



GIFT-GIVING

DONATIONS:

Make a monetary donation by check or credit card to be deposited with the Community Foundation of Washington County.

1921 FOUNDERS CIRCLE:

Contribute \$1921 (or more) between now and our 100th anniversary in 2021.

LEGACY SOCIETY:

Remember The Women's Club Foundation Fund in your estate plans.

MISSION

The Women's Club Foundation Endowment Fund was created as a way to honor the legacy of our founding members and the sustaining work done by the membership throughout the years. The fund will provide financial support for the maintenance, upkeep, and preservation of the **Women's Club building at 31 S Prospect Street** in Hagerstown for the use of club members and tenants.

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The Women's Club
Of Hagerstown
Foundation, Inc.

ENDOWMENT FUND

*Learn from yesterday
Live for today
Dream for tomorrow*

WHY AN ENDOWMENT?

The Women's Club Foundation Endowment Fund has been established in partnership with the Community Foundation of Washington County for the purpose of preserving, maintaining and repairing our historic building and all that it represents to our members, tenants and the community.

Endowments are permanent funds to which gifts are given and the fund is invested to provide income. The principal is never invaded or borrowed from—only earnings from the fund are allowed to be distributed.

Maintenance of a historic building is ongoing and costly. The average annual maintenance is \$16,000. **The Women's Club Foundation, Inc. enjoys status as a 501 (C)3 nonprofit charitable organization**, making it possible to receive grants and donations toward this ongoing effort.

It is our hope that you will consider assisting us through our Foundation to help preserve our historic facility and the services we provide to our tenants and members.



WHO WE ARE, WHAT WE DO

In 1921, The Women's Club of Hagerstown was formed to engage women in civic and philanthropic work, and to provide informational and educational programs for members and women in the community, and to host social events.

In 1924, The Women's Club purchased an historic home on South Prospect Street. The upstairs rooms provide safe affordable long-term housing for single women, the only place of its kind in Hagerstown. It has been home to students, women just starting their careers, and women whose lives have changed and are in need of a fresh start.

The main spaces (auditorium, formal dining room, and parlors) are available for rent to the community for conferences, meetings, parties, and weddings.

We are home to the Crossroads Federated Garden Club. The Potomac Playmakers have entertained the community for 90 years, and have made their home with us for most of that time.

Our members are involved in many community outreach programs including volunteer work at **Red Cross, Salvation Army, St. Mark's Food Bank, SERRV**, and make contributions to local charities. We also support our scholarship fund for non-traditional female students.



OUR HOUSE HAS A HISTORY

A woman, Susan Hughes, purchased the land and in 1838 built the house—most unusual for a woman at that time.

The house was later occupied by Dr. John Wroe and his family of ten children. During the Civil War, they entertained General Robert E. Lee when he came through Hagerstown on his retreat from Gettysburg.



The Wroe Family

The auditorium was added shortly after The Women's Club bought the house to create wider use of the facility for members and the community.

In 1979 the Federal style house was added to the National Register of Historic Places.

In 1980, The Women's Club received a Restoration Award from the city of Hagerstown.

Much of the architectural detail original to the house remains and is enhanced by period furnishings.

