



2024 IMPACT REPORT

INVEST. CONNECT. INSPIRE.

The mission of the Business Women’s Giving Circle is to invest in innovative programs that empower girls and young women in Northern Virginia, connect meaningfully with members and grantees, and inspire others to join the power of collective philanthropy.

The Community Foundation for Northern Virginia launched its Business Women’s Giving Circle in 2014, the first group of its kind in the region comprised of women who are looking to empower girls and women of all ages through philanthropy in the Northern Virginia region.

BWGC has awarded more than \$595,000 to organizations providing exciting experiences in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM), Leadership, and Entrepreneurship with measurable impact on the lives of over 3,600 girls and young women in Northern Virginia.



2023 GRANTEES FOR 2024 IMPACT



Ecologigals

Sustainability Matters: Ecologigals (\$20,000)

Ecologigals is a new, girls-focused program for Sustainability Matters, engaging 60 girls in grades 9-12 within Fairfax County Public Schools (with outreach targeted to low-income, BIPOC, immigrant girls) in ecology/environmental science fieldwork at their 1-66 landfill Making Trash Bloom site. The Grants Committee was impressed with their clear topical focus, the opportunity for girls to engage with the innovative Making Trash Bloom program, their mentorship network (including engaging Smithsonian-Mason undergraduates as mentors for the Ecologigals), and the opportunity to get in on the ground floor of a new program for this rapidly growing organization.



Boolean Girl Clubhouse

Boolean Girl: Boolean Girl Clubhouse (\$15,000)

Boolean Girl's Clubhouse teaches Northern Virginia-based 3rd to 8th-grade girls (~ 20% low-income) coding and engineering in a fun environment while fostering a supportive community of girls with similar interests and providing them with role models in the older girls who serve as instructors and assistants. The Clubhouse meets 14 times during the school year for 3-hour sessions (about 20 girls at each session). It's hosted in partnership with Marymount University at their Arlington location. The Grants Committee was impressed with the focus on peer and mentor support, the coding/engineering projects the girls engage in, and the partnership with Marymount University.



Talent for Tomorrow Alliance

Year Up National Capital Region (\$20,000)

Talent for Tomorrow Alliance, Serving All of Northern Virginia Funding will support the Talent for Tomorrow Alliance's STEM training for 140 women in Northern Virginia to provide technical skills training, industry specific based-certifications, internships, and wraparound support to prepare women for in-demand jobs.

2024 IMPACT

The Women's Giving Circle is pleased to again provide funding to two amazing groups that worked with girls and young women to promote activities that encourage their interest and participation in STEM.

GRANTEES



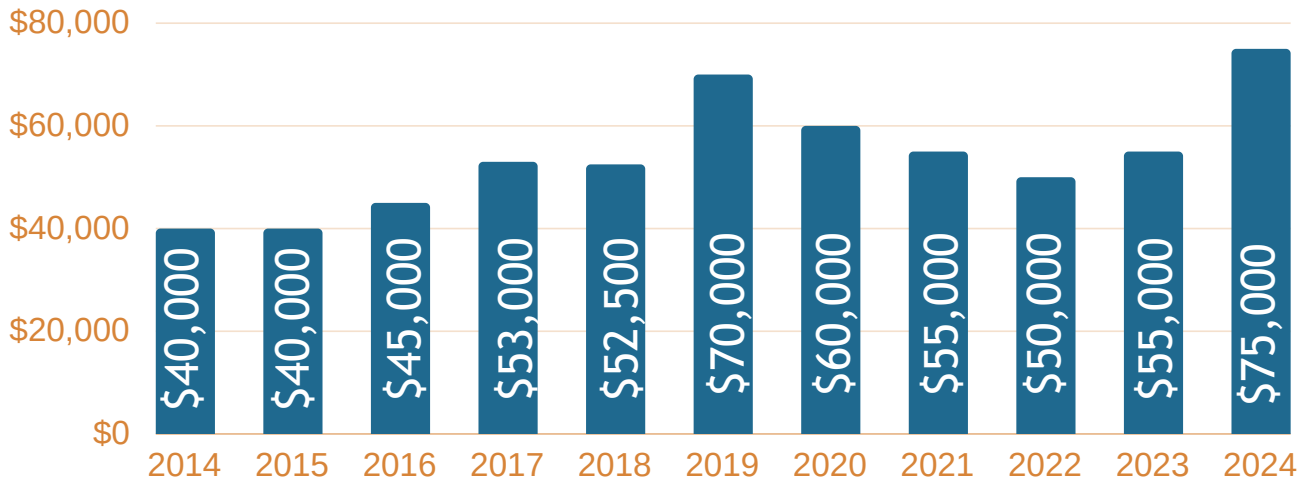
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MEMBERS



OVER \$595,000 GIVEN IN GRANTS



GROWN OUR ENDOWMENT TO OVER \$432,000

Since 2014, to support the long-term sustainability of the BWGC, a small portion of the annual grant pool has been allocated to the endowment fund. Additionally, members and donors have generously contributed to the fund over the years.



