The Cosmopolitan Club
of Philadelphia

What is the Cosmopolitan Club Giving Circle?

The Giving Circle raises funds for collective donations to local non-profit organizations that improve the lives of women and children in Philadelphia. Over its first ten years, the Giving Circle raised and donated nearly $400,000.

How does the Giving Circle Work?

- Members select a focus area like food or housing insecurity at an annual meeting.
- The Grants Committee reviews applications and chooses finalists.
- Finalists present to the entire membership who vote for the grant awardee.
- The winning organization receives $50,000. An additional $10,000 grant is planned for 2027.

How does the Giving Circle prepare members to select the grant winner?

Throughout the year, we educate ourselves on philanthropy best practices and on how best to address the conditions in our community. Speakers, who vary from academics that study the focus issue to some of the most well-known figures in city government and the local non-profit world, provide insight to guide our grant-making process.

How do you contribute?

- The minimum contribution to be a voting member is $500, but many give more.
- The average contribution is over $800.
- Gifts are made through the Philadelphia Foundation and are fully tax deductible.
- Friends can join for amounts under $500 but cannot vote.

How do you join?

Contact Leslie Kramer, Membership Co-Chair: lkbali@comcast.net.

We invite every member of the Cosmopolitan Club to join the Giving Circle and help support our efforts to make a difference in our community.