

Women's Giving Circle

A MANKATO AREA FOUNDATION FUND

The Women's Giving Circle, a fund of the Mankato Area Foundation, offers an opportunity for women of all ages to come together to participate in philanthropy. The Women's Giving Circle fund was established to amplify the power of collective giving by bringing together local women in a purposeful way, because when women and children thrive, our community will prosper. Members contribute gifts to the fund and join together quarterly to determine where the collective dollars are granted. With no hierarchy or committee structure, the goal is to keep the process simple. The Women's Giving Circle aims to democratize philanthropy by promoting the idea that the giving of time, talent or treasures is accessible to all of us.

MEMBERSHIP

Join as an individual or a team of two members to share the cost or as a Next Generation member (for our female friends under 40).

STANDARD

Annual: \$350.00

Quarterly: \$87.50

NEXT GENERATION

Annual: \$100.00

Quarterly: \$25.00

BECOME A MENTOR

For an additional gift of \$100, any member may choose to mentor a particular woman (or person) of their choice, allowing both the member and mentee to have a vote.

MEETINGS

We hold four meetings a year, prior to which each current member can nominate a project or program. Each member then votes (teams get one collective vote), and the winning projects or programs are announced at the meeting.

OUR GOAL

We are building a community of fierce female philanthropists. Each year, our members collectively give away grants benefiting projects or programs whose work is focused on empowering women and children within our community. The more women that come together, the more significant our impact!

"Women speaking up for themselves and for those around them is the strongest force we have to change the world."

- Melinda Gates

