STRONGER TOGETHER

2021 ANNUAL REPORT



It is uromen helping uromen we truly are changing lives."

Barbara Harrell WGA Member



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Jan Healy

LETTER

We are enriched by the Women's Giving Alliance, the passion of our members, and the honorable nature of our work. From our beginning twenty years ago, the collective spirit and energy of the WGA has been driven to improve the lives of women and girls in Northeast Florida. 2021 was no exception. United in our efforts and our belief in the power of positive change, we awarded a record \$580,000 to our non-profit partners. We enable them to enhance the opportunities for women and girls, lifting up and looking upward with enduring solutions. It's been quite a 20th anniversary!

The challenges facing women and girls in today's world are many, but our member's resolve to make this world better for them is determined and tireless. As I wrote in a recent 'Your Turn' Florida Times Union Guest Column, we stand on the shoulders of visionaries. Two decades ago, our Founders sculpted the mission of WGA from the marble of action and answering the higher calling of providing assistance to those in need. Our members today, as we reflect on 2021, carry forth with energy, sustained by these beliefs.

WGA strives to nourish the plight and dignity of women and girls. It is the heartbeat of the organization, and the soul of who we are and what we do. We respond to an ever-changing world, as evidenced by our commitment to strategic grantmaking, education, advocacy, and culture of inclusion.

This report highlights our accomplishments over the past year, and draws strength from the work that has been done over the past twenty. WGA has improved the lives of more than 30,000 women and girls since our inception. There is much work to be done, but I believe in my core that we are **stronger together**. We are so proud of WGA, our members, and their philanthropic passion.

We will continue to do this for generations to come. I am grateful to be on this journey with you.

With gratitude,

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OUR MISSION

To inspire women to be strategic philanthropists and invest in the lives of women and girls in Northeast Florida.

Enriching Women's & Girls' Lives Since 2001

30,000+

WOMEN & GIRLS SUPPORTED

\$7.7 M

GRANTS AWARDED SINCE 2002

429 2021 WGA MEMBERS 1,000+

WOMEN INSPIRED TO GIVE

\$5.9 M

ENDOWMENT FUNDS

752021 LEGACY MEMBERS





Front Row: Courtenay Wilson (Founder), Jan Healy (President) & Delores Barr Weaver (Founder)

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS of Research, Advocacy & Collaboration

The Women's Giving Alliance was founded on the belief that women can create powerful ripples of change when giving collectively and strategically. Over the past 20 years, WGA Members have initiated groundbreaking research, shone a light on diverse issues and made life-changing programs and services possible. Our efforts have not only transformed the landscape of Northeast Florida, they've also inspired other funders and women around the globe.

Thank you to our event sponsors: Charles D. Hyman & Co., Florida Blue, Jacksonville University, Marie Cochrane, Martha F. Baker, Sally Lee, The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida, Truist Bank, UF Health Jacksonville, and Vystar Credit Union.





Invested \$2.2 M+ to help end the cycle of female poverty through intervention & prevention

2017-2021

2002-2012

ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT, EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT, PHYSICAL & MENTAL HEALTH, & **VIOLENCE INTERVENTION & PREVENTION**

Invested over \$3.0 M to 37 agencies



2012-2018

MENTAL HEALTH

Raised awareness & \$1.96 M supporting 8,893 local women & girls





We believe in the power of together.

Learn more about WGA's mission & legacy by viewing our 20th Anniversary video at wganefl.org/20th-anniversary.







YEAR IN REVIEW

With all of the challenges of the pandemic, there are some silver linings. The increased reliance on technology has led to new efficiencies and increased accessibility, as well as new ideas and ways of working together. In 2021, Women's Giving Alliance made progress in several vital areas, including diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI), membership and grantmaking.

NGA FOCUS

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI)

Everything we do is strengthened by our commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion. Our Statement of Values, strategic plan, dedicated DEI Committee and DEI-focused metrics ensure WGA attracts a more diverse membership each year, to achieve a greater impact. In 2021, WGA hosted a number of educational events to increase awareness and understanding of DEI and challenges facing women and girls, particularly those of color.

Two seminars from a nationally recognized **DEI consultant for the Steering Committee** provided tools and a roadmap.





