

Anne Arundel Women Giving Together

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Important Upcoming Dates

January 8
Grantee Info Session & Grant
Reviewer Training Workshop

January 12
General Meeting

We begin the New Year knowing that our focus on improving the lives of women and families is especially timely. As noted in *Poverty Amidst Plenty*,* over 7,000 children in our community live in poverty. Limited public transportation imposes significant barriers to employment, food, housing and healthcare for the 8,000 families who live without a car. And older women are particularly vulnerable to dramatic shifts in cultural, social and economic issues related to aging. We will be taking a closer look at these and many other important issues this year. We will continue to reach out to those in need with 'hands on' activities. And at our Grants Showcase in June, we will celebrate reaching the \$300,000 mark in grants awarded during five years of making a difference in the lives of women and families!

Our incredible accomplishments are made possible by the generous and compassionate support of more than 150 women like you who have turned the ideal of collective philanthropy into reality. Together, we can and will do so much more! We invite you to participate in our upcoming grant review process. Connect with other members on a field trip or service project. Join thought leaders in our community to learn more about important issues at educational sessions and special interest forums. Get the big picture at our new Women & Global Issues event. Engage in lively discussions with our book group. And be sure to invite a friend to our Spring Open House!

With a salute to our upcoming educational session on transportation, don't forget to fasten your seatbelt for what promises to be a memorable ride in 2011!

Program:Transportation

January 13
Grantee Info Session & Grant
Reviewer Training Workshop

January 18
Special Interest Forum (NEW!)
Individuals with Disabilities

January 26
Book Group

February 9
General Meeting & Program
Activist Aging

March 9
Women & Leadership Program
Global Issues

Please see
www.givingtogether.org
for
Member Activities, Book Group
and More!

Invite a friend to join!
Go to www.givingtogether.org
for a renewal/donation form.

Welcome New Members!

Mary Peterson
Caroline Purdy

AAWGT Grantee of the Month
Food Link
See details below

Announcing AAWGT's 2011 Steering Committee

Officers

Bronwyn Belling, President
Laurie Sharp, Vice President
Sue Barrett, Secretary
Kathy Adams, Asst. Secretary
Madelyn Schaefer, Treasurer



Bronwyn Belling, President
Laurie Sharp, Vice President/President-Elect

*2010 Edition of *Poverty Amidst Plenty: The Two Faces of Anne Arundel County*, A guide to action prepared as a community service by the Community Foundation of Anne Arundel County and the Anne Arundel County Partnership for Children, Youth and Families is available by [clicking here](#).

→ Upcoming Meetings

January 12 8:30 - 10:00 a.m.

General Meeting

**Program: Transportation: Because Getting There is
Half the Battle**

**Location: Maryland Hall, Room 308, 801 Chase St.,
Annapolis**

We will learn how transportation - or a LACK of transportation - affects the ability of women and families in AA County to access basic human needs such as employment, food, and housing, as well as the nonprofit programs that we fund!

Our distinguished panel includes:

Beverly Swaim-Staley, Secretary, Maryland Dept. of
Transportation

Dave Humphreys, Executive Director, Annapolis Regional
Transportation Management Association

Sandra Jackson, Co-Founder, Board Member, Partners in
Care

Barbara Rasin-Price, Chair, Annapolis Mayor Cohen's
Transportation Transition Team, Owner: Echoes and
Accents, Annapolis, MD

For more information, contact Judy Coughlin at
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LightHouse lunch-making

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subcommittee

Mary Frances Isakov, M&T
Bank,
outreach funding

Eve-Marie Lacroix,

**January 18 7:00 – 8:30 pm (CORRECTED TIME)
New!!**

Special Interest Forum

**Topic: Individuals with Disabilities, Discovering the
Roadmap for Services & Support**

**Location: Fellowship Hall at Woods Memorial Church,
611 Baltimore Annapolis Blvd. (at Cypress Creek Road),
Severna Park**

This is the first in a series of Special Interest Forums presented by AAWGT. Guest speakers and participants will discuss the complexities of navigating the range of services and support available to individuals with intellectual, developmental and/or mental disabilities; raise awareness about the issue of disabilities, which can occur at any time; and identify opportunities for giving and volunteerism in the community.

Joanna Clarke, Member, Anne Arundel County Commission on Disabilities will moderate this discussion with guest speakers:

Vicki Callahan, Executive Director, Opportunity Builders, Inc.

Laura Sheehan Carr, Chair, The Arc of the Central Chesapeake

Region (AAWGT Grantee)

Cathy Purple Cherry, AIA and parent of a disabled child
Mike Drummond, Executive Director, Arundel Lodge

(AAWGT

Grantee)

Contact Tara Clifford at clifford.tara@gmail.com for more information.



Holiday Reception Recap

Over 50 members and guests attended a lovely end-of-year celebration on December 8 at the Edgewater home of Gloria Martin-Pressman. After completing the business of the meeting, President Lynne Davidson provided highlights of our impressive 2010 accomplishments, with particular appreciation for our growth to over 150 members. Bronwyn Belling, Vice President/President-Elect provided headlines for new initiatives in 2011. The 2010 Founders' Award was presented, founders, past presidents, steering committee members were recognized, and key volunteers were thanked. Special appreciation was given to outgoing President Lynne Davidson for the multiple talents, unlimited energy and extraordinary attention to detail that she demonstrated as our "fearless leader" in 2010.

