

A monthly newsletter from the Women's Collective Giving Grantmakers Network



Women-powered philanthropy
Supporting the creation, development, and expansion of women's collective giving nationwide

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Dear Laura,

Happy New Year! I hope your holidays were joyful and restful.

We're kicking off 2015 with an inspiring how-to on becoming powerful community advocates! Please join us on **January 20** for "**Beyond Grants: Influencing Public Policy Through Advocacy**" featuring **Jennie Eblen** of [Women for Women](#) in Asheville, NC. Jennie is an expert on how to bring about systemic change through advocacy in your community. [Register](#) now for this empowering webinar!

If a busy December meant you missed last month's important announcement, here it is again: Mark your calendars and **save October 15-17, 2015** for the fifth **WCGN Leadership Forum** for three days of powerful learning and connecting in person at the beautiful [Ballantyne Hotel](#) in Charlotte, NC.

Here's what WCGN member Bronwyn Belling, Anne Arundel Women Giving Together's Past President, had to say about our last conference in St. Louis:

I had a fabulous time in St. Louis and am still

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Member Updates

I had a fabulous time in St. Louis and am still 'in the glow' of appreciation for all your hard work and how much I learned, what wonderful women we met, etc. Made a long list of my 'aha' moments on the airplane flying home. And more gems have come to me since! More details about pre-registration and programs will appear soon in this newsletter and on our website.

In the meantime, share your wisdom and expertise with the rest of us by **joining the WCGN Conference Program Planning Committee** ([see below](#)). This is your conference. We want your help as we plan for WCGN's signature event. I'm already excited to see you in beautiful Charlotte next fall!

If you haven't already taken advantage of this tool, I also invite you to start the New Year with a resolution to connect with your fellow WCGN members **by becoming a regular subscriber to the [Member-to-Member Discussion Forum](#)**. This forum enables you to post a topic you want to share or to seek advice on a pressing issue (for instance "Handbook for Board Members"). You are the experts in collective giving and your willingness to share expertise and advice is central to achieving WCGN's mission. The reward is seeing the impact of your leadership reach beyond your local borders! I encourage you to take advantage of this tool by selecting "subscribe" at the link above. Don't worry, you can unsubscribe at any time!

Warmly,
Laura Midgley
WCGN Board Chair

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Women's Impact Fund of Charlotte, NC will host our next conference, the fifth [2015 Leadership Forum](#) October 15-17, 2015

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P.S. If your organization has a Dec 31 fiscal year, now is the time to [update your Member Organization Profile](#). Please include an update to your program topic requests which will be helpful to the conference program planning effort.

Conference News

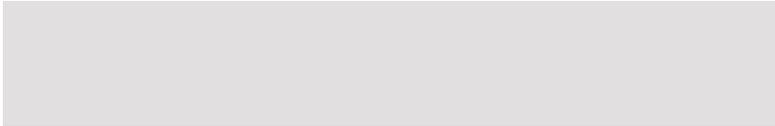
Save the dates: October 15-17, 2015

WCGN's 2015 conference comes to the Queen City, Charlotte, NC!

WCGN Board Members and 2015 Conference Organizers Sonja Nichols (left) and Dianne Chipps Bailey ([Women's Impact Fund](#) in

Charlotte, NC) are putting their extremely capable heads together to create the most exciting WCGN conference yet. The conference will be organized around three themes – "Doing, Being, Leading." They've already lined up the venue – The Ballantyne Hotel, one of Charlotte's top resort-style destinations. Watch for details in upcoming WCGN Newsletters and on our [website](#). You don't want to miss Charlotte.

Please spread the word!
Members and guests are welcome.
Special thanks to WCGN 2015
Conference sponsor [Merrill Lynch!](#)



Monthly Programs

Don't miss January's educational program

Tuesday, January 20, 9 - 10 a.m. PST

"Beyond Grants: Influencing Public Policy Through Advocacy"

Featuring: Jennie Eblen, Past Chair, [Women for Women](#) Asheville, NC

Register for all programs [here](#).

You must register for all webinars to receive the logon instructions. Anyone who is a member of your organization can participate. You may register guests for webinars at this link <http://www.wcgn-network.org/webinarregistration>.

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Go Mobile for WCGN Webinars

Participate in webinars by smartphone or tablet, but note that mobile access takes one extra step. Download the free OnStream Webinar App from your app store. If you plan to participate via mobile, please view the steps well in advance of the program. Here is a step-by-step [description of downloading for mobile device access](#).

Did You Miss Our Fall Presentations?

You can view the video of "Board Governance: Developing Leadership for Your Organization's Future" as well as all of our archived programs including "Social Media for the Rest of Us" by registering [here](#).

We Need YOU To Make the Next Conference All It Can Be

We know that many of you have creative ideas for making our next conference even better than the last. Help us make it as good as it can be! Work virtually with other fantastic WCGN members around the country. Previous conference planning experience not required! WCGN Vice Chair Virginia Mills will lead this committee charged with planning conference topics and recruiting speakers. The first planning meeting will be held in late February. Mutually agreed upon meeting dates and frequency will be set by the committee. [Contact Virginia](#) to volunteer or to ask more questions.

Check Out the Updated Profiles for These Member Organizations:

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Baltimore Women's Giving Circle, Impact Austin, Indian River Impact 100, Greenville Women Giving, Impact 100 Chicago, Women Giving for Spartanburg, The Philanthropy Connection, Impact100 Philadelphia, Women's Giving Alliance, Washington Women's Foundation, Women in Philanthropy

WCGN's Organizational Member profiles are essential tools that enable us to serve our membership better. If your leadership has not yet updated your organization's profile for 2014-15 year, click [here](#) for instructions.

Take a Video Tour of the WCGN Website and Member Pages

If you haven't explored the member pages of the WCGN website you're missing out on lots of great information! [Take a video tour of the web resources](#) available to members only and learn how to better connect with fellow philanthropists around the country.

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