



# Anne Arundel Women Giving Together Newsletter

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For a 2010 Membership-  
Donation Form, go to  
[www.givingtogether.org](http://www.givingtogether.org)

## Important Upcoming Dates

June 9  
2010 AAWGT Grants  
Showcase

June 24

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times." With appreciation to Charles Dickens, we now find ourselves in similar circumstances, but can proudly say that we are contributing to the best of times. On May 12, 91 AAWGT members voted to award \$65,300 to eight non-profit organizations that are improving the quality of life for Anne Arundel County women and families. Our giving for the past four years now totals \$226,000 to 25 deserving grantees!

We wish we could do more: of the 39 proposals received, we could fund only 20% of the \$300,000 in requests. *The Capital* reports that reduced revenues for the City of Annapolis, Anne Arundel County, State and U.S. have caused four consecutive years of drastic cutbacks and have especially affected the nonprofit funding for a variety of social service, health and housing programs.

We're all in this together. So, as important members of our County's philanthropic community, please help share our vision with more friends and neighbors. In that way, we can grow the membership of AAWGT, raise more funds for our 2011 grant cycle and continue to support the vital work that the nonprofit sector is contributing to our community's wellbeing.

**Please join us on Wednesday, June 9 from 7-9 pm at St. John's College** for our Grants Showcase where you can meet our 2010 grant recipients and hear them share the highlights of their commendable proposals!

Regards,  
Lynne Davidson, President  
Bronwyn Belling, Vice President



Women's Wine & Dine  
Event  
Fleet Feet, Annapolis

June 29  
Wine and Cheese  
Reception for New  
Members

June 30  
AAWGT Book Group  
Discussion

July 10  
Steering Committee  
Retreat

**Welcome New  
Members!**

Kathleen Adams  
Brenda Anderson  
Susan Barrett  
Judith Coughlin  
Gail Smith



**Announcing 2010  
AAWGT Grantees!**

Anne Arundel County  
Literacy Council  
*Tutor Training  
Workshops*

The Arc of the Central  
Chesapeake Region  
*Family Support Services*

## → AAWGT Membership Survey - It's Not Too Late!

In July of each year, AAWGT's Steering Committee convenes for our day-long annual retreat. The group of 21 Officers, Committee Chairs and Assistant Chairs takes the opportunity to look backward and forward, evaluating our successes and shortcomings from the past year, discussing lessons learned and thinking "outside the box" about what we hope to accomplish in the year ahead. An important piece of this is the membership survey we asked each of you to complete - if you haven't completed one, please email [giving@givingtogether.org](mailto:giving@givingtogether.org) and we'll send you a copy. Thanks for your honest input and priceless feedback that will help us make AAWGT the best that it can be!

## → AAWGT Website: "Members Only" Member Directory is Launched

AAWGT members now have access, through our newly refreshed and enhanced website at [www.givingtogether.org](http://www.givingtogether.org), to password-protected pages available to members only. This section of the website now provides confidential contact information for 2009-2010 members to be used only for AAWGT purposes. Please log on to view your listing and verify that your contact information is valid. We encourage you to upload a photograph of yourself as well to help us all recognize one another better. If you did not receive login instructions, send an email to [giving@givingtogether.org](mailto:giving@givingtogether.org) with the subject Member Login and we'll share the specifics with you by email reply.

Thank you!

## → Meeting Recap - May 12 Grants Vote

Thanks to the Grants Committee and the Reviewers subcommittees for their hard work throughout the year that has successfully yielded \$65,300 in grants to 8 organizations serving women and families in Anne Arundel County. All in all we had more than 90 members participate in voting on the newest grantees and look forward to hearing about these organizations' programs at the June 9 Grants Showcase.

The Committee would also like to thank Martha Blaxall, who

Arundel Lodge  
*Latina Outreach Project*

Eastport Girls' Club  
*After School Program*

Food Link  
*Wholesale Produce  
Distribution*

Partners In Care  
Maryland, Inc.  
*Repairs with Care*

Robert A. Pascal Youth  
& Family Services  
*Stop the Violence*

St. Philip's Family Life  
Center  
*Extended Educational  
Enrichment  
Experience*

reviewed the applicants' financial statements, the AAWGT members who voted in making the final decisions, and, a special thanks to the YWCA for generously hosting us for this important once-a-year meeting!



YWCA Executive Director, AAWGT  
President & YWCA Board Chair



Former and Current Grants Committee  
Leaders

## → Time to Renew Your AAWGT Membership

For 2010, we have 126 paid members, including 37 new members. If you have not yet renewed your 2010 membership, please send your check as soon as possible to Barb Novak. (See [www.givingtogether.org](http://www.givingtogether.org) for form and address.) If you have questions about your membership contribution, please feel free to call Treasurer Barb Novak at (410) 224-2528.

## → Save these dates!

Wednesday, June 9, 7:00-9:00 pm

### 2010 AAWGT Grants Showcase

Location: Francis Scott Key (FSK) Auditorium, St. John's College

#### Thursday June 24, 7:00 pm Women's Wine & Dine Event to Benefit AAWGT

Location: Fleet Feet Sports, 318 6th Street, Annapolis, MD  
With Special Guest - Alicia Rodriguez of Sophia-Associates who will help demystify how to put one's "*Best foot Forward in Situations of Leadership*"

Tickets \$38 for WW&D members/ \$40 for non-members. To register [click here](#), or for more information, call Pilates of Annapolis at Excel: 410-897-0550.

**Tuesday, June 29, 5:30 to 7:30 pm**  
**Wine & Cheese Reception for New AAWGT Members**  
Location: Home of AAWGT Leadership Development Chair Kathy Brooks, 3423 Hidden River View Rd, Fishing Creek Farm. New members, look for an invitation.

**Saturday, July 10, 9 am to 3 pm**

**Steering Committee Retreat**  
Location: Maryland Hall, - agenda to come!

For all Steering Committee members and representatives

**July - Dates TBD**  
**Habitat for Humanity Women Build - more info to come!**



### Member Sponsorships Now Available!

*Funded in part by M&T Bank*

We now have \$2,000 in funds available to support women interested in receiving financial assistance for part or all of their annual membership fee - the only requirement is that they have an interest in being an active member and helping to improve our organization. For information on this new program and opportunity, see [www.givingtogether.org](http://www.givingtogether.org) or email [giving@givingtogether.org](mailto:giving@givingtogether.org)



### Business and Committee Updates

**Education & Program Committee:**  
How You Can Help! Have you read a book or article that you would like to share and discuss with other members? Do you have a passion to learn more about specific issues that affect women and families? The Education & Programs Committee

