

What a different world we are living in! This is not how I expected to start my tenure as a GWG Co-Chair. I'm saddened we weren't able to send Janet Sumner off in the manner she deserved, but know we all appreciate and admire her hard work as a Co-Chair. I have big shoes to fill. Thankfully, my fellow Co-Chairs have been patiently bringing me in as a partner, and introducing me to Melanie Dixon's talents which make it easy to get things done!

GWG members voted virtually and learned about the seven deserving grantees for 2020 remotely as well. We look forward to watching the meaningful work being supported with GWG funding. And despite COVID-19 limitations, it has already begun. A few highlights:

- The Greenville Center for Creative Arts, awarded \$84,183, has installed new flooring in the galleries, and the current exhibition can be viewed by appointment. Art classes will begin mid-July.
- The Julie Valentine Center, awarded \$99,225, has begun work on the Survivors Booklet, assisted by 3 clients and a professional artist.
- Soteria was awarded \$49,385.00. After learning about them from our grant, GWG member Nancy Meyers donated wood from her family's woodworking shop which will soon be made into furniture in Soteria's workshop.

In the past few months, committees have begun (successfully) hosting meetings virtually. As we near the start of Greenville Women Giving's fifteenth year, we are still dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic. We recognize that people are approaching attendance at events and participation in activities differently. Over the next few weeks, we will determine whether to hold events in-person or virtually. To ensure our decisions reflect a consensus of our members, we want your input. PLEASE TAKE [THIS SHORT SURVEY](#) BEFORE JULY 21.

Stay safe and be kind,
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