LIFTING Each Other Up















Letter from the **President**

Each year, our annual report gives us the opportunity to look back and reflect on the many efforts and tremendous generosity of our Members. Guided by our mission to improve the lives of women and girls in Northeast Florida, and inspire women to be strategic philanthropists, there is so much to be proud of.

In 2019, we awarded \$505,949 in grants, bringing our three-year investment in breaking the cycle of female poverty to \$1.5 million. Pooled together by 466 Members, this amount is incredible. It truly illustrates the power of collective giving. We also raised new awareness for the challenges that women and girls face, and have established WGA as a valuable resource for the community, media and lawmakers.

A recurring thread throughout the year is the clear role that strategic philanthropy plays, both in the day-to-day operations of WGA and in the personal philanthropy of our Members. Through WGA, we learn—and put into practice—what is truly important. Our giving goes beyond financial resources to include time, experience, connections and thoughtful planning in all that we do. Not only are our Members committed to WGA, they are dedicated to other organizations, and offer guidance to others on how to give strategically.

Thank you to each of you and let's keep the momentum going! We have much to learn and celebrate in our focus area and in our personal philanthropy. I am grateful to be with you all on this journey.

With warmest gratitude,

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Mary Pietan, President

STRATEGIC in Our Giving

At WGA, we envision a world in which all women and girls can reach their full potential and live healthy, enriching lives. We work to improve the lives of women and girls in Northeast Florida, while inspiring women to be strategic philanthropists.

Strategic philanthropy creates an impact greater than the actual dollars or time invested. We leverage a variety of tools and resources to address root causes and develop solutions that create lasting change.



COLLECTIVE GIVING: Pooling hundreds of individual gifts and collectively deciding when, where and how grants are awarded



RESEARCH: Talking with women, girls and the agencies that serve them to uncover needs and insights



GRANTMAKING: A rigorous process based on our "one Member, one vote" principle and the talents of our 75+ Grants Committee Volunteers



EDUCATION: Programs that expand the knowledge of our Members, policy makers, the media and the general public



ADVOCACY: Influencing public policy through non-partisan activities that relate to WGA grantmaking



Lifting Women & Girls Out of Poverty

In 2019, we entered our third year focused on breaking the cycle of female poverty through intervention and prevention. While poverty is complex and challenging, we are making progress. Together with nonprofits, the media and our community, we are fulfilling basic needs, disrupting crises before they take hold and increasing public awareness and understanding. In just the first two years, we have invested \$1.5 million in this effort.

In a 2019 grant to First Coast No More Homeless Pets, WGA was able to invest in a 6-month vocational training program aimed at assisting unemployed and underemployed women find a career path.

After completing the Vet Tech Education & Employment Program, the graduates can pursue jobs as veterinary techs in hospital and clinical settings.

WGA ENDOWMENT FUND Since WGA's beginning, members have set aside a portion of each annual membership investment to our endowment fund to support women and girls in perpetuity. Today, that fund exceeds \$4.1 MILLION and includes 58 WOMEN who have endowed their membership in perpetuity as WGA Legacy members.



"Ever since I started working here it has been like a dream come true. I have learned so much over the few months as a Vet Tech and Kennel Tech. I never thought I would get to this point in life to have the opportunity to work around such good people and to make sure all of our patients and their humans are healthy and happy. Everyday I wake up I am excited about the day ahead. I am absolutely grateful for this opportunity and I wouldn't give it up for anyone."

- Sonnia, Veterinary Technician Education and Employment Program Student





Since inception, WGA has awarded more than \$6.5 MILLION to more than 59 NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS in Northeast Florida serving women and girls. More Than \$6.5 MILLION Total \$600K \$500K \$400K \$300K \$100K \$100K \$100K \$200K \$300K \$400K \$400K \$300K \$400K \$

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In 2016, WGA partnered with other statewide funders to commission research from The Institute of Women's Policy Research (IWPR). The county-by-county review of the status of women and girls has helped to guide WGA's grantmaking decisions.

Read the reports at wganefl.org/research.

2019 Grantmaking

Since inception, WGA has awarded more than **\$6.5 MILLION** in grants. The following 2-year grants were awarded in 2019:

\$120,000



Comprehensive case management and financial support to transform the lives of single mothers and their families through education

\$50,000



Wraparound legal advocacy to disrupt the school-to-prison pipeline for at-risk girls

\$78,614



Vocational veterinary technician training for unemployed and underemployed women in low-income areas

\$100,000



Wraparound services and rental assistance for homeless women who have been treated for substance use disorder and cooccurring mental health disorder

\$45,243



Emergency assistance to help women avoid life-altering crises, with grantees repaying microgrants by completing service hours

\$40,000 St.

