



February - August 2025
LOOKING BACK
(as we move forward)

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Upcoming Event

GWC POTLUCK SOCIAL



I've Been "Heron" About

Future Meetings

3rd Quarterly Meeting
"Making a Difference... Together"

Tuesday, August 19

5:15 - 7:00 pm

Greenwood Genetic Center
113 Gregor Mendel Circle

Featuring:
2024 GWC Grant Recipients

Kick Off The Vote!

Monday, October 20

5:30 - 6:30 pm

Harley Family Center
1101 Main Street, Greenwood

4th Quarterly Meeting
"Strength in Every Step:"

- Learn More
- Food For Thought
- Know Your GWC
- Get Involved

GWC...

Tuesday, Sept. 16, 2025
5:30 pm until 7:00 pm

Blue Heron House

612 Watts Bridge
Ninety-Six, SC

The Power of Movement
and Community"
Monday, November 17
5:15 - 7:00 pm
Greenwood YMCA
1760 Calhoun Rd, Greenwood
Presenters:
Jan Rushton and
Sunni Carwile

Women whose last
name begins with A -
L,, please bring a dish
to share.

*Guests, and guests of guests,
are
always welcome!*

Consider wearing
blue...
Just for Fun!



GWC Executive Committee



GWC Advisory Board

Rachel's Reflections

When I joined Greenwood Women Care four summers ago, I never imagined I'd one day be writing this message as Chair of the Advisory Board, let alone as the first to follow in the footsteps of our organization's founder.

Back then, I was a northerner newly relocated to Greenwood, completely unfamiliar with giving collectives. My introduction to GWC happened in 2020 when I was invited to represent the Emerald



These grants have supported human services, animal welfare, community

City Rotary Foundation in the annual check presentation photo. Even though we were masked for the photo, I could feel the warmth and connection among the women of GWC. I was also struck by the range of nonprofit organizations being recognized that day, and my curiosity was officially sparked.

In February 2021, I attended my first Quarterly Meeting as a guest (via Zoom - thank you, Covid). Later that summer, I joined the in-person August Quarterly Meeting at Cokesbury College. While a storm raged outside, we enjoyed a video celebrating the previous year's grantees, and I left completely inspired.

That following winter, I attended the New Members Soup Supper, where I was met with the kindest hospitality and some of the best soups, rolls, salad and dessert I have ever been treated to. There, I learned about the committees that keep this organization thriving. I jumped in with Communications, joined the Advisory Board, served as Vice Chair, and now... here I am!

The deeper I became involved, the more I appreciated what GWC has accomplished in such a brief time. Since our first granting cycle in 2019, we've awarded \$403,974 to local nonprofits, and after this year, we'll be closing in on the half-million-dollar mark.

development, health, and the arts, touching nearly every corner of Greenwood County. That is something to celebrate!

Today, Greenwood Women Care is 165 members strong, and I'm excited to watch that number grow. GWC quickly became an important part of my life because of the meaningful, lasting impact we make. If you're already a member, I suspect it holds that same special place for you. I encourage you to share the gift of GWC with the women in your circles. Invite them to see our mission in action and be part of something powerful.

I'm honored to serve as Chair and am constantly inspired by the dedication of our Advisory Board, Committee Chairs, and engaged members. With this level of commitment and enthusiasm, I know Greenwood Women Care will continue advancing its mission and make an even greater difference in our community.

Celebrating what we've done & ready for what's next ~

Rachel

Rachel Strayer
Chair, GWC Advisory Board



ICYMI (and were wondering....)

It will soon be time for.....

YOUR VOICE. YOUR VOTE. YOUR IMPACT.

One of GWC's most important moments – the chance for YOU to help decide which local nonprofits will receive our grants. Your vote makes a difference.

HOW VOTING WORKS

Members will rank all project proposals in order of preference. Points are assigned from your rankings and grants are awarded based on total points received.

RESOURCES TO SUPPORT YOUR VOTE

In late September, you will receive project summaries by email with details on:

- The need each project addresses
- The nonprofit's plan and expected outcomes
- Costs and plans to measure success

Each summary will include an evaluation tool to help you score proposals on factors like clarity, feasibility, potential to improve services and fulfill unmet needs, likelihood of lasting change, and whether the cost matches the project. Tallying your scores can make ranking easier.

