GWG Co-Chairs' Update - June 2026

What a Year It's Been!

On May 19th GWG members, guests and grantees met at Judson Mill to celebrate the conclusion of our 20th Anniversary. The highlight of this magical evening was the presentation of **$525,799** in grants to seven grant award winners:

Recraft Creative Reuse Center
Augustine Literacy Center of the Upstate
Blue Ridge Council, Scouting America
Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired of South Carolina (ABVI)
Feed and Seed Co.
Julie Valentine Center
United Way Greenville Together

Congratulations to the 2026 GWG grant recipients! Since 2006, GWG has awarded 166 grants to 96 non-profit organizations for a collective total of over $9.5 million.

We were saddened to have the originally awarded grant to Unity Health on Main returned to us after they made the difficult decision to cease operations due to unforeseen financial challenges. This resulted in a grant to United Way Greenville Together that was not initially awarded at the Annual Meeting. Read a **copy of our letter** to members with details.

Our grant awards video can be viewed **here.** We are updating information to celebrate the grant to United Way Greenville Together.

Additional Annual Meeting spotlights included:

- **GWG Endowment** has exceeded $1 million in donations
- **Good Idea Legacy Society** initiated in honor of founder Harriet Goldsmith, to recognize planned giving donations to the GWG endowment. Details coming this summer.

- **Proclamation** from the Greenville County Council was presented recognizing GWG's 20 years of impact in Greenville County, displayed here by Founders Sue Priester and Frances Ellison.

- **Thanks** to GWG members, both new and long-term who are the backbone of GWG's success

- **"Wings of Resilience,"** a beautiful piece of art by local artist, Sherrill Hill, was commissioned by GWG and presented to our parent, patron and partner, The Community Foundation of Greenville, in recognition of and thanks for our special connection.

  The artist's statement: *The logos of Greenville Women Giving and the Community Foundation are incorporated into the design. At the center of the butterfly are two helping hands, along with imagery of people lifting one another up. This reflects what they and Greenville represent — growth, community, and people supporting one another. Butterflies also symbolize women: our resilience, and the way we transform, change, and grow. Artist, Sherrill Hill*

View all photos from our 20th Anniversary Celebration!

What's Next

- Be on the lookout for the **GWG Annual Report,** which will be mailed in July. It will recap highlights of events during our 20th year, include dates for planned 2026-2027 activities, thank our board members and celebrate new members of the class of 2026 who joined this past year.
- **EOBO** and wine tasting on August 5th at the Cliffs Valley – please invite potential members. Invitations are in your Inbox. All are welcome!
- GWG's **Annual Program Mailing** will arrive in August outlining a wide variety of activities for 2026-2027.
- Join us on September 22, 2026 for our **Annual Kickoff** at the Greenville Convention Center. This is a perfect event to invite guests and potential members.

Special Notes

- **Committees** have been hard at work in planning for next year – it takes a village to engage our 500 members! **Thank you!**
- **Sponsors** are essential in helping us provide high quality programs. Please let Connie Lanzl know of any companies to contact

and discuss sponsorships for the upcoming year.

Special Note from Co-Chair Jane Pannier

Dear GWG members,
This marks the end of my four-year tenure as a GWG Co-Chair. It has been my great honor and pleasure to serve in this capacity. It has provided me with an opportunity to learn so much more about the needs in our community and how Greenville Women Giving and our non-profits work together to meet these needs. I have had the privilege to serve with some truly amazing and compassionate Co-Chairs (Susan Cinquemani, Mary Hipp, Beverly Ward, Jill Fivecoat, Connie Lanzl and Jean Hall), to be inspired by our founders (Sue Priester, Frances Ellison and Harriet Goldsmith) and to work with a host of dedicated board and committee members.

I believe strongly in the mission of Greenville Women Giving and thank all of you for letting me be a part of our amazing success story.

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