St. Gerard Campus

Comprehensive services to meet the critical needs of homeless and pregnant teens

\$72,092



Free health care and screenings to employed women who earn too much to qualify for public assistance yet struggle to afford the basic cost of living needs

WGA YEAR IN REVIEW





ADVOCATING for Affordable Housing

In the past, WGA has successfully advocated against human trafficking and for the end of child marriage. In 2019, our focus was affordable housing. Members traveled to Tallahassee and met with legislators over the summer to establish relationships and address the need for affordable housing.



OPENING OUR EYES to Poverty

Talking with women and girls, and learning from those on the front lines, WGA Members gained a better understanding of poverty issues. Events such as the United Way Poverty Simulation, Women in Business presentation, grantee site visits and a tour of the New Town neighborhood helped to illustrate challenges and solutions.



INSPIRING Strategic Philanthropy

to become strategic philanthropists. Members

apply a strategic framework in advancing WGA's

WGA shares tools and resources to inspire women







A FRONT-PAGE FEATURE on Mental Health

The Florida Times-Union's feature on WGA's 2012–2018 mental health work brought new attention to mental health issues in our community. It also showcased WGA's effective use of different types of capital (social, moral, intellectual, reputational and financial) for maximum impact.

"It is certainly not necessary to have a family foundation to start a family tradition of charitable giving. It could be as simple as involving a child or grandchild in presenting a gift to an organization they care about. Or to have them alongside you as you volunteer. This gives the young family member the satisfaction that they are part of giving back to their community." — Carol J. Weldon, WGA Legacy Member





Social IMPACT Pool

Thoroughly vetted by The Community Foundation and WGA Finance Committee, the Social Impact Pool seeks to align social and environmental benefits with long-term market-rate returns. Thus far, returns on a portion of WGA funds invested in this new pool have matched or done better than the traditional investment funds.

3 NEW Legacy Members

WGA created the lifetime Legacy
Membership in 2010.
Nearly a decade later, 58 of our Members are Legacy Members.
Three created a lifetime endowment in 2019, ensuring WGA's work will continue far into the future.



GAINING STRENGTH IN NUMBERS

2019 Members, Founders, Leadership & Growth at a Glance

Judy Addison

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Jennifer Brown

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Mary Ann Bryan Cecilia A. Bryant

Lee Ann D. Buchanan

6 | Women together... changing lives

Debbie Buckland

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Rushton Haskell Callaghan

Susan Callender

Elizabeth Calvert

Alyce Diane Cannon

Kay Carn

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Giselle Carson

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MEMBERSHIP GROWTH

As WGA membership grows, so too does our ability to expand our reach and impact.



466 MEMBERS

WGA now includes more than 460 members, including 50+ members aged 40 and generation of WGA leadership. All members make an annual investment of \$1,500.



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You are the **HEART** of WGA

From our grants pool to our volunteer-led governance, grantmaking, advocacy, educational events, communications and more, WGA is built on Members' contributions of time, treasure, ties and talent. We welcome all women who want to make a difference in the lives of women and girls in Northeast Florida. With "one Member, one vote," everyone has the same voice, regardless of total giving.



JOIN US

WGA is comprised of more than **466** women living in Northeast Florida and beyond. When you join WGA, you bring a unique perspective and set of experiences that enrich our organization and improve our work.

Annual Membership Contributions Gifts Annual Membership Contributions Member-Priven Grants Decision Process Grants Awarded To Agencies Benefiting Women & Girls In Northeast Florida

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

Nowhere else can a relatively modest gift do so much to assist local nonprofits and the women and girls they serve. Each year, your annual gift of \$1,500 has the impact of more than \$500,000. All gifts to WGA are tax-deductible.



DELORES BARR WEAVER 4SIGHT PROGRAM (40 & Under)

Women 40 and under are the future of WGA. With the Delores Barr Weaver 4Sight Program, emerging philanthropists can take part in strategic giving and engage with like-minded women at a discounted membership of \$750 for the first year.

LEGACY MEMBERSHIP & ESTATE GIVING

WGA Legacy Members ensure WGA's work will endure forever. Give today by establishing a legacy endowment in your name, or give tomorrow by establishing a planned gift. Creating a Legacy Fund ensures your annual gift to the grant pool will continue forever.

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Inspiring women to be **strategic philanthropists** and **investing** in the lives of women and girls in Northeast Florida.

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