



MOTHER TERESA  
WOMEN'S GIVING CIRCLE

# SPRING NEWS

Catholic Foundation Mother Teresa Women's Giving Circle News

February 2021



## ***Kicking Off 2021***

It is with great excitement that we are able to launch our 2021 Mother Teresa Women's Giving Circle with Mass at St. Francis de Sales Cathedral this year. After a full year of working virtually, we have all greatly missed our ability to gather in communion as one Catholic group of women working towards one unified effort, to make an impact locally on women, children and families.



Despite COVID, our beloved members of our Mother Teresa Women's Giving Circle pushed forward and continued to ensure that essential funding for our local nonprofits continued to happen. With a virtual sip and learn and a virtual check presentation, our members granted out \$83,000 locally in May 2020. As we kick off our 2021 year, we are launching with a new theme of the year 'The more we GROW, the more we GIVE!'

We encourage you as a member, to bring a new friend into our circle, share with them the impact you have helped to make and express that it is the women and members of our Giving Circle that determine how much is granted and who received grant funds each year. 100% of our members' gifts are granted back into the community as we have very generous sponsors who assist in covering our expenses for our events.

It is our hope that we can continue to grow and live out the mission of Mother Teresa to do small things with great love. Please take a look at our spring newsletter to learn about our impact over the past two years as well as our Spring Sip and Learn event! We look forward to seeing you this spring and will continue to pray for you and your family! Thank you for all that you do in support of our local community!

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***“Not all of us can do great things, but we can do small things with great love” – Mother Teresa***

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# IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS

An overview of the Women's Giving Circle's impact the past two years!

**\$145,500 in Grants LOCALLY**



**Gift of \$35,500 to Individual and Family Assistance Program**



**Gift of \$20,000 to The Haven**



**Gift of \$16,000 to Crossroads Pregnancy Resource Center**



**Gift of \$15,000 to Catholic Community Center**



**Gift of \$14,000 to MacDonnell Methodist Children's Services**



**Gift of \$12,500 to both CASA of Lafourche and Terrebonne**



**Gift of \$12,500 to Children's Advocacy Center**



**Gift of \$5,000 to St. Lucy's Day Child Development Center**



**Gift of \$2,500 to Upside Downs**



*“I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across waters and create many ripples”*

*-Mother Teresa*



Members at the February Women's Giving Circle Valentine's Tea!

## 2021 Will be Live and In Person

Mark your calendars for all of our important Spring events. Our steering committee is busy planning all of our special events to be LIVE and IN PERSON, along with virtual options, ensuring all of our members will have the ability to attend. Your voice is important to us. At our Sip and Learn we will hear from 11 local nonprofits and how they support women, children and families. Every member will have an opportunity to vote on their top 5 nonprofits for grant recipients. Grants will be awarded in May 2021 and we will visit the grant recipients in person this Fall. While our events may look a tad different, we are working diligently to ensure we have the opportunity to be together in community and build upon our faith together and allow the Lord to speak to our hearts as one Catholic community of women!



Members visit with St. Lucy's students at nonprofit visits during Fall 2019!

