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February 2018: Workshops Bring Charitable Women Together

When Melanie Meyer learned of a workshop for women from InFaith Community Foundation, she knew just the group for it. The veteran Thrivent Wealth Advisor in California is involved in the local chapter of Soroptimist, an international organization focused on improving the lives of women and girls.

Melanie said it was an easy decision to host the workshop. She presented a one-hour version and later partnered with InFaith staff on the half-day version. “It was fun to get up in front of other women and share what we (Thrivent and InFaith) do and why we’re good at it,” Melanie said.

Introduced in 2016, InFaith’s WomenDiscover workshops present concepts charitable women can relate to in a collaborative setting. Church and community organizations are a natural market. Workshop materials and a discussion guide are available from InFaith. The workshop helps participants consider their giving styles using a [quick quiz](#), and it also introduces the ‘what-is-enough’ concept. “The idea of not always seeking more and bigger returns really clicked with our audience,” Melanie said. “When you have enough – whether it’s money, time or emotions – you can give some away.”

There is room in the workshop to talk about specific giving strategies too. Melanie noted that “eyes lit up” in the audience when she mentioned charitable remainder trusts.

Not surprisingly, the giving circle was a popular way to end the event. At her first workshop, Melanie suggested attendees give a minimum of \$10. She matched donations for a total of more than \$700 to fund an immediate scholarship for a single mother returning to college. At the second workshop, InFaith provided a \$1,000 match, and giving circle gifts were used to buy tablet devices for Soroptimist scholarship recipients. [Read more about giving circles through InFaith.](#)

The WomenGive Campaign is more than Workshops

The workshop is just one part of a more comprehensive [WomenGive inFaith campaign](#) for women who are generous in their giving and passionate about achieving long-term change for women, girls and their families. The WomenGive inFaith program includes:

- Workshops during which participants learn about charitable and financial tools and make an immediate grant through giving circles.
- Scholarships awarded annually to eligible women of faith who are pursuing graduate or seminary degrees. [Learn more.](#)
- The [WomenInvest inFaith Portfolio](#), which invests in companies that do well when women do well.
- [Giving Circles](#) where groups of people pool their charitable dollars and make giving decisions together for greater impact.

Get Started Today. Contact InFaith at 800-365-41752 to learn more about InFaith giving circles or schedule your own WomenDiscover workshop.

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