PREPARING TO VOTE

In early October, you will get a mailed packet with a ballot worksheet and voting instructions. Use the worksheet to record your rankings ahead of time. When voting opens, you'll receive an email link to the online ballot.

YOUR STEPS TO TAKE

- Watch for project summaries from gwc@greenwoodcf.org (late Sept/early Oct)!
- Look for your mailed worksheet and instructions (late Sept/early Oct)!
- Join us at the Kick-Off-The-Vote meeting on Monday, October 20 for fun, fellowship, inspiration, and insight into this year's proposals!
5:30–6:30 pm Monday, October 20th
Harley Family Center
1101 Main Street, Greenwood
- Submit your online ballot by midnight, October 22!



Additional Gifts Increase our Giving

With every annual contribution for GWC Membership, our Granting Fund grows by \$400 to award in that year's grant cycle, and our Endowment increases by \$100 to ensure our long-term financial stability. In this way, all of our members have an investment in the success of GWC's purpose to learn, give, and grow.

We are most grateful for every contribution, whether a renewal, new membership, or gift made "over and above" the annual amount! Each one enables us to be more impactful in our home community.

GIFTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

If you would like to honor someone with a gift to GWC, please download the form linked [here](#) or contact gwc@greenwoodcf.org

If you would like to make an additional contribution, you may do so [here](#).



New Members!

(Since February 2025)

Carla Baker
Cappy Birdwell
Kelli Eberhardt
Billie Havey
Santasha Highley

Carrie Hofmann
Stacey Sullivan
Manekwa Tolbert
Therese Vereen



did you know?

Fall is the time when we can look forward to seeing our beloved **Ms. Carey Givings** on full display during Greenwood's Uptown Scarecrow Contest! This year, she will be "dropping in" to see YOU at her assigned lamp post Uptown - look for her during the month of October and make sure you vote for her by scanning her QR code then reacting with the Facebook post! And why not introduce her to a friend?



2025 Grantee Corner

A big CONGRATULATIONS to The Period Project for being



the recipient of our GWC's Women's Health Grant! Please click [HERE](#) to read all about it!



[Learn More](#)

(To See Recent Event Recaps, Click on Titles Below)

[GRANT WRITING 101](#)

[BREAKING THE SILENCE](#)



NEW MEMBERS SOUP SUPPER



FOR THE DREAMS OF
CHILDREN



GWC ANNUAL CELEBRATION



And...

our most popular **#FoodForThoughtFriday** Facebook post was during may - it had over 650 views!

This post celebrates **the power of women to change the world.**

every "like, comment, and share" introduces more people to **gwc** and the impact we are making.

currently, we have 1,127 followers on our facebook page.

let's set a goal to reach 1,500 followers by the end of 2025!!

we hope we can count on you to keep our momentum going.

please **like** our GWC Facebook and Instagram pages and visit them often!

(you can do so from the bottom of this newsletter)





BET YOU KNOW HOW TO USE THIS --->

(If not, use your camera on your cell phone
and aim it at this image...then click on what pops up!)



Know Your GWC

Do you ever wonder...

- who our current Members and Supporters are?
- what programs we've had in the past and what venues we've enjoyed?
- when the next GWC meeting will be held?
- where we'll be meeting in the coming months?
- how a nonprofit could apply for one of our GWC Grants?
- why GWC is "the place to be"?

Answers to these questions (and so many more!) can be found with a few, simple clicks on our GWC webpages! Here's how to get there....

**Go to the website for Greenwood County Community Foundation
(greenwoodcf.org) and you'll see our reverse logo on the home page:**



Click on it!

It's hyperlinked to GWC's home page. Or, go directly to GWC's home page by clicking:
greenwoodcf.org/greenwood-women-care

You'll see this toolbar just below the group photo of many of our Charter Members:



**Once you are on GWC's home page, click on any one of the tabs
and it will lead to a wealth of information about this organization.
Enjoy browsing and getting to know GWC even better!**



Are you interested in being on a committee? We would LOVE to have your talents put to good use with all those currently volunteering! What better way to foster great relationships with all the amazing members of GWC and, at the same time, play a bigger part in GWC's success? Look at the options and see where you might be able to help. More details can be found [here](#).



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