

## **G3 Giving Circle HerStory:**

### **The Story of G3 Giving Circle**

Guardian Gals, Inc. believes that when women are afforded the opportunity to collaborate in safe & sacred circles, contagious empowerment results, a mighty spark is lit, & furthermore, the igniting of positive change is inevitable.

In the spring of 2014, a small diverse group of women with the common vision of “member motivation” first convened as mutually beneficial philanthropic stewards of their precious resources- time, talent, & treasure. Thus it was, in this spirit, that the *Grown-Up Guardian Gals’ (G3) Giving Circle* was formed.

Together, the founding G3 members, inspired with love for community collaboration, made their main objective gathering & maintaining a SAFE & SACRED CIRCLE of women with the common interest of celebrating, inviting, affirming, & connecting the passions, visions, & missions of grown-up self-helpers, community-helpers, & world helpers. Rather than invest their resources in designing new activities for women, founding G3 members wisely decided instead to empower members (& donors) by supporting &/or offering the activities they already were seeking & wishing to host.

The desire to function as a mutually beneficial giving circle inspired original twenty five Grown-Up Guardian Gals to contribute a minimum monetary donation of \$100, which at that time matched what adolescent gals were contributing annually in registration fees. As the Grown-Up Guardian Gals’ (G3) Giving Circle has evolved, the current membership goal has come to be 50 members, each donating a minimum of \$50, with encouragement for women to extend invitations, perhaps sponsoring another grown-up woman to join rank in the network of support. Participation, without guilt, in this network of support is something from which members have quickly come to draw both, a collective life enhancing benefit & a 501(c)3 charitable giving tax benefit as well.

Guardian Gals, Inc. has annually strived to provide direct & indirect budgetary costs from the collection of program registration fees, solicited direct mailings, & Gaylord Half Marathon Making Change Event proceeds. Currently, Grown-up Guardian Gals’ (G3) Giving Circle pledges to provide \$2,500 to Guardian Gals, Inc. needs annually.

Since 2014, G3 has grown to involve 49 members & has generated enough annually to fund both programming director’s salaries & the continued charitable goal will be to help Guardian Gals, Inc. fund realistic indirect costs needed to fulfill the Guardian Gals, Inc. mission. These undesirable costs, also referred to as “overhead” do not relate solely & specifically to particular projects or programs, but are necessary for their execution.

Listed below are varied examples of indirect budget costs that G3 Giving Circle contributions will assist Guardian Gals, Inc. to finance this upcoming year:

- Executive Director & Programming Director Salaries
  - Management time devoted to creating, promoting, & facilitating programming.
- Guardian Gals, Inc. Headquarters Rent & Utilities
- Insurance
- Printing Costs

The mission of Grown-Up Guardian Gals’ (G3) Giving Circle is to advance the Guardian Gals, Inc. mission in grown-up ways:

- gathering & maintaining safe & sacred circles of women
- contributing public awareness as to the tried & true benefits of collaboration
- funding the indirect budget costs of Guardian Gals, Inc. programming

For more information, to become a G3 member, or to learn about opportunities for making positive change please visit [www.GuardianGalsInc.org](http://www.GuardianGalsInc.org).