

Secretary

SUSAN ROBBINS



- Class of 2012
- Education Committee (Chair)
- “When I joined Greenville Women Giving, I was drawn to its great contributions to the community and wonderful education

sessions. I have met talented women who share a spirit of giving. GWG is a unique organization. At first I was simply a member and attended the education sessions. But once I volunteered, I have enjoyed the organization even more. I am proud to be a member of GWG.”

Treasurer

DEBBIE STUCKEY



- Class of 2013
- Membership, Grants Review, Leadership Development (Chair), Finance Committee
- “One of the most informative and interesting discussions I’ve ever attended

was the Education Poverty Forum.”

Communications

VICKI FOWLER Chair



- Class of 2016
- Education Committee, Membership Committee, Grants Review Committee
- “My favorite GWG moment was having a grant (a Girl Scouts troop for homeless

girls) move through our committee to receive funding from GWG.”

“The generous grant **Project Host** received will enable us to finally **provide prolonged financial stability and work experience** to the graduates of the CC Pearce Culinary School.”

- Chef Tobin, Project Host

Education

GINNY MITCHELL Chair



- Class of 2014
- Grants Review, Education
- “The best part of GWG, of course, is getting to know the other women who care about our community and strive to “educate” other women to the needs and benefits of the Greenville community.”

TOMMIE REECE Vice-Chair



- Class of 2014
- Education
- “I was pleased with having organized our very timely program about foster care, Life in Limbo, which was so well received by our members.”

Endowment

CONNIE LANZL Chair



- Class of 2008
- Grants Review (Chair)
- “I originally joined because of the concept that was established by women that I so admired. GWG then opened my eyes to

the broader needs in the community and I realized our potential to uplift this community. I also enjoy using what I have learned in my career to help in those areas where it is applicable.”

Grants Assessment

KATHLEEN WALL Chair



- Class of 2013
- Education, Grants Review
- “It has been fantastic to learn about Greenville’s non-profits; and even better – the people I have met!”

DENISE SUDDERTH Vice-Chair



- Class of 2009
- Community Foundation Liaison, Grants Review (Chair)
- “New friendships built as we have worked together for our community are a treasure!”

Grants Review

BEVERLY WARD Chair



- Class of 2013
- Membership, Mentor
- “My favorite aspects of GWG are the diversity of the membership, its inclusiveness and the flexibility to be as

involved as you want (or schedules permit). Additionally, I love the knowledge gained by just being a member. I’ve learned so much about our community; more in the last 5-6 years than the prior 10 that I lived here.”

RENÉ HUTCHISSON Vice-Chair



- Class of 2016
- Special Events, Social Media (Chair), Mentor
- “I ‘found’ Greenville Women Giving as soon as I moved here in 2015. I

love being involved in different aspects of this incredible organization. I’ve also met some wonderful women and have learned so much about Greenville.”



MEET YOUR BOARD

Leadership Development

SUSAN CINQUEMANI Chair



- Class of 2013
- Grants Review, Grants Assessment, Mentor
- "There are many reasons I enjoy being a GWG member. I continue to be amazed

at the impact of collective giving – a group of women working together to fund important programs throughout our community. Through grant making, education, friendship, and collaboration with partners in Greenville, we work together to strengthen our community. I admire the talents and dedication of all GWG members and our partners."

LAURA MOORE Vice-Chair



- Class of 2016
- Grants Review, Member at Large
- "One of my favorite things about Greenville Women Giving has been learning about the needs that are

being met by non-profits in Greenville. As a Greenville native, I thought I had a good idea about local organizations, but I continue to learn more and more each year by serving on the Grants Review Committee."

Membership

SUE FISHER Chair



- Class of 2015
- Grants Review
- "A memorable grant for me was Save A Smile in 2014. GWG provides a forum to learn and make good friends."