Tuesday Night Talk Back at the Cummer Museum offered a special conversation and tour of "Zanele Muholi: Somnyama Ngonyama, Hail the Dark Lioness."

Membership **NGA FOCUS**

WGA membership included 429 members in 2021, with a 23% increase in Legacy memberships since last year. This year, WGA conducted an extensive Member Survey to better understand our growing membership and we are working to respond to our members evolving needs.









Grantmaking **NGA FOCUS**

As local nonprofits struggled with soaring demand and reduced staffing and funding, WGA Members made the decision to focus WGA's 2022 grantmaking strategy on core mission funding, in order to help grantees navigate pandemic-related challenges. The decision came after extensive research and conversations with fellow foundations and grantees, and resulted in a streamlined application and reporting process.

\$100 K

UF Health Jacksonville

Community Health Worker Institute – Duval

Training for 20 lay members to provide frontline services focused on healthcare & self-sufficiency

\$75 K

Generation USA

IT & Admin. Medical Asst. Programs – Baker, Clay, Duval, Nassau & St. Johns

> Funding for 94 women pursuing IT & Admin. Medical Asst. programs full time

\$75 K

R.E.S.T.O.R.E.

Optimism to the Future – Duval

Support for 18-24 formerly incarcerated women transitioning into mainstream society

\$75 K

Generation W

Generation WOW – Clay, Duval, Nassau, Putnam & St. Johns

Mentorship, guidance & tools for 75 girls who are at or near the poverty level

\$60 K

Ability Housing

The Northeast Villages Program – Du<u>val</u>

Comprehensive recovery care & case management services for 52 women

2021-2023 **GRANTS**

In 2021, WGA awarded more than \$580,000 in grants to 10 Northeast Florida nonprofits. Eighty-six percent of the population served by these grants are women and girls of color.

Since inception, WGA has awarded more than \$7.7 million to more than 68 nonprofit organizations in Northeast Florida serving women and girls.

\$60 K

Lutheran Social Services

Steps to Success – Duval

Financial counseling, career coaching & benefits assistance for 60 women to regain self-sufficiency

\$60 K

Micah's Place

Breaking the Barriers – Nassau

Prevention and intervention services for 15–25 victims of domestic violence

\$19 K

Sanctuary of Northeast Florida

Girls on 8th – Duval

Afterschool programs & summer camp for 50 youths to help them rise out of poverty

\$13.5 K

Empowerment Resources, Inc.

General Operating Support – Duval, Nassau & St. Johns

> Funding for programs & services that positively impact at-risk youths & their families

\$50 K

Family Promise of Jacksonville

Promise of Home – Duval

Temporary shelter for 40–50 families transitioning to affordable housing

"The impact we have together is exponentially greater than what we can do alone."

Stephanie Cost, WGA Member

THANK YOU to our members for a successful 2021!

Members are the heart of everything we do at the Women's Giving Alliance. Thank you to all of our Members for your continued generosity and support of women and girls in Northeast Florida.

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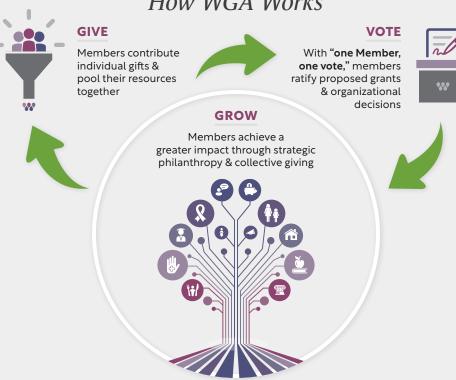
WGA welcomes all women, and invites you to tailor your involvement to fit your goals and preferences. You can join a committee, volunteer, bring a friend, consider a Legacy Membership or estate gift and much, much more. Whatever you choose, you'll be making a lasting difference in the lives of women and girls for generations to come.

Statement of Values

Diversity, equity and inclusion are central to WGA's vision and mission. WGA actively invites women of different backgrounds, perspectives, opinions, passions, experiences, personalities, ideologies and lifestyles. We believe that bringing together diverse voices — and the conversations and connections that result — makes us stronger.



Stronger Together How WGA Works





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.

That fund is nearly **\$6 MILLION** and includes **75** women who have endowed their membership in perpetuity as WGA Legacy members.





