



WOMEN IN PHILANTHROPY

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Women In Philanthropy (WIP) Initiative?

Women In Philanthropy is an initiative of Martinsville Area Community Foundation (MACF) and was established to encourage, increase, and recognize women's participation in philanthropy and to make significant impact grants in the local community through a member-driven pooled grant-making process. This initiative is based on a philanthropy model started in Seattle, Washington in 1995 called the Washington's Women's Foundation. It has since been replicated in other cities around the country.

Why was this initiative started?

WIP was started in order to:

- Further engage women already involved in philanthropy
- Involve women of all ages in philanthropy
- Enable women on the non-profit sector and how the non-profit organizations are working in our community
- To have an organization that allows women to have an active role in large-impact grant-making

When can I join?

Membership is welcomed throughout the year. Membership periods run from July 1- June 30 of each year.

Is there a limit to the membership?

WIP is open to any woman who makes the commitment contribute \$500 annually for three years.

Is this just an organization of women?

While membership is limited to women, grants will not be limited to women and girls as beneficiaries.

Who decides what WIP supports?

Every member will help decide through her vote on the proposed grants. A grants review meeting will be held for members to discuss the proposals. Any member that is unable to attend a grants review meeting will be able to view the proposals on the foundation website through a secure member-login page. Ballots will be mailed to all members for a vote. The organization that receives the most votes will receive the grant. The amount of money available to award is directly proportional to the size of the membership. It is expected that as the membership grows, more than one large-impact grant will be made each year.

What are the values of WIP?

- Membership is open to individual women only
- Membership is diverse
- Every member is entitled to one vote
- Grants are made solely from members' contributions
- Grant-making is not limited to women and girls as beneficiaries
- Pooled fund grants are large impact grants
- There is no obligation to volunteer or participate in committee work
- The geographic reach of support will include: City of Martinsville, Henry County, and Patrick County

How may I pay my membership?

Payments may be made by check payable to Martinsville Area Community Foundation, credit card or by stock. (contact MACF for details.)

Are there other costs?

No, there are no other costs to the members. MACF will assess a very modest 1% fee of the total raised each year to offset the cost of administering the pool of funds and the grants program.