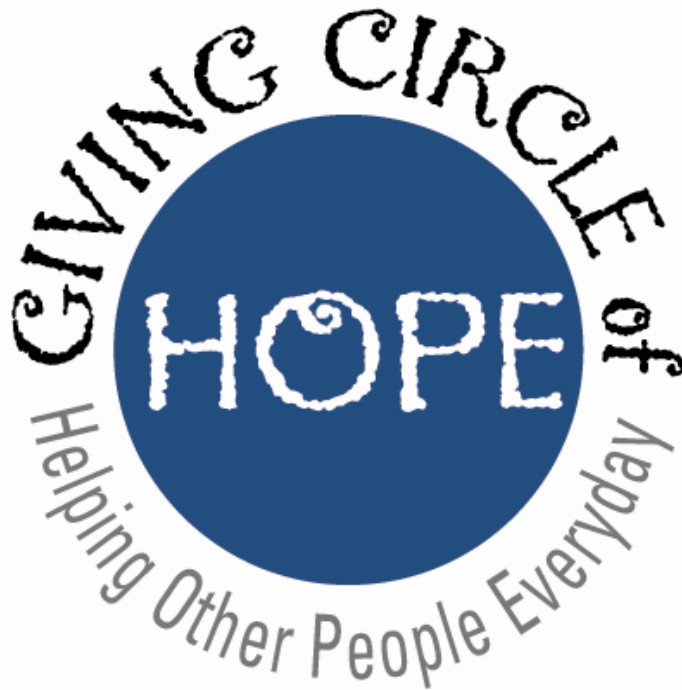


Introducing the Giving Circle of HOPE



2006 Best of Reston Award
2006 Evelyn LaPierre Award
2005 Fairfax County Volunteer Service Award
2005 Virginia Congressional Commendation
2004 Reston Times Citizen of the Year
2004 Reston Interfaith Community Partner Award

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Message from the Guiding Circle

Thanks to the generosity of our members, friends, and contributors, the Giving Circle of HOPE has awarded grants to 37 exceptional nonprofit organizations in just five years, with a total of over \$250,000! We have also launched five ongoing service programs, hosted large annual community events, participated in many one-day service projects with nonprofit partners, assisted with the formation of several new giving circles, and started an endowment fund dedicated to “Breaking the Cycle” of teen pregnancy.

As we look forward, we hope to grow in size and scope to make an even greater impact on the community. Our members, contributors, and supporters have helped us create marvelous relationships between volunteers, nonprofits, businesses, and the people we serve. Together we truly “make a difference!”

If you believe in our mission, please join us!

Rebecca Berntsen
Marie Kordes

Patty Gehring
Mary Narayan

Joan Kasprovicz
Linda Strup

Diana Katz
Jane Williams

What is a Giving Circle?

Giving circles are a new trend in philanthropy. Like an investment club, members combine money (as well as time and talents) and collectively decide how to use these resources to impact a specific cause or interest area.

Our Mission

The **Giving Circle of HOPE** provides funds and assistance to people in need in Northern Virginia.

Our Goals

- make a difference in the community by contributing time, talents and monetary resources
- encourage community among ourselves and those we serve
- increase public awareness of local needs
- encourage self-sufficiency and well-being among those in need
- promote volunteerism and effective philanthropy
- build a network that is a catalyst for positive change

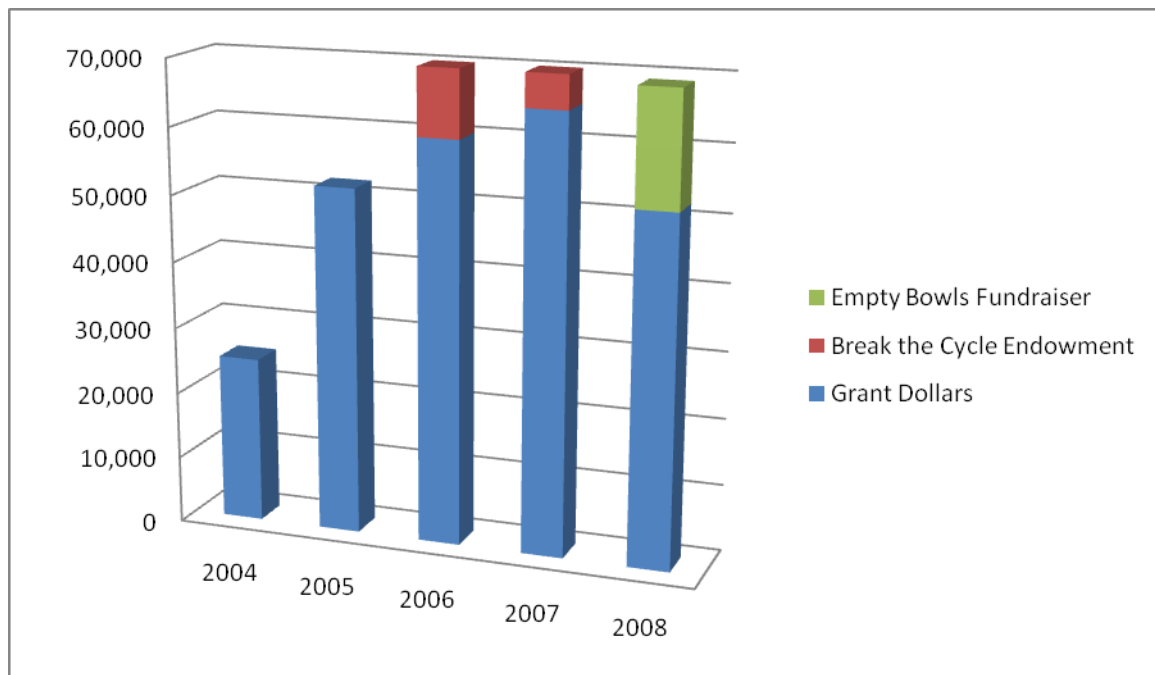
**The Giving Circle of HOPE is a component fund of the
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All contributions are tax-deductible.

