



WOMEN'S GIVING NETWORK OF WAKE COUNTY

SAVE THESE DATES!

- Oct. 14 – Register for IMPACT Luncheon
- Oct. 21 – Cast your 2022 Grantee vote!
- Nov. 2 – Attend IMPACT Luncheon
- Feb. 2023 – Stay tuned for the Annual Meeting date

Dear WGN Members,

As we jump into a beautiful fall, we are excited to hold our **annual IMPACT luncheon IN-PERSON this year**. Please join us Wednesday, November 2 from 11:30am to 1:00pm at the [Dorothy and Roy Park Alumni Center](#) on NC State's Campus. Don't miss the highlight of meeting this year's grant recipients and hearing from one of our 2021 grantees! Register here [2022 Annual Impact Luncheon - North Carolina Community Foundation \(nccommunityfoundation.org\)](#) and please consider bringing a friend or two!!! The \$60 fee covers the costs of the luncheon. Thank you to Meg Croxson and the entire Grants Committee for all of your hard work to vet this year's organizations!

It was lovely to see many of you at our education event on September 12th, featuring [The Caring Place](#). They helped us better understand the challenges for working families with children who are facing homelessness. I re-confirmed that, thanks to your continued support of WGN, **our grants are providing direct benefit to our community!** Many thanks to new mom and Education Committee Co-chair [Hannah McGrath](#) for organizing this event!

I am pleased to share that [Cynthia Rowe](#) will succeed me as president of WGN starting in January of 2023. Cynthia is a warm, generous, and collaborative leader who has served on our Grants Committee for the last three years. She brings new ideas for growing WGN membership and increasing our granting pool to further our mission in support of women, children and families in Wake County. I will remain on the Leadership Committee as immediate past president, with the primary role of reassessing our activities, volunteer participation, and support from the North Carolina Community Foundation.

As always, we strive to provide you with INSIGHT and INSPIRATION with the hopes that our collective efforts drive a greater IMPACT than we could have done alone!

Yours in service,

Amy Pirozzolo





Grants Committee Process and Voting

The depth and diligence of the **WGN grants process is what differentiates WGN** from other giving circles. Read on to see how the process works.

Our four-stage process begins in May when applicants submit letters of inquiry (LOI) for review by the Grants Committee. From there, advancing organizations submit a full grant application, and after careful consideration, the committee chooses semi-finalists. In September, teams of three Grants Committee members traveled to conduct site visits at these organizations.

After two years of site visits via Zoom, we were excited to return to in-person visits this year. Reviewing and comparing comprehensive summaries, we had the difficult task of selecting the 2022 finalists. **Our ballot presents a variety** of organizations including start-ups and experienced non-profits, general operating support and project/program funding requests, previous grantees and never-funded-by-WGN organizations. **The work they perform addresses issues across the gamut** - family support for special needs challenges, women and children's health, critical legal services, fully inclusive education, and multi-generational prosperity. We are confident that all of **these organizations support the WGN mission.**

Look for the October 7th ballot link email from Katie Crumpler (kcrumpler@nccommunityfoundation.org), or take a moment to vote right now before the **October 21st noon deadline** using this link:

[Click Here To Vote](#)

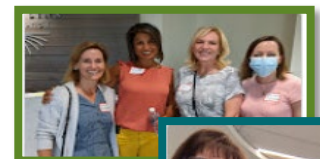
In-Person Education Program Featuring 2021 Grantee: The Caring Place

WGN members were treated to a personal introduction of the heartwarming accomplishments of their third featured 2021 Grantee: [The Caring Place](#). It was held in person at the North Carolina Community Foundation's Board Room for the first time since the pandemic.

The panel and video presentation were preceded by a social half-hour that also offered refreshments. **All WGN members in attendance were reminded how valuable and fun it was to safely interact in person with The Caring Place panel.**

The Caring Place's longtime Executive Director Leslie Covington told WGN members that **The Caring Place serves working homeless families with children who are experiencing homelessness** by teaching life skills for attaining independent living while providing short-term housing and support services to address their individual needs. Ms. Covington's enthusiasm for their success was enhanced by Debalina Chatterjee, Graduate and Children's Program Coordinator, and by client Charlene who, with her four children, benefited from The Caring Place's services to successfully navigate their difficult period of homelessness.

WGN members were profoundly touched to learn how their funds were being so well-used to improve the lives of Wake County women and children. The dynamic panel brought to life the desperate situations families can find themselves in, at no fault of their own, and the tangible and immediate improvement The Caring Place offers to them.



Strategic Planning for your Charitable Giving

In an article she wrote for the Triangle Business Journal, **Jennifer Tolle Whiteside, President of the North Carolina Community Foundation, discussed how to have optimal impact with your philanthropy.** She explains that you should **identify your passions and understand how your life experiences drive your values.** Your definition of impactful giving might reflect your interaction with organizations as a recipient or volunteer. Or it could be influenced by discussions with family members as you develop a budget, timeline, and strategy for gifting. The key is for you to establish a charitable giving plan that meets your definition of success and also leaves room for crisis donations. Ms. Whiteside suggests you stay true to your values, so your plan has long-term meaning.

If you have a TBJ subscription, you can view her article with this link: [Triangle Business Journal Link](#)



GOOD NEWS exists so let's celebrate! If you have updates, good news, accomplishments, milestones, etc. to share, we want to hear about it! Send them to KristenTKiernan@gmail.com.

New Members

Thanks to Members introducing their friends and colleagues to WGN, we are excited to **welcome seven new members to WGN!** The Membership Committee has spent the year focusing on connecting with our amazing members, as well as attracting new women to join this incredible organization. Several new members attended Member orientation with our committee leaders to learn how the organization works and ways to get involved. We look forward to seeing our Members and Prospective Members at the IMPACT Luncheon in November!

If you have not renewed your membership for the upcoming grants cycle, please click on the following link. It is \$1200 for a one-year WGN Membership and \$600 for a one-year WGN Junior Membership.

[Click here to renew your membership](#)

WGN Impact

Your opportunity to **vote for 2022's Grantees is still open!** Be sure to **cast your vote by noon on October 21st.**

[Click Here to Vote](#)

It's not too late to **register and attend the IMPACT Luncheon (deadline is Oct. 14th).** We hope you join the many members who already signed up to learn who will be awarded 2022 Grants, to hear from an *amazing* 2021 Grantee, and to reconnect with WGN members!

[Click here to register for IMPACT Luncheon](#)

Leave Your Legacy

It is never too soon to consider your legacy, and where WGN can fit. As Jennifer Tolle Whiteside shared in The Triangle Business Journal noted above, create a plan that aligns with your values. If you are considering legacy giving, WGN members have access to a special benefit.

You can contact Kathryn Holding, NCCF's Vice President of Development and Donor Engagement for a free consultation to discuss any questions you have about charitable giving, even if your plans do not include WGN. Take advantage of this amazing resource by contacting her at kholding@nccommunityfoundation.org or 919-256-6932.

Leadership Contact Information

If part of your reason for joining WGN is to **meet new and like-minded women, now is the time to reach out!** Whether you want to connect over a coffee or play a role at an upcoming event, we want to hear from you. Please reach out to anyone on the leadership team for more information:

- President: Amy Pirozzolo (amy.pirozzolo@outlook.com)
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