KARYL WOLDUM Vice-Chair



- Class of 2011
- Grants Review (Chair)
- "Initially, I joined GWG to make a difference in Greenville County and to maximize the outcomes of my contributions to worthy non-profits. In fact, GWG gave me so much more!! I have come a long way in understanding the "hidden" Greenville through Grants Review, site visits and educational sessions. During this process I have also made many new friends."

Special Events

MAGALY PENN Chair



- Class of 2013
- Membership (Chair), Member at Large
- "I joined GWG because two women that I respect asked me to join. I enjoy the openness of the members in the organization. I have also liked learning about Greenville and all the non-profit organizations that GWG helps. The Ed sessions are amazing."

Members-at-Large

ROSELLE BONNOITT



- Class of 2016
- Grants Review, Finance
- "What I enjoy most about being a GWG member is the impact our collective giving has on the community. By giving

as a group, we're able to provide game-changer level gifts to organizations on an annual basis which I think is very exciting!"

DESHIA LEONHIRTH



- Class of 2017
- Grants Review
- "My favorite thing I have done with GWG was serving on the Grants Review Committee. I enjoyed presenting the

Alston Wilkes Society grant, which received funding."

SUZANNE SANDERS



- Class of 2011
- Grants Review, Grants Assessment
- "GWG is an organization I am very proud to be associated with. It is heart warming to see the significant impact we can have

in our community when we give collectively. I look forward to the great things we will accomplish as we continue to grow."

TIBY WEINSTEIN



- Class of 2011
- "My favorite Education session was on Recycling. I enjoy being a member because I continue to broaden my range of friendships as well as my knowledge

of the community."

Community Foundation Liaison

GINA BLOHM



- Class of 2015
- "I like being around women who care about Greenville and who are not afraid to speak up and let their voices be heard! It's like being part of a special group of movers and shakers."

Founders

FRANCES ELLISON



- Class of 2007
- Anything and everything
- "One of my favorite memories is of our first recruitment event, a luncheon at my house in June, 2006. Harriet made

chicken salad sandwiches. She, Sue, and I talked about the concept of collective giving, something we didn't fully understand ourselves at the time. We invited about 30 friends, and were astonished when 20 of them wanted to join! Obviously, they were all people that we already knew. Now, in 2018, my favorite thing is meeting all the competent, interesting women who've joined GWG that I did NOT know before, and probably would never have known, but for our common commitment to GWG and our community."

HARRIET GOLDSMITH



- Class of 2007
- The whole kit and caboodle
- GREENVILLE WOMEN GIVING... 12 YEARS...AMAZING! 3 Women to 500+ Women... STRONG

Support from Community Foundation...

SEAL OF APPROVAL!

60+ Awesome Education Sessions...

ENLIGHTENING!

109 GWG Grants Given to our Community...

LIFE CHANGING!

\$5,400,000 Total of Grants Awarded...

*****AWESOME!****

FRIENDSHIPS!... IMMEASURABLE!!!!

SUE PRIESTER



- Class of 2007
- Soup to nuts
- "I'm most proud of the numbers of women who have embraced GWG's vision and mission, and the time and effort they have contributed toward realizing these.

I like to say that Harriet, Frances and I started the organization by simply setting up and turning on the spigot of Greenville's giving women – you all poured through!"

“Your support has allowed us to **provide valuable services** to our community that **did not exist previously** and grow sustainable programs to serve our community on an ongoing basis. The support we received from Greenville Women Giving has not only been an investment in **NAMI Greenville**, but also an important investment in our community.”

- Ken Dority, National Alliance on Mental Illness Greenville

2018-2019 EVENTS

Guests are always welcome at education and signature events.

■ Signature ■ Members Only ■ Education

Fall Kick-Off

Thursday, September 13, 2018 • 5:30PM - 7:00PM
Greenville Hilton, 45 W Orchard Park Drive 29615

Join us as we begin our thirteenth year. Time to greet old friends and make new ones as Jasmine Road shares how they've already put our grant to work.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT - SOCIAL ISSUES ON STAGE

Tuesday, September 18, 2018 • 10:00AM - 11:30AM
Centre Stage, 501 River Street 29601

Theater is the perfect art form to address the social issues of today. Greenville is fortunate to have three vibrant local theaters with specific productions addressing social issues.

