



## Anne Arundel Women Giving Together

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AAWGT Newsletter

November 2008

*Empty pockets never held anyone back. Only empty heads and empty hearts can do that.*

-- Norman Vincent Peale



What a wonderful night we had at the Chartwell Country Club! Hearing from our grantees about their programs and from individuals for whom our grants made a difference encourages us to want to do more for women and families in Anne Arundel County. I know we were all touched by the stories we heard and I look forward to next year and visiting with our current grantees and hearing their stories.

As our year is coming to an end, please take note of upcoming events and participate in any way you can. Our November meeting will be on Women and Philanthropy and we will have wonderful speakers to share current trends with us. The meeting is on November 12th at 8:30 AM at the Boys & Girls Club in Annapolis. We will also be presenting the new slate of officers and committee chairs for 2009.

In December, we will be voting on the slate and will enjoy a holiday social. Mark your calendars now for December 10th with more information to follow. Hope you will be able to come and celebrate all that we have been able to do together to make the world a better place.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and your families,

Gloria Martin-Pressman  
President, Anne Arundel Women Giving Together

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## AAWGT General Meeting

Date: Weds, November 12

Time: 8:30 - 10 am

Location: Boys & Girls Club at Bates Heritage Park, 121 S. Villa Ave., Annapolis

Topic: Women & Philanthropy

Program Coordinators: Carol Cronin and Sharon Stewart

This roundtable discussion is an opportunity to learn more about the roles that women have played in their communities through their gifts of time and money. Our speakers also will discuss the growing phenomenon of giving circles - where they came from, how they have grown and why they are important.

In addition, you will hear about our speakers' extensive experience in working with various women's philanthropy groups. You will come away with a better understanding of how you, as a woman philanthropist, can be a more effective community leader.

There will be lots of time for questions and interaction with our two speakers.

Presenters:

Siobhán O'Riordan, Independent Consultant and former Director of Communications, Washington Area Women's Foundation

Elise Lee, Associate Vice President of Major Gifts, United Way of Central Maryland and Coordinator of their Women's Leadership Council

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### 2008 Upcoming Events

#### End-of-Year Business Meeting and Holiday Reception

December 10

Time and Location TBD

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#### Interesting Facts about AAWGT

Anne Arundel Women Giving Together was created in 2006 by a group of Founding Members, consisting of thirty-seven women philanthropists and leaders.

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The group launched its grantmaking program in 2007 by providing \$40,000 in grants. In 2008, AAWGT provided \$57,000 to local nonprofit programs.

The group is governed by a Steering Committee consisting of officers and committee chairs. AAWGT's 2008 officers are:

President - Gloria Martin-Pressman  
Vice President - Mary Ann Gordon  
Treasurer - Martha Blaxall  
Assistant Treasurer - Barb Novak  
Secretary - Susan Nolte  
Assistant Secretary - Karen Davis

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