## Important Dates

**Sip and Learn** ~ April 21st Bayou Civic Club Larose

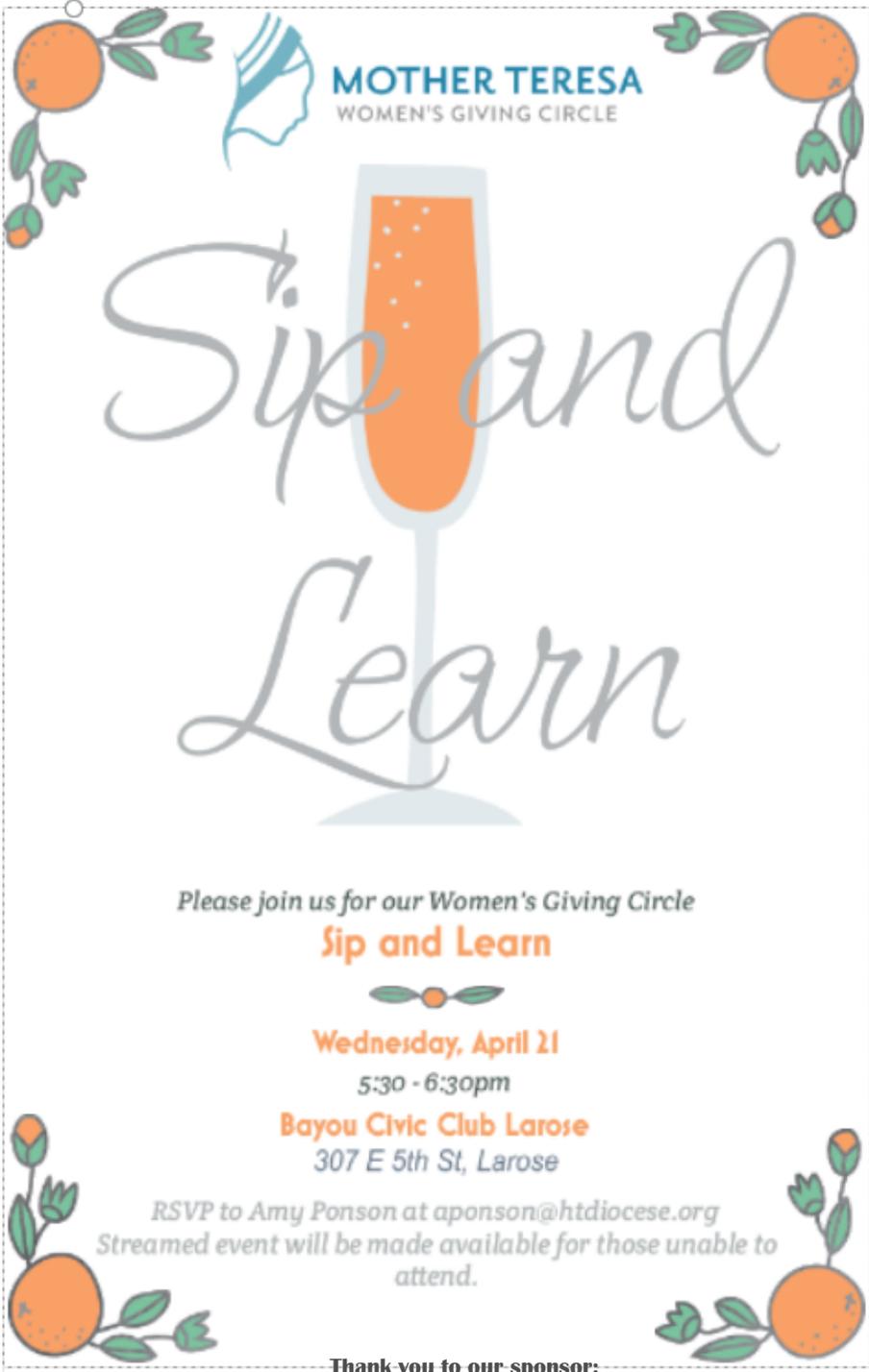
**Deadline to become a member** ~ April 21st

**Voting on grants by members** ~ April 21—May 3rd

**Grant Award Ceremony** ~ Date TBD; Pastoral Center

# SAVE THE DATE

We plan to host our Sip and Learn this coming April both in person and virtually, giving all members the opportunity to learn about eleven local nonprofits regardless of their ability to physically attend our event. We will ensure that our event is safe for all in attendance as well. A special thank you to Terrebonne Insurance Agency for helping to sponsor this year's Sip and Learn! Formal, mailed invitations will follow, and we ask that you please RSVP so we can accommodate all guests with appropriate safety measures due to COVID.



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# Sip and Learn

Please join us for our Women's Giving Circle  
**Sip and Learn**

Wednesday, April 21  
5:30 - 6:30pm

**Bayou Civic Club Larose**  
307 E 5th St, Larose

RSVP to Amy Ponson at [aponson@htdiocese.org](mailto:aponson@htdiocese.org)  
Streamed event will be made available for those unable to attend.

Thank you to our sponsor:



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