Glenda ManWaring, Executive Artistic Director,
Centre Stage

Mike Sablone, Producing Artistic Director,
Warehouse Theatre

Christian and Jenna Elser, Co-Founders,
GLOW Lyric Theatre

ALTERNATIVES TO JAIL

Thursday, October 18, 2018 • 5:30PM - 7:00PM
The Commerce Club, 55 Beattie Place 29601

The speakers will present opportunities to prevent "at risk" teens from going to jail, and helping recent offenders from returning to jail.

Jil Littlejohn, President and CEO,
Urban League of the Upstate

Sammie L. Stroud, IV, Greenville County Service
Coordinator, Alston Wilkes Society

HONEY, I SHRUNK THE TEACHER WORKFORCE

Monday, November 5, 2018 • 11:30AM - 1:00PM
Kroc Center, 424 Westfield Street 29601

A panel of three education experts will discuss South Carolina's growing teacher shortage and the reasons why we are "losing teachers at a rate faster than it can retain or recruit them.

Suzanne Billings, Teacher of the Year 2017-2018,
Greenville County Schools

Margaret Spivey, Director of Professional Employment,
Greenville County Schools

W. Ansel Sanders, Ed. L.D., President and CEO,
Public Education Partners

TRACKING THE PATH TO OPIOID ADDICTION

Wednesday, January 16, 2019 • 11:30AM - 1:00PM
Greenville Memorial Hospital, Medical Staff Auditorium
701 Grove Road 29605

Over the past twenty years, opioid use has skyrocketed, attendant addiction issues have grown and an "opioid crisis" has developed, even in our community. Learn about complex historical factors and multi-modal approaches necessary to combat this deadly epidemic.

Joshua Smith, MD, Division of Pain Management,
Greenville Health System

Jennifer Hudson, MD, Medical Director for Newborn
Services, Greenville Health System

Members Only Luncheon

Tuesday, February 12, 2019 • 11:30AM - 1:00PM
Crowne Plaza, 851 Congaree Road 29607

Our annual opportunity for members to shape GWG's future with new ideas and insightful observations. Always a member-favorite event.

IT'S GETTING EASIER TO BE GREEN

Thursday, March 28, 2019 • 5:30PM - 7:00PM
Younts Conference Center, Furman University
3300 Poinsett Highway 29613

Learn about cutting-edge practices happening now at Furman's David E. Shi Center for Sustainability and innovative initiatives on the drawing board for Roper Mountain Science Center.

Thomas F. Riddle, Assistant Director, Roper Mountain
Science Center

Laura Bain, Associate Director of Sustainability
Assessment, David E. Shi Center for Sustainability

Kelly Grant Purvis, Associate Director of Sustainability
Programs, David E. Shi Center for Sustainability

Ballot Wisdom for Members

Tuesday, April 9, 2019 • 5:30PM - 7:00PM
Furman University, Younts Center
3300 Poinsett Highway 29613

Learn about all of the organizations on the GWG ballot. Speak to representatives, hear details of the proposals, ask questions.

WALKING TOUR Environmental Innovation at Furman University

Wednesday, April 10, 2019 • 10:00AM - 1:00PM
David E. Shi Center, 3300 Poinsett Highway 29613

The team at the Shi Center for Sustainability will host a walking tour of the various environmentally sustainable components featured on the Furman campus. Optional lunch to follow.

Annual Meeting and Grant Awards

Tuesday, May 14, 2019 • 5:30PM - 7:00PM
Crowne Plaza, 851 Congaree Road 29607

The culmination and celebration of the GWG year! Join other members and guests for networking, followed by the announcement of the 2019 grant winners. We will also conduct GWG's official business and elect the new Members of the Board.



Getting More for Your Membership – How to Get Involved with GWG

By Sue Priester, Co-Founder

In this our 13th year, we are so “lucky” that we have such a compelling and appealing year of programs. Attending any of the events described in this brochure is one way to maximize the benefits of your GWG membership, but there are so many more.

