



# Women's Giving Circle

## Frequently Asked Questions

**What is a giving circle?** A giving circle is a group of individuals who agree to pool charitable dollars and collectively give to one or more charities or causes. While deciding where to give their pooled donations, members learn about their community's needs and the organizations addressing those needs.

### **What is the Habitat for Humanity DC-NOVA Women's Giving Circle and how does it work?**

Habitat's Women's Giving Circle will bring together individual women who support the mission of Habitat DC-NOVA to sponsor specific projects through their collective giving. Initially, the donations made during the first two years to the giving circle will cover the gap cost for one Habitat home. The gap cost is the difference between what it costs to build one home and the amount at which Habitat sells the home affordably to a family. After the first round of pooled giving during 2024-2025, Habitat will present the Women's Giving Circle three project options for the next pooled donation, and the members will decide by majority vote which project to fund.

**How do members join?** Anyone who supports the mission of Habitat can join the Women's Giving Circle by making a 2-year commitment to donate \$1,000 per year (\$2,000 total). The gifts are 100% tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law and will be used by Habitat for the charitable project of the 2-year donation pool. Various payment plan options are available. Visit [give.habitatdcnova.org/wgc](https://give.habitatdcnova.org/wgc) to join.

**What are the benefits to members of the Giving Circle?** Members will be able to make new friendships with like-minded women and grow personal and business connections during social events and while volunteering on Habitat sites. Socials and networking events will be largely member-led through the Member Activities Committee and may include activities such as hosted dinners and cocktail hours, arts and culture events, and learning series to dive deeper into Habitat's work and meet the families we serve. Members will also have the opportunity to volunteer on Habitat construction sites and in our ReStores. To ensure that every dollar of the Women's Giving Circle goes into the homes Habitat builds, some member events may charge registration fees.

**What is the leadership of the Circle?** Every two years (to align with each donation pool), a Chair and Chair-Elect are nominated and selected by the membership. In the inaugural year, Habitat has appointed a Chair and will assist in recruiting a Chair-Elect. The Chair and Chair-Elect assist with planning member activities, member recruitment, and fundraising goals.

### **I know someone who might be interested in joining. How can I get them involved before they join?**

Members are encouraged and welcome to 'bring a friend' to social and volunteer events. For any events that aren't specifically tagged as 'bring a friend,' please contact the Giving Circle Coordinator directly to confirm additional attendees.

**I have other questions - who do I contact?** Diane Jones Meier, Women's Giving Circle Coordinator, can be reached at [wgc@habitatdcnova.org](mailto:wgc@habitatdcnova.org) or at 979.492.3115. Kat Shaub, VP of Development at Habitat, can be reached at [kat.shaub@habitatdcnova.org](mailto:kat.shaub@habitatdcnova.org) or 202.257.1153.



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Your membership in action

## So you've joined the Women's Giving Circle...what's next?!

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### Submit your registration and pledge form to Habitat

You'll be added to our member directory and our membership mailing list to receive newsletters, event invitations, project updates and more. The registration form (enclosed) is also where you can tell us why you've joined and where your particular interests are!

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### Join an upcoming event to meet your fellow members

We aim to offer 3-4 social events per year in addition to volunteer days. You can view the calendar and register for member events and volunteer opportunities at [www.habitatdcnova.org/events](http://www.habitatdcnova.org/events). Have an idea for an event? Consider joining the Member Activities Committee!

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### Learn about the homes the WGC sponsors

For the 2024-2025 donation pool, the Circle is sponsoring a rehab build in Capitol Hill, DC to renovate a donated rowhome into two flat-style units. You can check out the project details at <https://www.habitatdcnova.org/what-we-do/our-projects/>.



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### Meet the team supporting the Women's Giving Circle!



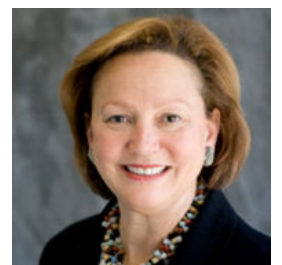
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