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Ecologicals



Boolean Girl Clubhouse



Talent for Tomorrow Alliance



Space of Her Own (SOHO)



Pink Space Theory G.R.E.A.T Math Minds

2024 MEMBERS & 2025 MEMBERS

EP - Emerging Philanthropist | Founding Member (F)

Grace Anton (F)
Sarah Baker (NEW)
Faith Boettger (F)
Bernie Bradley
Kathy Campbell
Laahiri Chalasani (EP)
Amy Cheung (NEW)
Jen Dalton
Victoria Dietz
Leslie Dupree-Culman
Susan Dykstra
Eileen Ellsworth (F)
Sue Fajer
Robin Finnell
Cate Fulkerson
Claudelle Gehy (NEW)

Shima Goswami (NEW)
Luanne Gutermuth (F)
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Nannette Henderson
Vinu Ilakkuvan
Neerja Jain
Tanya La Force (F)
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Sheila Murphy
April Myers (NEW)
Laura Nash
Elli Nesbitt (NEW)
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Judith Selzer
Amee Shah (NEW)
Patricia Sparrell
Jennifer Taylor
Lori Ann Terjesen
Karen Tovey (F)
Brittany Wismer (NEW)
Jay Yeo (NEW + EP)
Stefanie Zeldin Sigal (F)

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Booleen Girl Clubhouse

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Talent for Tomorrow Alliance

Year Up United (\$20,000) Talent for Tomorrow Alliance, Serving All of Northern Virginia, funds STEM opportunities for 140 women in Northern Virginia to provide technical skills training, industry-specific based-certifications, internships, and wraparound support to prepare women for in-demand jobs. The committee was impressed with the wrap-around services from high school through career progression utilizing the strengths of each Alliance organization to support girls and young women through their journey. Besides Year Up United, the Talent for Tomorrow Alliance includes Genesys Works, New Futures, Per Scholas, and Spark the Journey.



Space of Her Own (SOHO)

Space of Her Own (\$10,000) Transforming spaces and transforming lives, SOHO empowers remarkable girls from underserved communities through one-to-one mentoring, art, STEM, and life skills development. The committee was impressed with the creative and unique projects that transform spaces, give hands-on experience with STEM fields, and build positive bonds with trusted and committed mentors.



Pink Space Theory
G.R.E.A.T Math Minds

Pink Space Theory (\$15,000) G.R.E.A.T Math Minds offers a three-year math enrichment program for elementary school girls to enhance 21st-century competencies, cultivating mastery in advanced math, coding, design thinking, and engineering. The committee was impressed with the program's long-term initiative that builds confidence in trying something new, exploring ideas, and solving real world challenges.

The Business Women's Giving Circle will celebrate these 2024 grantees on February 5, 2025, at our Annual Grantee Celebration.

YEAR IN REVIEW



HOLIDAY SOCIAL & PINNING



SHARK TANK




GRANTEE CELEBRATION

THE BUSINESS WOMEN'S GIVING CIRCLE 10th Anniversary at the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia


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Fostering STEM Learning, Experiences, and Careers for Girls


BWGC VIRTUAL LUNCH AND LEARN | APRIL 8TH | 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM



Denise Bellows, PhD., Moderator
Senior Director of Insight Region
Community Foundation for Northern Virginia



Brian Moran
Co-Founder
Boolean Girl



Jennifer Fortney
Association Executive Director
STEM for Her

SPRING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING



SUMMER SOCIAL

THE BUSINESS WOMEN'S GIVING CIRCLE 10th Anniversary at the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia

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Science at the Forefront

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2024 | 12:00-1:00 PM

JOIN BWGC MEMBERS AND ARCS MWC FOR OUR FALL VIRTUAL EDUCATION EVENT



Elli Nesbitt, Moderator
Chair of the Council of Presidents for ARCS
and BWGC Member



Stacey Adam, PhD
Vice President
Science Partnerships -
Translational Sciences, FNIH



Courtney Silverthorn, PhD
Vice President
Strategic Alliances and
Innovation, FNIH

FALL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING



THANK YOU FOR A GREAT YEAR

2025 BWGC STEERING COMMITTEE



Sue Fajer
Chair



Laura Nash
Network & Education



Nanci Schimizzi
Network & Education



Jen Dalton
Membership &
Communication



Leslie Lewis
Membership &
Communication



Judy Redpath
Past Chair



Neerja Jain
Grants Chair



Ameer Shah
Co-Chair Grants



Gaby Webster
CFNOVA



Jennifer Cochran
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