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The Circle Ratifies BWGC Values

"A Values Statement represents the core beliefs of the organization that inspire and guide its choices in the way it operates and deals with people." NH Center for Non-Profits

At the May 17 Full Circle meeting, Circle members ratified a statement of BWGC values; the statement represents the culmination of several conversations over the last year about what connects us and what beliefs guide us.

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By Vivian Manekin and Jodi Dunn

Have you ever considered that the Circle is a like a big jigsaw puzzle? Well that's what the Circle can feel like when you reflect on the variety the activities offered to our members and try to figure out how they actually connect.

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Full Circle Meeting

The last Full Circle meeting of the 2016-17 year was held at Chizuk Amuno Synagogue. The main order of business was to hear from the five organizations that were eligible for a two-year grant as they received the most votes at the April grants meeting.

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Grants in 2017

Another grants cycle has been successfully concluded!

GRANTEE STORY:
Kids Safe Zone
It is a scant fifteen minute drive from the leafy suburbs, where single homes on sizable lots are hidden by budding trees and flowering shrubs and the streets are empty, to North Carey Street in the heart of the Sandtown-Winchester community, the epicenter of the 2015 uprising following the death of Freddie Gray.

CIRCLE READS:

Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis

On Thursday evening, April 13, forty-five Circle members gathered to discuss J.D. Vance’s recent memoir, Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis.
CIRCLE FORUM:

Sex Trafficking

The Circle Forum presentation of June 1 featured a panel on sex trafficking. As defined by Homeland Security, sex trafficking is a crime committed when a trafficker uses force, fraud, or coercion to compel another person to perform commercial sex acts (see https://www.dhs.gov/blue-campaign/videos/sex-trafficking).
Mothyna James Brightree of TurnAround Inc.

GRANTEE CONNECT:
Listen, Learn, Share and Evolve

In the spring of 2016 the Grantee Connect Committee introduced a year-long discussion program with grantees entitled "Listen, Learn, Share and Evolve." The first session presented the idea of a Listening Campaign, why to conduct one, the methods to do so and its value to an organization (e-news June 2016). The next in the session concentrated on making use of what is learned from a listening campaign (e-news Dec 2016).

CIRCLE WORKS:
Baltimore Leadership School for Young Women

For anyone with an all-too-common aversion to middle schoolers, you would have been a convert to the joys of that population if you had volunteered for the most recent Circle Works service opportunity.

MEMBERSHIP:
Connecting with the Next Generation of Philanthropists

On April 18, a beautiful sunny spring evening, membership committee members Jill Eisner, Dorrie
Fain, Dara Schnee, Leslie Tini, Lisa Vogel, and Jen Yeagle welcomed 40 young Baltimore area women to a social gathering at Dara's home to introduce them to the Circle.

Gifts to the BWGC

Gift of Membership
We often struggle to find meaningful gifts for friends or family members. The gift of a one-year membership to the BWGC is the answer. It is a great way to get another woman involved the Circle and for them to learn about non-profits in our region. See below for information on how to make a gift.

"In Honor Of" Gifts
A gift to BWGC "In Honor Of" a friend or relative is a great way for both you and the person honored to share in the joy of knowing that your gift will help someone in need. Celebrating events such as birthdays, promotions, and retirements takes on a new meaning when you help to improve the lives of women in the Baltimore region. Gifts in memoriam are also welcome. Your gift will be a valued addition to our Grants Fund. A gift in any amount is welcomed.

Gifts by check may be mailed to Baltimore Community Foundation, 2 East Read Street, 9th Floor, Baltimore, MD 21202. Please note on the check that your gift is intended for The Baltimore Women's Giving Circle. The honoree will be notified of your gift. Gifts online may be given via Baltimore Community Foundation's online donation page: http://www.bcf.org/bwgc.

Welcome New Members
Please extend a warm welcome to our new members.

Susan Dugan-Konka
Mary H. Grossman
Merritt Miller
Rachel Seba
Leslie Plotnick
Jill Waldman
Christine Espenshade
Elsbeth Selver Haladay
Kate Rawson Powell
Karen Hutcheon (returning)
Allison Rubin (returning)
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