

"WHEN WOMEN ARE FULLY INVOLVED, THE BENEFITS CAN BE SEEN IMMEDIATELY; FAMILIES ARE HEALTHIER; THEY ARE BETTER FED; THEIR INCOME, SAVINGS AND INVESTMENT GO UP. AND WHAT IS TRUE OF FAMILIES IS TRUE OF COMMUNITIES AND EVENTUALLY, THE WORLD."

KOFI ANAN,  
UNITED NATIONAL SECRETARY GENERAL

## Mission Statement

Using the power of pooled resources to improve the lives of women and girls on the Mid-Shore ☺



### Your tax-deductible gift helps the Women & Girls Fund to:

- Provide grants to 501(c)3 non-profit organizations addressing the needs of women and girls on the Mid-Shore
- Identify and research community needs as they relate to women and girls
- Participate in educating donors, community members, elected officials, and policy makers about these needs
- Provide opportunities for women and girls of all income levels to join forces and pool their money, time, and talent to find new solutions to community-wide problems.

**Together, we can improve the lives and prospects for women and girls throughout the Mid-Shore region and in the process build strong and prosperous communities. ☺**

"TODAY, WOMEN ARE NOT LIMITED TO CONTRIBUTIONS OF SERVICE, AS THEY ARE ACHIEVING FULL CONFIDENCE IN THEIR CAPABILITIES AS FINANCIAL DONORS."  
WOMEN'S PHILANTHROPY INSTITUTE

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# The Fund

The Women & Girls Fund began as the grassroots effort of a few women who were looking for an effective way to address significant local problems. Particularly concerned about the unmet needs of many Mid-Shore women and girls, they started the Fund in May 2002 and began soliciting contributions in October 2002 from other area women. Convinced that communities can solve problems that are clearly understood, the Fund also sponsors community Learning Sessions that highlight and evaluate specific problems.

The Women & Girls Fund joins a rapidly growing, nationwide movement of targeted philanthropic funds established by women. Today, there are over 100 such funds, each with its own identity and purpose. Their assets—and their impact—grow daily as more and more women find their philanthropic voices through participation in funds like these. ☺

Please add my voice and gift to the Women & Girls Fund's efforts on the Mid-Shore.

I want to become a Founding Donor.  
Enclosed is my check of \$1,000 or more.

I want to help build the Fund's endowment.  
Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

*I'd like to make a pledge:*

I pledge a total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ payable over \_\_\_\_\_ years.  
Enclosed is my first payment of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

*Please acknowledge my gift as follows:*

“A HEALTHY SOCIETY INCLUDES THE ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN THROUGH PHILANTHROPY, THE VOLUNTARY SHARING OF ONE'S PERSONAL AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES.”  
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# Endowment

The Women & Girls Fund of the Mid-Shore is a field of interest endowment that channels the pooled resources of individuals into a powerful, perpetual legacy. The value of an endowment is in its permanence, which ensures that funds will always exist to address the problems faced by local women and girls—now and for generations to come.

Because the endowment of the Women & Girls Fund of the Mid-Shore is invested along with the assets of other local funds managed by the Mid-Shore Community Foundation, the impact of your tax-deductible gift is magnified through investment income and growth. In addition, the Foundation provides low cost professional administration and management for the Fund, including accounting, auditing, and tax services. ☺



# Goals

- To understand the needs of women and girls throughout the Mid-Shore and to raise awareness of these needs in our communities
- To support under-funded programs and initiatives that aid women and girls
- To facilitate collaborative efforts among existing agencies and programs and to encourage public/private partnerships
- To engage the philanthropic instincts of all women by providing venues in which their resources of money, time, and talent can be used

# Grants

Grants are awarded, through an application process, to registered 501(c)3 organizations in Caroline, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, and Talbot Counties. Requests are evaluated by a trained Grants Committee and approved by the Board. When considering applications, the Fund focuses on specialized needs and innovative programs for which other funding sources might not exist. ☺

NAME (As you would like it to appear in the Annual Report) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY STATE ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

- I prefer to remain anonymous.
- My gift is in memory/honor of \_\_\_\_\_

My company's matching gift form is enclosed.

Checks may be made payable to:  
Women & Girls Fund of the Mid-Shore and sent to:  
Mid-Shore Community Foundation  
102 East Dover Street, Easton, Maryland 21601

- Please contact me about volunteering with the Fund.
  - Please send me additional information.
  - Please send me information about including the Fund in my estate planning.
  - Please call me about speaking to my organization.



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