

Emelia's Email



May is a time of beginnings and endings in the GWG year. Under the stellar leadership of Chair Jane Pannier and Vice-Chair Jill Fivecoat, the Grants Review Committee finished its thoughtful and thorough analysis. Our members have completed their grant ballots. The counting is over and we are ready to announce our 2021 grantees. The organizations receiving our \$50,000 grants will begin a new chapter of their important work in Greenville County. So, if you haven't signed up to attend our **15th ANNUAL MEETING and GRANT AWARDS on Thursday, May 20th at 5:30 pm** click [here](#). Invite guests! And maybe get together with a few friends to have a watch party. The Zoom link will be emailed to all attendees on May 17.

May is the month we recognize the **SHeroes** in our lives. Today's *Greenville Journal* has a full listing of the 222 women honored as SHeroes and Covid SHeroes. Here's a [peek](#). Thank you to *all* who named SHeroes and wrote so eloquently about them. The funds raised in this initiative have been split between the GWG Endowment and our 2021 grant fund.

GWG was also showcased in a recent edition of *Marketplace Greenville*. The article gives a great overview of Greenville Women Giving and the many ways we contribute to our community. If you missed it you can read it [here](#). On the national front, our very own **Maggie Glasgow** has just been named Vice-president of the board of Philanos, the women's giving circle network. Congratulations Maggie. We are very proud of you!

With things beginning to return to normal, we are actively recruiting GWG members who will serve as **Greeters** at our in-person events starting in September. This is an easy and quick volunteer commitment. You can work at as many or as few events as you like, plus you get to see everyone who comes! We also need women who can be **Mentors** to our newest members. You will be matched with one new member, invite her to join you at events and be her guide through all things GWG. It's a wonderful way to welcome a newcomer and make a friend in the process. Let [Melanie](#) know of your interest and she will put you in contact with the Membership committee.

If you would like to show your GWG pride in a tangible fashion, this is the last call to order your **Greenville Women Giving t-shirts**. They are only \$11.50, so order several! Click [here](#), but do it soon. Orders close on **May 30**.

On a personal note I would like to welcome **Beverly Ward**, who will be replacing me as a Co-Chair. Beverly has served on the GWG Board in several roles and she will bring her considerable talents to the leadership team.

As I end my tenure I must say that it has been such a privilege to spend the last four years as one of your Co-Chairs. Diane, Mary and Susan are a pleasure to work with and have been the absolute best teammates. You, the members, have inspired me, amazed me and enriched my life beyond measure. I am so very proud of our organization and beyond grateful for this dedicated group of women who are truly growing a greater Greenville.

Best wishes for a relaxing summer and I look forward to seeing you in September!

Fondly,

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