

The Women's Giving Circle of Jennings County (WGC) enjoyed an evening of food, fun, fellowship, and awarding grants to local groups on Friday, June 16, 2017. The annual meeting was hosted by WGC member Beth Burnett. She and husband, Dr. Bill Burnett, welcomed the members to their home and even gave those in attendance a tour of their gardens which were featured in the Jennings County Historical Society's annual home and garden tour. "One of the greatest things about our group is our membership numbers," said Charlinda Evans, WGC president. "While other groups are seeing a decline in members, our membership has stayed steady. So thanks to all of you and your generous donations."

Five local organizations that assist the women and children in this community were presented over \$3,750 in grant money.

- Senior Resources received a grant that will be used to help pay for supplies during a special program where senior citizens are joined by the youth in the community and together they make special arts and crafts projects.
- Jennings County Youth Foundation received a grant to help pay for a summer camp they run that is free of charge for Jennings County youth to attend. Part of the money will also be used to purchase toys for a store the foundation runs at Christmas. At the store, parents can come in and purchase new toys at a greatly reduced price.
- Jennings County Soil and Water Conservation District will use their grant to help pay for a special Women of the Land program they will host in September. The program is to assist women who are farmers to understand the programs available to them and what help they can receive for their farms.
- Jennings County Council on Domestic Violence will use their grant to help purchase toiletry products and linens for clients of their organization. Women arrive all the time at the group's shelter with nothing more than the clothes on their backs. The grant money will insure they can have toiletry items and a new pillow when they arrive.
- Free Lunch All Summer...Hooray! (FLASH) received a grant to help purchase food. This program has seen the number of children and families they are feeding increase dramatically over the past few years. It is a way to make sure children here are receiving nourishment even when they are not in school. If you are interested in joining the Women's Giving Circle the cost is \$100/year. For more information about this group, just JCCF at 812-346-5553.



Representatives of the organizations who received grant money from The Women's Giving Circle of Jennings County gathered for a photo at the annual meeting. Pictured are, row one, left to right, WGC vice president Debbie Jackson, Colleen Malone representing the FLASH program, Sunshine Galliher representing the Jennings County Youth Foundation and WGC grant committee chairman Sandy Vance. In back are Jenny Vogel representing the Soil and Water Conservation District, Sally Wood of the Domestic Violence Council, Ruth Bosch of Senior Resources, Ariel Galliher of the youth foundation and WGC president Charlinda Evans. Photos by Sharon Hamilton