



Snapshot

- The Women's Giving Collective is dedicated to funding underfunded and unfunded innovative projects that advance the lives of the people Easterseals Midwest supports.
- The Women's Giving Collective invites its members to be hands-on investors through ongoing educational forums, networking activities, and peer-to-peer consultation.
- The Women's Giving Collective empowers women from every walk of life to be active partners while providing a meaningful experience where they can put their expertise to work and impact change.

Origins

Although women's giving groups are not a new concept, Easterseals Midwest (Easterseals) approached the creation of this group by rethinking how they can impact change.

The Women's Giving Collective (the Collective) has been designed as a group for female charitable leaders to support the mission and programs of Easterseals. The collective membership is focused on supporting and empowering people with disabilities today and into the future through strategic financial investments.

Inspired and underwritten by the transformational gift made to the organization by Amazon co-founder Mackenzie Scott in 2020, members will be engaged in shaping the future of Easterseals for generations to come. All membership gifts are matched dollar for dollar by funds from the Scott endowment. Annually, members have the opportunity to vote on how those funds are spent to benefit Easterseals programs.

Each spring, Easterseals program staff submit short grant applications for consideration by the Collective's membership. Proposals focus on underfunded or unfunded programs within the organization that improve the quality or reach of Easterseals programs.

Examples of grants include:

- Funding an accessible playground for children of all abilities to enjoy, and
- Supporting adaptive technology for people with disabilities to participate without limitation in our community.

Membership

Annual membership in the Collective begins at \$250 for women under 40 and \$500 for all other members.

Several giving options are available to ensure everyone can participate. Opportunities for giving include annual, quarterly, or monthly sustainer gifts. As monthly sustainers, members can join the group for as little as \$21 per month.

The benefits of membership extend beyond the impact members have on the organization and the grants chosen. Members also enjoy educational forums and networking opportunities that strengthen their connection to the membership community and to Easterseals work. As an example, members receive:

- Quarterly invitations to networking educational gatherings with guest speakers.
- Ongoing written correspondence with 'insider' information and updates, including an annual report highlighting the group's efforts and outcomes.

By joining the Collective in 2022 you will hold the designation of Founding Member.

Synopsis

The Collective is building a robust community of women who supports innovation at Easterseals while simultaneously creating meaningful engagement activities for themselves.

Together, we make change happen, raise more, support more, and change more lives. [Join us.](#)

Resources

- Website: www.easterseals.com/midwest/ways-to-give/the-womens-giving-collective
- Facebook Group: www.facebook.com/groups/womensgivingcollective
- Informational Flyer: <http://www.easterseals.com/midwest/womens-giving-collective.pdf>
- Example Grant Form: <https://tinyurl.com/4u99k2jn>