

GIVING CIRCLES



Giving circles are becoming increasingly popular as a communal form of philanthropy, where like-minded individuals pool their time and money in order to maximize giving power. Often part of larger charitable organizations e.g., the Community Foundation of Northern Virginia, giving circles have autonomy to recruit members, determine member commitment, and identify worthy causes. They may be organized around fulfilling the needs of local communities, specific charities or charitable goals, or based on the shared demographics of their members.

Giving Circle Resources in Virginia:

[Business Women's Giving Circle](#): Bringing together successful women seeking to empower girls and women of all ages through philanthropy in the Northern Virginia area.

[Giving Circle of HOPE](#): Creating positive change in Northern Virginia through engaged and collective philanthropy, centered on involvement and volunteerism.

Giving Circle Resources in Maryland:

[The Women's Giving Circle of Howard County](#): Addressing the needs of women and girls in Howard County, Maryland.

[Anne Arundel Women Giving Together](#) - Established in 2005 to improve the quality of life of women and families in Anne Arundel County, Maryland.

Giving Circle Resources in Washington, DC:

[The Washington Area Women's Foundation](#) – Mobilizing community resources to transform the lives of economically vulnerable women and girls in the Washington, DC region.

[Cherry Blossom Giving Circle](#) – Committed to creating positive change in the Asian American and Pacific Islander communities of the Washington, DC metro area.

[Tikkun Olam Women's Foundation of Greater Washington](#) – Effecting social change by funding programs, locally and in Israel, that solve critical social issues affecting women and girls.

Other Useful Information:

[How To Set Up A Giving Circle](#) – a guide to organizing your own giving circle, from recruiting members to granting funds.

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