Dear Friends of Women United,

As Chair of the Membership Committee, I am often asked to define “collective giving.” I love the reaction I get when I say, “Where else could I have given as little as $100 and have been able to award $60,000 to local non-profits, as we did in 2017?” People are even more impressed to learn that since 2007, through collective giving, members of Women United have awarded over $472,825 to local Charlottesville non-profits who respond to the needs of women and children. Simply put--the more members give, the more Women United is able to give.

Being part of an organization that serves women and children is very close to my heart. I am the third oldest of nine children. My mother was only 43 when she was widowed and left to raise this large family, at a time when limited resources were available for someone in her situation. Learning about our community’s needs and the various organizations that provide these services is personally rewarding to me. Meeting like-minded women who are committed to make a difference solidifies my pride in being a part of this extraordinary community.

The Membership Committee and I are very excited for the challenges before us this year. Since the deadline for Women United to know the amount we are able to award for our 2018 Human Services Grants is January 31, 2018, we have set a goal to attain 200+ members by that date. In 2017, we had 191 members, so we feel that this is very realistic, given that as of mid-November, we have 124 members!

What a great time to be a part of an organization who, with your help, will be able to say we have given over $500,000 to our local community. And what a great time to join one of the many committees and help us grow and continue to make such a remarkable impact. Please join or renew your membership today!

Sincerely,

Mary Pat Hanson, Chair
Membership Committee

Our Mission - Engage with like-minded women, learn about community needs and philanthropy, and leverage collective giving to support human services for local women and children.

www.WomenUnitedCville.org
Women United announced the 2017 Human Services Grant Award recipients at the annual luncheon on October 5 at Farmington Country Club. Due to the fantastic growth of our membership in 2017, we increased our giving from the intended $50,000 to $60,000, creating the opportunity to award a third grant to the non-profit that received the third most votes in our member voting process.

African American Teaching Fellows and The Women’s Initiative each received $25,000. Georgia’s Healing House received our third “bonus grant” of $10,000. Each of these organizations does amazing work helping women and children in our community. For more information about the details of the funded activities, go to our website at www.womenunitedcville.org.

Since 2006, Women United has awarded 21 grants totalling $472,825 to local non-profits serving women and children.

2017: $25,000  African American Teaching Fellows
2017: $25,000  The Women’s Initiative
2017: $10,000  Georgia’s Healing House
2016: $20,000  Piedmont Housing Alliance
2016: $20,000  AHIP-Albemarle Housing Improvement Program
2015: $25,000  Charlottesville Works Initiative
2015: $25,000  Foothills Child Advocacy Center
2015: $10,000  City of Promise
2014: $22,500  ReadyKids (formerly CYFS)
2014: $22,500  Big Brothers, Big Sisters
2013: $20,000  Blue Ridge Area Food Bank
2013: $20,000  Jefferson Area CHIP
2012: $30,000  Boys & Girls Clubs
2011: $20,000  International Rescue Committee
2011: $20,000  Piedmont CASA
2010: $40,000  The Women’s Initiative
2009: $33,000  Community Children’s Dental Center
2008: $36,000  Smart Beginnings
2007: $19,000  International Rescue Committee
2007: $14,825  Children, Youth & Family Services
2006: $15,000  Jefferson Area CHIP

GET INVOLVED!

We are a volunteer organization and your talents and service on a committee can help Women United make great things happen.

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*To serve on the Grants Committee, it is critical to attend these meetings:
Friday, February 9, 11:30am - 1pm
Tuesday, March 20, 9 - 11:30am
Tuesday, April 24, 9 - 11am

To join one of these committees, email:
WomenUnited@UnitedWayTJA.org

The more you give, the more Women United can give!

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2017 was a record year with a record number of members: 191. A special thanks to every member for your contribution. You are helping women and children in our community.

January 18 - Open House and 2015 Grant Recipients Update

May 3 - Women United Panel Discussion: Immigration in Our Community

July 26 - Summer Social

August 29 - 2017 Human Services Grant Finalists Presentation

September 20 - Day of Caring - United Way Thomas Jefferson Area

October 5 - Annual Grant Award Luncheon

November 1 - Open House and 2016 Grant Recipients Update

Join us in 2018!
The Women United Membership Open House on November 1 was a great opportunity for members and guests to mix and mingle while celebrating the impact of our collective giving. More important, however, was the chance to hear from previous grant award recipients as they described how the Women United Human Services Grant Awards have impacted their work serving women and children in our community.

Jennifer Jacobs, Executive Director of Albemarle Housing Improvement Program (AHIP), shared how the $20,000 grant they received solved problems of basic shelter for community members in dire need. Karen Reifenberger, COO of Piedmont Housing Alliance, along with Claudette Grant, described how they used the $20,000 award to meet basic food needs of children and family members at Friendship Court in Charlottesville.

To nominate a non-profit for a 2018 Human Services Grant Award, email WomenUnited@UnitedWayTJA.org. DEADLINE FEBRUARY 8