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[Click here to learn more
about our 2010 Grantees!](#)



Bronwyn and Lynne

→ AAWGT 2010 Founders' Award Recipient: Gloria Martin-Pressman

The AAWGT Founders Award recognizes a member who has demonstrated exemplary service "over and above the normal duties" by contributing significantly to our growth and structure, and raising awareness of/broadening our image. The 2010 recipient, announced on December 8, is **Gloria Martin-Pressman** whose multiple nominations applauded both her extraordinary mastery of leadership skills along with her "from the trenches" contributions, including serving as Past President, Membership Assistant Chair, leading our first strategic planning effort, creating our new membership buddy network, regular lunch maker, shameless membership promoter, and hostess par excellence. To quote one of the nominations, "AAWGT is fortunate to have Gloria as a member, leader and friend!"



Gloria Martin-Pressman

→ 2011 Grant Reviewers Needed

The Grants Committee is seeking volunteers to serve as grant reviewers in the spring. Most of the work will be done during the months of March, April and May and may require a time commitment of 5 to 12 hours per month. Reviewers will work in teams led by experienced evaluators. All new reviewers must attend one of the training workshops to be held on January 8 and 13. Reviewers who served in the past but did not attend last year's training session are also urged to attend, since many of our procedures have changed. If you

are interested in reviewing grants, please contact Lynda Salamon at lyndasalamon@hotmail.com or at 410-626-7695. (If you already indicated an interest on the member survey and were contacted over the summer, you need not reapply).

→ Hold These Dates!

January 26 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Book Group

The Book Group will reconvene in January to discuss two selections: *Waiting for Superman: How we can save America's Failing Pubic Schools* and *Whatever it Takes: Geoffrey Canada's Quest to Change Harlem and America* by Paul Tough. The book group is open to all interested members and guests. To join the group for this discussion, contact Laurie Sharp at lsharp1000@msn.com

February 9 8:30 - 10:00 a.m.

General Meeting & Program:

Changing the Face of Aging: An Activist Approach

Location: Severna Park Community Center, 623 Baltimore-Annapolis Blvd., Severna Park

At this interactive session, we will learn about the larger social, cultural and economic issues that are forcing all of us to rethink 'aging' in our society. We will discuss what it means to take an activist approach. And we will explore ways that we - as grantmakers and as leaders in our community - can engage on issues related to aging and the quality of life for older women in Anne Arundel County.

For more information, contact Judy Coughlin at jcough32@comcast.net

March 9 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Women & Leadership Meeting

Program: Women & Global Issues

Location: Anne Arundel Medical Center, Health Sciences Pavilion

This special event will coincide with International Women's Month. Details will be forthcoming.

→ Grantee of the Month

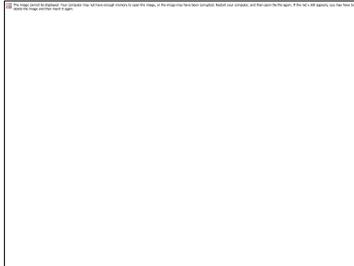
Food Link Inc. is a grassroots nonprofit that has been providing immediate assistance to families in our community since 1991. Over 11,000 families are helped by Food Link each month. Our AAWGT grant for 2010 supports their Wholesale



Produce Distribution Program that gets fresh produce into the hands of families who most need and can least afford fresh, nutritious food.

This spring, Food Link will celebrate its 20th anniversary with a

Spring BASH. Details of this major fundraising event are being finalized so be on the lookout for the opportunity to have a good time and support our grantee.



The Food Link is short staffed and can always use volunteers. There are many **volunteer opportunities** ranging from organizing food pantries to helping unload

fresh produce from trucks. If you would like more information about volunteering, please call Paula Gordon at 410-897-3941.

Business and Committee Updates

Education & Program Committee: Share your love of learning!

Do you have a passion to learn more about specific issues that affect women and families? The Education & Programs Committee welcomes all members who would like to contribute their ideas and energy to develop discussion groups, educational sessions and other learning opportunities. Contact Judy Coughlin at jcough32@comcast.net for more information.

Governance Committee: Proposed Bylaw Revisions - Review Now for Vote at January 12 Meeting

We will be voting on revisions to the AAWGT Bylaws at the January 12 general meeting. You can view the Bylaws and the proposed changes at www.givingtogether.org in the Members-Only section. If you have trouble logging in, contact Bronwyn Belling at bbelling@aol.com. For any comments or suggestions, please contact Susan Nolte at csnolte@verizon.net or Beverly Nash at beverlynash@verizon.net.

Leadership Development & Nominating Committee:

The slate of AAWGT Officers and committee leadership developed by the Committee and presented to the membership at the November meeting was voted on at our December meeting and the entire slate was elected. AAWGT's new leadership begins its term on January 1st - see the sidebar for the list of Officers and committee leadership. Congratulations to all! We encourage members interested in participating on specific committees to contact the Chair or Assistant Chair for more information. Remember that you are

welcome to attend a committee meeting to get more info and determine your level of interest.

Marketing & Communications: 5 Years of Making a Difference in the Lives of Women and Families

Help plan special 'five year celebration' events for our spring membership open house in April and our grants showcase in June, or join in on other Marketing Committee activities. Contact Brenda Anderson at brendaleeanderson@comcast.net for more information.

Post Grants Evaluation Committee:

PGEC will hold its next meeting on Thursday, January 27 at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will cover a review of all the 2010 Grantees Interim Reports (which are due to the Community Foundation of Anne Arundel County on January 14) along with the Interim Evaluations and site visits conducted by the Liaisons during December.

 **Service Opportunity: Light House Lunches**

The next Light House lunch-making sessions are scheduled at 8:30 a.m. on:

- Wednesday, February (date TBD) at the home of Eleanor Huggins in Annapolis, need 3 volunteers, and
- Thursday, March 17 to celebrate St. Patrick's Day at the home of Carol Johnson in Annapolis, need 4 volunteers.

To learn more, sign up for email notices, or host a future session in your kitchen, contact Karen Davis at kluciadavis@hotmail.com
