

Giving Circle of HOPE Newsletter

Helping Other People Everyday

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Dates to Remember

- Feb. 10, 11 AM: Beading Workshop @ Cedar Ridge Community Center
- Feb. 11, 7 PM: Grant Circle Review Meeting @ RI Offices
 - Feb. 12, 7 PM: Endowment Circle Meeting @ Mary Earle Farrell's home
- March 4, 7 PM: Empty Bowls Meeting @ St. John Neumann Church
- March 12, 6:30 PM: Book Circle Dinner & Discussion @ Peggy Best's home
 - March 18, 7 PM: Quarterly Meeting @ Alma Wiegand's home
- April 2, 7 PM: Empty Bowls Meeting @ St. John Neumann Church
- April 17, 5:30-8 PM: Empty Bowls Fundraiser @ St. John Neumann Church
- June 2, 7 PM: Quarterly Meeting

For more info, please email givingcircle@hotmail.com

Giving Circle of HOPE is now on Facebook!

[Check it out](#)

Many Thanks

Our first **Gifts That Give Hope Alternative Gift Market**, held on December 6, 2008, brought in over \$14,000 for the nonprofits

Dear Members & Friends:

The Giving Circle of HOPE recently celebrated its **FIFTH anniversary!** We are happy to report that the number of members and their level of engagement keep going UP, which means that we can more effectively serve people in need.

Making Connections

The **Reston Connection** recently published a wonderful article about our Grantee Celebration and our work in general. Check out our "cover girls!" After you've read it, please give it to a friend or colleague that may have an interest in participating in our way of philanthropy, "Fun with a Purpose!"



Read "[Giving Circle's Annual Giveaway](#)"

Honoring our Grantees

Over 100 members and guests attended our **Grantee Celebration** on January 30 at the Lake Anne Rose Gallery. We were pleased to welcome staff and board members from our 11 grantee organizations, members of Reston's civic groups, community supporters, and our own fabulous members. The evening was enriched by beautiful music (thanks to Jan Harper!), good food & wine. Wine glasses painted by ladies in our Crafting Hope workshops for low-income women were a big hit!



Empty Bowls

We are busy planning for our second Empty Bowls Fundraiser for Hunger Relief on Friday, **April 17, 2009**. This year's event will once again benefit [Food for Others](#), the largest provider of free food to the needy in Northern Virginia.



If you would like to help with pre-event planning, please contact [Linda](#). Our next planning meeting will be at 7 PM on March 4 at St. John Neumann Church.

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Thank you to everyone who helped make this event a success!

If you would like to work at the event (only) on April 17, please contact [Diana](#).

Volunteer Needs

Join Now

As nonprofit needs grow, we hope our grant pool will also. Please mail your 2009 contributions to the address below and invite your friends to join the Giving Circle of HOPE.

Our **Crafting Hope** workshops serve dozens of women living in low-income communities. Over the past few months we have taught knitting, jewelry making, and glass painting. All workshops have been enthusiastically received and are a lot of fun.

Helping hands are always needed, but we are especially looking for **instructors to teach a one-time workshop** to produce a craft project that the ladies can then take home.

Quotation of the Month

What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us; what we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal.
-- Albert Pike

Extra help is always appreciated for **Kids' Club** (Wednesday eves., 2x/mo.) and **Caring Friends @ Cameron Glen** (Thursday mornings). We guarantee that you will "get" more than you "give."

Did You Know? 2-1-1

2-1-1 is an easy to remember phone number connecting people with free information on available community services. When you dial 2-1-1, a trained professional listens to your situation and suggests sources of help using one of the largest databases of health and human services in Virginia.

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Visit us at www.givingcircleofhope.org

You may wish to pass this information along when working with some of our clients in need.

Join the Book Circle

Come for dinner and discussion of Jennifer Gonnerman's book, "**Life on the Outside: the Prison Odyssey of Elaine Bartlett**," on March 12 at Peggy Best's home.

The Book Circle typically reads books that help us understand the people we serve or educates us to a particular social issue. New members are always welcome!

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