

Straight from Susan



Dear GWG members-

With the cooler temperatures and leaves bursting with color, it seems that autumn has arrived. I know that South Carolina will still see some warm days ahead but the crisp air announces the changing and welcoming of a new season.

For Greenville Women Giving, this season marks the beginning of our 16th year and our Sweet 16 celebration! Thank you to everyone who joined us for the Annual Kickoff on September 21, both in-person and via video sent out after the event. We had close to 115 attend in-person and have had 297 views of the video. We are grateful for the speakers who joined us to share their personal stories of impact in each of the five granting categories. Their stories helped us better understand the transformative impact and support GWG provides to the Greenville community through our granting. If you were not able to join us for the kickoff, you can still celebrate the beginning of our Sweet 16 year by clicking on this [link](#) to watch the recording.

As part of the Kickoff, GWG was honored to be recognized by the City of Greenville with a special proclamation. **September 21, 2021 was officially recognized by the city as Greenville Women Giving Day!** When asked about GWG, Mayor Knox White commented, ““Every citizen of Greenville is better off today because of the past 15 years of generosity and hard work of Greenville Women Giving. Their contributions to our community are beyond measure and I wish them every success in the years to come.” If you would like to read the Proclamation, it can be found on all of our social media (links at the end of this letter).

Many of our committees are also up and running with fun and informative events. The Education committee held their first Education event on September 28 at the Younts Center and also via Livestream. This Spotlight on Human Services featured speakers Merl F. Code and David Lominack who shared the mission and work of REEM (Racial Equality and Economic Mobility). If you were unable to join us, you can watch this very informative presentation and Q&A by clicking on this [link](#). **The next Education session is on Thursday, October 14 at 11:30am and is a Spotlight on Health: Adult Mental Health-Effective Solutions for Greenville’s At Risk Communities.** This in-person only event will have distanced seating and require masks. If you have not yet RSVP’d, please email gwgrsvp@gmail.com today so we have enough boxed lunches. Also, keep an eye out for your invitation to our other fall education session on November 11 as well as an education field trip to tour Gateway’s Clubhouse on October 26 and October 28.

The Membership committee has also been busy with neighborhood and Each One, Bring One (EOBO) events. If you know someone who is interested in GWG, there is another **EOBO on October 19 from 4:00-5:30pm**. Our Sweet 16 year is a great year to introduce someone to GWG! Consider joining us with a guest on October 19th.

We will also have our first **Strictly Social** of the year. On Wednesday, November 3, join us for a walk at Conestee Nature Preserve. This will include small guided hikes and lunch.

The beginning of the 2021-2022 grants cycle is quickly approaching! **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 Greenville County. It is a wonderful way to meet GWG members and learn about the non-profit organizations

in our community. If you would like to learn more about being part of Grants Review, click [here](#).

Thank you again to everyone who helped make our kickoff a great success and to all of our committee members busy working as we begin our Sweet 16 year of giving and learning together. And **thank you to each and every GWG member whose generous support and presence makes everything possible. You are an amazing group of women.**



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