



## Power of the Purse Women's Giving Circle

*"Connecting Women Who Care With Causes That Matter."*

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### FACT SHEET

Giving Together:  
Giving Circles and Community Foundations

Across the country, people are coming together in groups called Giving Circles, many of which are hosted by community foundations. Members of a giving circle pool their money and decide collectively how to use that money to make a difference. Giving circles are bringing together new donors and new dollars that are changing the face of traditional philanthropy for women of all ages.

### MISSION STATEMENT

Power of the Purse educates, inspires, and increases the number of women committed to philanthropy in order to strengthen our community by providing funds and assistance to issues that are important to women.

### GOALS

- a) Make a difference among women in the community by promoting volunteerism and effective philanthropy through our pooled resources.
- b) Encourage community among ourselves and those we serve.
- c) Educate and increase awareness of local needs.
- d) Encourage self-sufficiency and well-being among those in need.
- e) Build a network that is a catalyst for positive change.

### ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS

Members are asked to contribute \$120 a year. Additional dollars donated will be applied to the Power of the Purse endowment fund.

### GRANTS

Each year the Grants Committee will select a field-of-interest focus area:

- Arts & Culture • Education • Economic/Employment Development • Environment
- Health and Human Services

### MEMBERSHIP RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

All members will be invited to 4 (four) annual giving circle events. Members may serve on any of the committees or subcommittees: Education, Grants, Recruiting/Membership, and Marketing/Fundraising. They are expected to fulfill any pledges made to the fund and to further the mission of Power of the Purse by encouraging others to participate.

### AFFILIATION

Power of the Purse has established a fund with the Community Foundation of West-Chester/Liberty.