All GWG activities are the products of our many committees, and joining one (or more!) is the ideal way to deepen your GWG experience. Interested in helping

plan our educational programs? Join the Education Committee. Want the “insiders” view of how grant applications are evaluated? The Grants Review Committee would love to sign you up. Our committee leaders and Co-chairs are developed through committee service, so if a leadership role appeals to you, committee work is the place to start. Look over the committee descriptions on the Member section of our website and email Melanie Dixon (GWG Administrator) at greenvillewomengiving@gmail.com

to indicate your interest or get more information.

If you have been a GWG member for awhile and would like to help new members learn about us, consider being a mentor. Again, email Melanie to sign up. It's a great way to make a new friend, or introduce one you already have to GWG.

And then there's the purely fun stuff – our GWG Strictly Social Events. Another way to make new GWG friends, and find new things to do in our community.

Helping to build a community that provides opportunity for all by supporting Greenville's non-profits is, of course, GWG's reason for being. But we have found that the relationships we develop with each other, plus all we are learning together, are the delightful by-products of our philanthropic work. We mean it when we say that GWG is a “no guilt” organization: the only membership requirement is your annual contribution. But we promise that active participation will be time well spent. We look forward to seeing you often!

PLEASE JOIN US

We invite you to join Greenville Women Giving in our journey of learning, working and giving together. Membership is open to any woman who commits to contributing \$1,200 per year (tax-deductible) for three years. Your donation is the only requirement to become a member, but the opportunities offered by membership are many.

For more information on how to join, call 864-361-1393, email greenvillewomengiving@gmail.com or visit greenvillewomengiving.org.



“ While the generous grant from Greenville Women Giving **helped jump start our campaign to build a Theatre Arts & Education Center for Children**, it also provided an important ‘stamp of approval’ from some of the community’s most influential and knowledgeable members. GWG’s financial endorsement of this project validates that the **South Carolina Children’s Theatre** is a great investment for our children and families. ”

- Debbie Bell, SCCT Executive Director

GWG Endowment Update

This year’s objectives for the two-year old GWG Endowment were to further inform our members and to find a way for all of us to participate in growing the endowment. In the first half of 2018, the endowment has grown by almost \$26,000 to \$50,106. Of that increase, \$9,700 was contributed by 98 of our members who honored close to 200 “SHEroes” who have made an impact on their lives. Donors made gifts of at least \$50 per honoree. A note of recognition was sent to the honoree or her family, and all of the “SHEroes” were listed in a two-page ad in *Greenville Journal* on the Friday before Mother’s Day.

Our next strategic goal is to grow the endowment to \$500,000 cash in hand by June 30, 2022 when we conclude our 15th anniversary. According to our policies, when we reach that level, the investment income will be available for use. By that time we will have concluded and obtained consensus on the process and policies for using that income. The bigger goal after that is to reach \$5 million in cash and planned gifts (e.g. bequests, insurance policies, trusts) by our 20th anniversary in 2026-2027.

So how do we get from \$50,000 to \$5 million? By raising awareness and funding through education, communications, creative giving opportunities, and conversations. This year, for example, the spring SHEro campaign will expand to let non-members honor women who have especially inspired them. We will also begin conversations with individuals and organizations that can provide perspective, expertise and advice as we consider how best to move forward. And – as we have done for the last two years – undesignated gifts to GWG (including honorariums and memorials) will be placed in the endowment unless otherwise specified.

More information about the endowment, including frequently asked questions, is available on the GWG website. The printed brochure is available at all GWG events and by request.