Our Growth

Founding Members: 4
2004 Members: 60+
2005 Members: 80+
2006-2009: 100+

Contributions



Voting members contribute a minimum of \$1/day to the grant fund.

All grant funds are dispersed each year. Five percent of endowment funds are dispersed for specific programs designed to break the cycle of teen pregnancy.

The Grant Process

The Giving Circle of HOPE awards grants to non-profit organizations for specific programs that help people in need in Northern Virginia. An organization must also have an organizational budget of <\$2 million, meet the Circle's mission, and have clear goals, objectives, and measurable outcomes. Following our September 1 grant application deadline, the Grant Sub-Circle reviews, summarizes, and recommends applicants to the general membership for a final vote. Each contributing member is allowed one vote.

2006 Grantees

- Alzheimer's Family Day Center
- Arlington Free Clinic
- BEACON
- Brain Injury Services
- Empowered Women International
- FACETS
- Fauquier Family Shelter Services
- Flashes of Hope*
- Herndon-Reston FISH
- Greenbrier Learning Center
- Just Neighbors
- Loudoun Literacy Council
- Northern Virginia AIDS Ministry
- Stroke Comeback Center

2008 Grantees

- Alzheimer's Family Day Center
- Computer CORE
- Floris/Grace Ministries
- Friends of Guest House
- Good Shepherd Alliance
- Jeanie Schmidt Free Clinic
- Kids R First
- NOVAM
- NoVa Scripts Central
- Stroke Comeback Center
- The Brain Foundation

2005 Grantees

- Arlington Free Clinic
- BEACON
- Brain Injury Services
- Empowered Women International
- FACETS
- Herndon-Reston FISH
- Friends of Loudoun County Mental Health
- Gabriel Homes
- Kids R First
- Northern Virginia AIDS Ministry
- Shepherd Center of Oakton-Vienna
- United Community Ministries

2007 Grantees

- Alzheimer's Family Day Center
- BEACON
- Brain Injury Services
- Emerging Scholars
- Empowered Women International
- FACETS
- Flashes of Hope*
- Food for Others*
- Herndon-Reston FISH
- Jeannie Schmidt Free Clinic
- Liberty's Promise
- Shepherd Center of Oakton-Vienna
- Stroke Comeback Center
- Vecinos Unidos

2004 Grantees

- FACETS (Fairfax Area Christian and Emergency Services)
- Herndon-Reston FISH
- Friends of Loudoun County Mental Health
- Herndon Free Clinic
- Marjorie F. Hughes Fund for Children

* Grants to these organizations were awarded outside the formal grant process

Ongoing Service Programs

Kids' Club

Volunteers visit the Embry Rucker Homeless Shelter twice a month to work with children on language development, literacy, and art enrichment. Special events are held to feature performers, teach a craft or skill, or provide cultural enrichment. During the summer, field trips are planned to Frying Pan Park and the International Children's Festival at Wolf Trap Park.



Team Leader: Mary Beth DiVincenzo

Cameron Glen Nursing Center

Caring Friends



Our team visits residents of Cameron Glen Nursing Center each Thursday morning to provide therapeutic recreation and socialization. Special events are held throughout the year to celebrate holidays.

Residents benefit from exercise and fun by using a Wii system purchased by the Giving Circle of HOPE.

Team Leader: Mary Bailey

Flashes of Hope



Giving Circle of HOPE volunteers, along with commercial photographers and professional makeup stylists, organize a photo shoot each month for families dealing with pediatric cancer at Inova Fairfax Hospital. Families receive a portfolio of beautiful and uplifting images, celebrating the spirit of each child, free of charge.

Team leader: Virginia Bertness

Crafting Hope



Weekly art workshops in three low-income communities teach jewelry making, knitting, clay art, glass painting, and other crafts for enjoyment and potential income. All supplies are provided and clients have the opportunity to sell their crafts at markets twice a year.

Team leader: Linda Strup

Special Events

Gifts That Give Hope Alternative Gift Market



Alternative gift markets provide **help** and **hope** to others while giving shoppers an opportunity to choose meaningful gifts for their friends and family. Participating Nonprofits are also able to talk about their mission and programs. Our second annual Gifts That Give Hope fair will take place on December 12 in Fairfax.

Empty Bowls

A true community event, our Empty Bowls fundraisers for hunger relief raise funds for Food for Others. With the help of local restaurants, artisans, faith groups, scouts, and other volunteers, we plan to host an Empty Bowls event each spring.



One-Day Service Projects



Supply Drive



Reston Relay for Life



Happy Hats ~ Becky Shaler Community Spirit Day



Rebuilding Together



Benefit Dinner



FISH Holiday Baskets



Help the Homeless Mini-Walk