



99 GAL Friends Summer 2024 Newsletter Welcome!

News and Updates

- Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our second Gala event (see below).
- We're excited to share that we've exceeded our initial goal of 99 members, and we continue to grow!
- Our first Impact Grants of 2023-24, 11 in total, have been awarded to nonprofit organizations in the county.
- We need your help! Would you like information on joining one of our Focus or Organizational Teams? Or on assisting with specific, time-limited projects? To find out more, please contact Michelle at michelle@givealittlefoundation.org.

Focus Teams

- Senior Welfare
- Women's Health

Organizational Teams

- Publicity
- Programming
- Membership
- Fundraising



Our Second Annual 99 GAL Friends GALA

Our Second Annual **99 GAL Friends GALA**, held on April 6, 2024, at the First Presbyterian Church, brought together over 60 women to celebrate the work of our women's giving circle and to learn about progress thus far and goals for the future.

The morning began with a delicious buffet brunch prepared by Harvest Fresh Grocery, giving everyone a chance to socialize and further build the bonds of this powerful community of women.

A highlight of the morning was presentations by representatives from six of the 2023-24 nonprofit grant recipients, who shared information about their organizations and described their plans for the funded grant projects. There was a great deal of excitement in the room as members heard specifics about how the grants will have a direct, positive impact on the individuals, families, and communities these organizations serve. The presentations were followed by a lively Q&A session.

We concluded the morning by inviting members to browse an information table and fill a "goodie bag" with some charming, donated gifts and homemade cupcakes.

Thank you, everyone, for making our second year and second annual gala so successful. We are 99 GAL Friends!



Henderson House, a shelter for victims of domestic abuse and sexual violence, received a **99 GAL Friends Impact Grant** entitled **Shelter Welcome Kits for Children**. Because children who are displaced from their homes often arrive at the shelter in a very anxious state with few belongings, welcome kits with items like pajamas, a blanket, a stuffed animal, books, toiletries, a night light, a water bottle, and an activity kit provide necessities and comfort. Below is a shelter kit that was recently assembled for a baby entering the shelter with its mother.

Our grant funds at work!



To learn more about **Impact Grants** click the link below.

[Impact Grants](#)

Team “Work”—The Steering Committee

Steering Committee members meet monthly to create policies and guidelines for 99 GAL Friends and oversee the work of the Focus and Organizational Teams. The Committee is responsible for fiscal management of the organization, including the general oversight of Impact Grants. In addition, members serve as liaisons to Teams, creating a conduit of shared information.

Pictured below from left to right are: Deborah Weiner, Lynn Schwabenthal, Ellen Summerfield, Bonnie Mann, and Diane McMillen. Ilsa Perse was unable to attend.



Community Outreach

- **A Family Place** is seeking volunteers to support their programs for children and families. Learn more at: <https://familyplacere Relief.org/give-support/>

June 21st - Make Music McMinnville (one of our grant recipients)

<https://www.makemusicday.org/mcminnville/>

Steering Committee and Focus Team Meeting Dates

- **June 24th** - Senior Welfare Focus Team
- **June 28th** - Children, Education, and Schools Focus Team
- **July 1st** - Arts, Music, and Culture Focus Team
- **July 8th** - Steering Committee
- **TBD** - Women's Health Focus Team

Membership Corner

Trust-Based Philanthropy

99 GAL Friends is committed to the philosophy of "Trust-Based Philanthropy." This approach re-imagines the relationship between nonprofits and award recipients to balance the power dynamic and create partnerships. Trust-based philanthropy employs greater transparency around grant priorities, decisions, and eligibility, and strives for streamlined applications and reporting options. There is mutual accountability between the grantor and grantee, which fosters full collaboration.



For more information,
click here

Who are the 99 GAL Friends?



At the 2nd Annual 99 GAL Friends Gala

As a growing community of women philanthropists, we pool our funds and resources to award yearly “impact” grants to local organizations for projects and initiatives that will address needs in underserved populations. To further our own education, we are committed to providing opportunities for members to share expertise, build skills, and learn about community, philanthropy, and nonprofit organizations. We welcome new members at all times—please contact us.



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