

## New member on-boarding

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Joining an organization like the Women's Impact Fund can be an exciting experience. It can also be a little overwhelming and confusing. You may want to get involved, but don't know where to start or who to go to with your questions.

We want our members' first experiences with WIF to be welcoming and enlightening. There's a lot of information we have to share and a lot we'd love to know about those joining us. WIF's New Member Onboarding Event is designed to help ease the process of getting involved in WIF while being social, engaging and fun.

Organized by the member engagement committee, our latest onboarding event took place on April 16<sup>th</sup> at AZN Restaurant in South Charlotte. There new members, committee representatives and selected board members gathered to get acquainted over a glass of wine before sitting down to dinner and the evening's program.

After a welcome from Christy Durbin, Incoming Board Chair Mary Gallivan shared an overview of WIF's history and structure. Membership Chair Pamela Harris-Young then followed with a quick review of WIF's various committees and their needs. Grants Chair Deborah Majewski presented a look at our grants process and answered questions. The formal program concluded with brief remarks from Anne Essaye about WIF's new strategic plan and a wrap-up by Catherine Collins. Attendees then had a chance to meet with representatives from the various committees to ask questions, explore opportunities and discuss plans for the coming year.

If you are new to Women's Impact Fund and missed this opportunity, we'd love to hear from you and are happy to answer any questions. Don't hesitate to contact Pamela Harris-Young at [pam@visightllc.com](mailto:pam@visightllc.com). Committee sign-ups are currently under way and your skills, talents and experience are needed and appreciated.

There's sure to be a role or a project that fits your interests and your schedule.