

Happy New Year!

In spite of the ridiculously cold (and rainy) weather and travel hurdles, I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays and was able to make lasting memories with family and friends.

As you may know, **The GWG Endowment** was created to support GWG's sustainability, a robust level of grant-making, and to allow our organization to respond to community needs that fall outside our traditional grant cycle. The by-laws require that the principal remains intact, and that all income is reinvested until the endowment reaches \$500,000.

We are kicking off this year with phenomenal news about the Endowment. Last month we shared that a matching challenge fund of \$35,000 has been established to help grow the Endowment. (Insert drum roll here!) We are now able to share that an anonymous donation in the amount of \$200,000, unrelated to the challenge fund, has been designated for the Endowment! The confidence and commitment this shows toward the work of GWG is truly thrilling. We are inching closer to our Endowment goal of \$500,000 and fulfilling the \$35,000 match should put us over the line. We are so grateful to all who are making this possible.

Also, please note:

- The **Grant Review Committee (GRC)** Kickoff is being held Thursday, January 5th. The 60+ member committee is divided into sub-teams and assigned grants to review based on our 5 focus areas of Arts, Education, Environment, Health, and Human Services. They will have their work cut out for them as they conduct deep reviews of the **71 grants** that were accepted this year.
- If you have not already, **please make your annual contribution** as soon as you are able. This will help us know how large the annual grant pool will be. If you are a member who is up for renewal, please submit your commitment form as well.
- The **Education Committee** has a wonderful session planned for Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, at 11:30am to 1:00pm (lunch included) at the Kroc Center with a "Spotlight on Human Services – Toward Food Security". This session will address causes of food insecurity and what is being done to fill the gaps and coordinate efforts. Guests are invited! Please click [here](#) to RSVP by January 10<sup>th</sup>.
- One of our most popular events of the year is right around the corner. Mark your calendars now to attend GWG's **Members Only Luncheon** on Wednesday, February 15th from 11:30am to 1:00pm at Thornblade Country Club. Watch the mail for your invite.
- The **Membership Growth Committee** hosted a number of events over the last six months resulting in impressive numbers. At last count, we had added **49** new members for 2023.

Thank you for all that you do for Greenville Women Giving and for all your efforts throughout the community! Wishing everyone a wonderful start to the New Year! Be safe, be well!

Sincerely,



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