

# Jottings from Janet



Hi Everyone!

I so hated that we weren't able to gather last week to celebrate with our 2020 Grant Winners. In true GWG fashion, however, we pivoted when faced with COVID restrictions and hosted our first ever "**Virtual Annual Meeting.**" GWG sponsor Brand In Motion Creative came up with the idea to interview grant winners by Zoom and saved the day. I trust you've seen the fabulous video by now, but in case you haven't, [click here](#).

We are so fortunate the Grants Review Committee had completed site visits when quarantine efforts started. **Hats off** to Grants Review Chair Rene' Hutchisson, Vice Chair Jane Pannier, Administrator Melanie Dixon and Co-Chair Emelia Stephenson, who developed a new way to create the ballot and put together a virtual Ballot Showcase so members had all the information needed to cast an informed vote. Now, more than ever, Greenville Women Giving's support is so important to our community.

You should receive the **2020 Annual Report** in a few days, which includes this past year's financials, a preview of the 2020-2021 Education Series, updates on past grants and more.

Our **2020 Fall Kickoff** is scheduled for September 17<sup>th</sup> at the Hilton Greenville. We plan to celebrate with our new grant winners in person!

And if you've been wanting one of our **new GWG t-shirts**, you have until Friday to place your order. Click [here](#) for the order form. You will be contacted at the end of May about delivery of your t-shirt.

On a personal note, **I'd like to welcome Mary Hipp**, who is replacing me as Co-Chair. Mary is a founding member – and board member – of GWG and has chaired both the Education and Membership Committees. She is a leader in Greenville's non-profit world and brings a wealth of knowledge to GWG.

I have so enjoyed being one of your Co-Chairs for the past seven years, but I 'm looking forward to spending time with a new granddaughter, traveling a bit more (fingers crossed), and attending GWG events with absolutely nothing to do! As I've said at so many of our recruitment events, I can truly say GWG has been the best possible use of my charitable time and money. It's an incredible group of women who make important things happen and I've enjoyed every single member I've met along the way.

Best wishes to you all on having a healthy, hopefully back-to-normal summer. See you in September!

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