

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



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Women-powered philanthropy

Supporting the creation, development, and expansion of women's collective giving nationwide

Dear {Contact_First_Name},

For the WCGN Board and for many of you, summer is a time to refresh, renew, and take stock. Here at WCGN we're working hard to make sure our upcoming WCGN Conference in Charlotte, NC is packed with inspiration, education, and plenty of time for networking. In a few weeks the board will convene in the beautiful host city of Charlotte for our annual meeting and we are all looking forward to it.

In the meantime, many of you will spend the next few months tackling special projects, strategizing, and/or planning. It's a natural time to take advantage of our on-demand webinar library. Although our live webinar program year runs from September through May, we record all webinars for viewing anytime, all year around.

Did you know that anyone in your organization can [register](#) for any of WCGN's past webinars? Our WCGN library includes a collection of topics from social media and diversifying revenue streams to our May webinar covering ways to celebrate success. Please subscribe to and post on our [Member-to-Member Discussion Forum](#), too. Let's keep a robust, year-long conversation going about our expanding collective giving movement.

If your new leadership hasn't yet explored all that WCGN has to offer, please add their names to your WCGN roster and encourage them to connect online to all the resources we offer 24/7. [Here's how to add new leadership to your WCGN roster](#).

We hope you saw our recent **Charlotte Conference Newsletter** that reported on the outstanding lineup of women leaders slated to appear at WCGN's National Leadership Forum 2015 in October. Our **keynote speaker is noted businesswoman and philanthropist Darla Moore** and we've assembled a distinguished group of founders for a panel entitled "Fire Starters: A Candid Conversation with Three Women Founders of International Nonprofits" featuring **Molly Barker** of Girls on the Run International & Red Boots Coalition, **Nancy Brinker** of Susan G. Komen, and our very own **Colleen Willoughby** of WCGN and Washington Women's Foundation (Seattle, WA). Read all about our speakers [here](#).

Conference [registration](#) is now open to all. Please help us to spread the word far and wide by [forwarding this flyer](#) to all who might be interested in collective giving. And don't forget to post it on your organization's website so that every one of your members feels welcome to join us in Charlotte!

Please also join me in welcoming the newest organization to join the WCGN family, **Impact100 Sonoma in Sonoma, CA**. We are excited to expand the number of Impact 100 organizations within our network. While Impact 100 groups all share a strong core model, each one custom fits the model to best

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serve the needs of its own community and to offer innovative approaches to collective giving from which we can all learn.

As we wrap up this program year I am reminded that we ARE the quintessential definition of the word network: *"a group of people or organizations that are closely connected and that work with each other"*. In this, my last message as WCGN's chair, I want to give a shout out to all of the outstanding women who make this amazing network hum. Your steadfast commitment to the collective giving movement is an inspiration to all. Thank you to all the board members, committee members, and volunteers who offer their advice, experience, and hard work as we increase the impact we make in our communities.

It's been my great honor to serve as the board chair over the last two years and lead WCGN as it has made huge strides to serve members better and to become a sustainable organization as a 501(c)(3). I've had a chance to work closely with so many of you around the country. It has been a privilege to learn about your organizations and communities. I feel as though I have built friendships all over the country and hope you feel the same.

And lastly, I'd like to give a very warm welcome to new WCGN Board Chair Virginia Mills. I'll pass the WCGN leadership baton to her on July 1. For those of you who don't yet know Virginia, I know she'll quickly rise to the top of your list of trusted WCGN advisors. It has been a joy for me and the rest of the board to work with her since she joined the WCGN leadership team more than five years ago. She'll do an outstanding job.



Warmly,
Laura Midgley
WCGN Board Chair
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Conference News

Registration is Open for Members and Non-members Alike!

WCGN's Fifth National Conference "Doing. Being. Leading."

October 15-17, 2015

**The Ballantyne Hotel
in the Queen City of
Charlotte, NC!**



Read about our speakers, including keynote **Darla Moore, and panelists **Molly Barker**, **Nancy Brinker**, and **Colleen Willoughby**, who will recount how they created and sustained their powerhouse organizations.**

Help us spread the word. Post or print this one page flyer!

See conference FAQs [here](#).

**Early bird rates (\$300) for members apply through July 31!
Non-member registration (\$450) is open now.**

**Special thanks to WCGN 2015
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Dianne Chipps Bailey

Women's Impact Fund
(Charlotte, NC)

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OH)

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Sue Priestler, Secretary

Greenville Women
Giving (Greenville, SC)

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Spirit of St. Louis Women's
Fund (St. Louis, MO)

Susan Smith

Idaho Women's Charitable
Foundation (Boise, ID)

Colleen Willoughby

Washington Women's
Foundation (Seattle, WA)

Alison Wilson

Washington Women's
Foundation (Seattle, WA)

*The WCGN Board of
Directors welcomes
the newly elected board
members
with terms beginning July 1,
2015:*

Rebekah Bonde
Impact Austin (Austin, TX)

Dale Clifford

WCGN Program Planning Committee is seeking your expertise!

The WCGN is chock-full of talented women. As we continue to develop even more exciting programming for our upcoming Charlotte conference, please look inside your organization and let us know about women you know who are wonderful presenters—you've seen them in action! We want to hear them also! Please send contact information and topic ideas to [Virginia Mills](#).

Membership Renewals are Due June 15

WCGN membership renewals (\$200) are due by June 15 for the upcoming fiscal year beginning July 1. Once your organization has paid its member dues, everyone in your organization is eligible for the early bird member rate for conference registration (\$300), valid through July 31. (Non-members are welcome at the \$450 rate.)

If you are unsure if your organization has paid dues go to [{Member Profile URL}](#) (or to the 'View Profile' link in the blue logon box at the upper right corner of the website) to see your dues status. You can also see who is designated as the administrator for your organization and responsible for paying dues.

Monthly Programs

Your Summer Curriculum: WCGN Webinars Available On Demand

Register for all recorded programs [here!](#)

You must register for all webinars, even recorded ones, 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>.

WCGN's past programs available via webinar to all of your members:

- Women in Philanthropy: Transforming Communities and Each Other
- Tweet, Ping, and Post: Sharing Your Message through Social Media
- Board Governance: Developing Leadership for Your Organization's Future
- Beyond Grants: Influencing Public Policy Through Advocacy
- Staying Afloat: Developing Diverse Revenue Streams
- Membership Retention: Engaging Your Members through the Ages
- Imagination and Impact: Innovation in Grantmaking
- Fellowship, Fun, and Philanthropy: Celebrating Success and Tooting Our Own Horn!

Did you know the WCGN website is searchable? Logon to the [member portal page](#) and type in a topic to see what resources

are available.

Leadership Spotlight

Congratulations to WCGN Board Member, Women's Impact Fund Past President, and Charlotte conference co-chair **Dianne Chipps Bailey**! The Mecklenburg Times named her [2015 Woman of the Year](#).

Hats off to the **San Diego Women's Foundation** and its Funds Water Project! Their work was the subject of a recent National Public Radio story. Listen to [Keeping San Diego's Balboa Park Green In A Drought](#) on NPR's Here and Now [here](#)!

A Warm Welcome to Our Newest Member Organizations!

[Impact Fairfield County \(Greenwich, CT\)](#)

[Impact100 Sonoma \(Sonoma, CA\)](#)

[Women's Philanthropy at Indiana University \(Bloomington, IN\)](#)

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