GWG Endowment Statement of Activity

10/1/2016 - 12/31/2016	
Bequests	\$ -
Donations	\$ 7,800
Income from investments	\$ 172
Expenses/fees	\$ (4)
Balance 12/31/16	\$ 7,968

1/1/2017 - 12/31/2017	
Bequests	\$ -
Donations	\$ 15,283
Income from investments	\$ 1,939
Expenses/fees	\$ (501)
Balance 12/31/17	\$ 24,689

1/1/2018 - 6/30/2018	
Bequests	\$ -
Donations	\$ 16,170
SHEro	\$ 9,700
Income from investments	\$ 270
Change in investment	\$ (513)
Expenses/fees	\$ (210)
Balance 6/30/2018	\$ 50,106

Grants Spotlight: Project HOPE

What do you do when your toddler stops babbling ... no longer looks at you ... engages in endless repetitions of a single action? This question is becoming increasingly prevalent as the rate of autism continues to climb. It is currently at 1 in 59 children. When autism is diagnosed, every family member is impacted.

In 1996, Lisa Lane and Susan Sachs experienced this sudden shift in their lives when each learned her son had autism, a diagnosis that was relatively unknown then. At that time, the rate of autism was 1 in 2,500 children. Very little information was available, and the few treatment options offered a discouraging prognosis. Through their individual search for services, they met one another.

Convinced there could be a path forward, these two dedicated and dynamic moms founded Project HOPE Foundation and a small preschool where children with autism and neurotypical kids attended classes side-by-side.

“There is nobody as determined as a mom with a child in need,” Sachs said. “You’ll do anything.”

Hope Academy started with 18 children. Twenty years later, its successful education model is nationally recognized.

The school receives frequent calls from parents willing to move to South Carolina in hopes of enrolling their children.

Greenville Women Giving has been instrumental in supporting the development of Project HOPE Foundation’s classroom models. In 2010, GWG funded the exploration of online curriculum with an onsite facilitator for students with autism who were unable to navigate a mainstream high school program. Over the years, this program has evolved to include the option of pursuing a GED credential.

In 2013, GWG supported the development of an ABA (Applied Behavioral Analysis)-based classroom, initially serving six children. Currently, Project HOPE Foundation provides nine ABA-based classrooms, spanning preschool through high school, incorporating both one-on-one therapy and classroom group learning into the school day. This model has generated attention from across the country and has been presented at both state and national conferences. This hybrid class has proven to be a springboard for numerous students with autism to shift successfully into mainstream public and private schools.

Project HOPE is the only organization of its kind in the Southeast. It has touched thousands of lives since its inception and currently serves over 230 individuals and their families every day.

Programs include:

- Applied Behavior Analysis (or ABA) therapy that builds skills and replaces problem behavior, delivered in a one-on-one setting, usually 25-40 hours each week.
- Tiered classroom options, ranging from preschool through high school, designed to deliver individualized educational services to meet each student’s particular needs.
- Adult services that incorporate targeting functional academics, building life skills, expanding interests, exploring new experiences, and creating vocational opportunities.
- Family and community outreach to educate and empower others to support those with autism in a variety of settings.

The conservative estimate for lifelong care for just one person on the autism spectrum is \$2.4 million.

GWG’s investment in this population has produced a financial return by saving millions of dollars in long-term care, as well as the immeasurable return of unlocking the potential of children on the spectrum.



For more information on Project HOPE, visit: projecthopefoundationsc.org



GREENVILLE WOMEN GIVING

a special initiative of
The Community Foundation of Greenville
630 East Washington St., Suite A
Greenville, SC 29601

Non-Profit
Organization
US Postage
Paid
Permit # 1663
Greenville, SC

GWG THANKS THESE GENEROUS COMPANIES

Partners



Sponsors



Friends



Supporters



Special Thanks to:



As of August 7, 2018

Welcome, New Members!

Kristin Bennett
Kelly Byers
Katherine Davis
Nicki Dillon
Amy Ryberg Doyle
Ramona Farrell
Mimi Jenko
Laura Martin
Lea Rohrbaugh
Cheryl Scullin
Lori Simon
Heather Smith
Beth Waggoner
Susan Weitzel
Nika White
Donnice Styles-Wilkerson
Brittany Wolff
Alicia Zmuda

May 1, 2018 - August 1, 2018