

Dear GWG members:

As I write this letter, the splendor of autumn seems to be unfolding in South Carolina. I hope you all are enjoying the crisp mornings, leaves beginning to burst with color, time for cool walks, and maybe even apple picking. It is nice to have some certainty and beauty that comes with welcoming a new season.

**For Greenville Women Giving, this season marks the beginning of our 15<sup>th</sup> year!** Thank you to everyone who “zoomed in” for the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Kickoff on September 17<sup>th</sup>. We had **over 250** participants, including some who enjoyed socially distanced watch parties. What a fun idea as we begin our virtual Education sessions. If you were unable to attend the Kickoff, you can still celebrate the beginning of our year by clicking on this [link](#) to watch the recording.

During the evening we shared details of special actions GWG is taking in response to the pandemic, which includes a **donation of \$10,000** made to the Covid-19 Community Relief Fund. In a recent email from the United Way they shared that they “*appreciate how big a heart GWG has for the community and how you’ve helped the Greenville County Resource Line Call Specialist answer the 9,000+ calls from community members requesting emergency support in food and housing. Overwhelmingly the 1,000+ calls from August alone are individuals requesting housing assistance*”. Greenville Women Giving is glad to be able to join its community partners in donating to the fund which has already distributed over \$940,000 to 30 agencies in Greenville.

As we head into our 2020-2021 grants cycle, we recognize the challenges facing our local non-profits. GWG has adjusted the size and scope of GWG grants this year to support the core mission of organizations providing essential services in the Greenville community. **This is a great year to consider being part of the Grants Review team!** Your time and talent will have a great impact on the grants team and throughout the community. If you would like to learn more about being part of Grants Review, [click here](#) for a video clip by our own Jane Pannier, Grants Review Chair.

Although we cannot be in-person right now, there are many ways to stay engaged and connected. We had a great turnout on September 30<sup>th</sup> with over 90 participants attending the Emergency Flooding webinar. **There are two more virtual Education sessions this fall – Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>.** Watch for the invitations in your email.

You can also keep up with GWG through our social media sites where we spotlight grantees and post GWG and member news. Did you know our Facebook page has 1270 followers, our Instagram has 1250 followers, and our newest platform LinkedIn now has 73 followers? Consider following us and sharing our posts so others can learn about GWG. Click on the following links to go directly to the GWG pages: [Facebook](#) [Instagram](#) [LinkedIn](#) [YouTube](#) or you can find the GWG social media links on our website (icon links at the top of the page):

<https://www.greenillewomengiving.org>

There is still time to show your GWG spirit by ordering a **Greenville Women Giving t-shirt!** [Click here](#) to place your order. Your t-shirt will be delivered to your doorstep with contactless delivery.

**Thank you** to everyone who worked to make the Kickoff a great success and all who are focusing their efforts to bring our education sessions to you virtually. I continue to be amazed and humbled by the ongoing dedication and generosity of Greenville Women Giving members as we work together to positively impact our community.



Susan Cinquemani, GWG Co-chair



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