GWG Co-Chairs' Update - May 2026

What's Next?

Annual Meeting: Concluding our 20th Anniversary of Growing a Greater Greenville. Tuesday May 19, 5:30 – 7:30 PM at Events at Judson Mill, 701 Easley Bridge Road, 29611. Join us for the big reveal - see who will receive GWG grants for 2026! Guests are welcome. RSVP **here.**
Parking has been expanded and a golf cart will be available to get you to the door.

New Member Social
Thursday, May 28, 6:00 – 8:00PM at Mainstream Boutique and Scarlet Tassel, 27 S. Pleasantburg Dr., Ste #100, 29607. New members for Classes of 2026 and 2027 have been invited to a Summer Style Event – a fun gathering to hear about "hot" summer wardrobes and to meet others who recently joined GWG. New members RSVP here.

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- Making spring wreaths at Madison & Co. during our recent Strictly Social event allowed members to create fanciful decorations.
- Grants Review Committee's hard work culminated on Presentation Day when the team reviewed amazing presentations and determined the 2026 Ballot. Presentations were moving and compelling.
- Attendance was strong at Ballot Showcase where members heard from the 16 organizations on the ballot and learned details about each grant.
- Thanks to Lena Doss for sharing her beautiful home where we welcomed guests to learn about GWG during an Each One Bring One Event. Erin Knight, Executive Director of Conestee Nature Preserve shared stories about the impact of three past GWG grants.
- GWG was honored to be chosen as the recipient of proceeds from the Thornblade Country Club and the Greenville Ladies Club's Spring Sip & Shop Market and Fashion Show. Attendees shopped with more than 20 vendors and enjoyed a spring fashion show that included GWG members. GWG hosted an information table and shared the excitement of GWG. Proceeds were added to the 2026 GWG Grant Pool.

Special Notes

Kudos to the Membership Committee for their hard work in adding 66 new members to the Class of 2026 and there are already 7 new members in the Class of 2027! Great Job!

Wanted: Someone Who Knows Their Way Around a Feed
Quick question: Would you consider making GWG social media as good as your own? The Communications Committee is looking for a member with an eye for content and a heart for this community. If that sounds like you, we'd love to talk.
Reach out to Committee Chair Tabi Cooper **here.**

Sponsorships work best with a personal connection. Please reach out to suggest names of potential sponsors for the 2026-2027 year. Sponsors are important to help maintain quality GWG programming. Please send info to Connie Lanzl **here**.

More Trivia: As promised, here are the next ten trivia questions and answers from the Members Only Lunch. Enjoy **here.**

Greenville Needs

Greater Good Greenville is an organization that facilitates conversations between nonprofit organizations and donors. GGG also collects, analyzes and provides information about the current philanthropic landscape in Greenville County. Durning GWG's March board meeting, GGG Executive Director Katy Smith summarized local challenges. Nonprofits serve many needs in our community and they are struggling. Needs have increased, donations have lagged the rate of inflation, and many nonprofits have seen federal and state grant funds dry up in the past year. This means nonprofits must do more with less. Your participation in and contribution to GWG is a very meaningful part of helping nonprofits deliver assistance

to those in need. We are grateful for your participation in Greenville Women Giving where you make a significant impact. We look forward to celebrating our 2026 grants with you and thank you for being a member of Greenville Women Giving.

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