



2018

100+ Women Who Care

Frequently Asked Questions

Who may join?

Any woman who is interested in making a difference in Johnson County by making a financial commitment to support Johnson County charities is encouraged to join.

Is membership limited to only 100 women?

We want as many Members as possible, so no, membership is not limited to a certain number of women.

How do I join?

Make a commitment to support the 100+ Women Who Care Johnson County Fund plus a total of four (4) Johnson County charities per year by completing a commitment form and making the annual contribution to the fund at the Johnson County Community Foundation (JCCF).

What is the commitment?

You make a \$100 contribution to the fund and agree to write a \$100 check per quarter to a charity that is selected by majority vote of Members at each quarterly meeting. Your total annual commitment is \$500.

What happens to the money in the JCCF Fund?

The money is held in a special fund at JCCF, so that our group may fund significant projects for one or more Johnson County charities at some point in the future.

How long is my commitment?

When you join 100+ Women, you are committed for the upcoming calendar year. Each Member is asked to formally renew their commitment during December of each year, in writing, for the coming year via the membership form.

What happens if I join mid-year?

You commit to making the \$100 fund contribution and you must write a \$100 check to each charity selected after you join.

When are the quarterly meetings?

100+ Women Who Care of Johnson County holds quarterly meetings on the 1st Thursday of February, May, August, and November. The meetings are held at The Elks (56 E. Jefferson St., Franklin). The Social begins at 4:45 p.m. and the meeting begins promptly at 5:30 p.m.

Is there a meeting fee?

Yes, each member pays a small event fee at the door to cover what we have committed to The Elks for use of the facility and snacks. The event fee is **\$10.00** per person and a cash bar is available.

May I attend a meeting as a guest before I join?

Yes, you may attend one meeting per year as a guest, but you may not submit a charity name for the drawing, nor cast a vote. You will be asked to pay the meeting fee that helps us defray the cost of the facility.

What happens during the social time?

We connect. We build a sisterhood - a sense of community that makes Johnson County a better place to live. Together, we can do great things for Johnson County that none of us could do on our own.

What happens at the meetings?

Women may put the name of a 501(c)(3) charity that qualifies for an income tax charitable deduction in our "fish bowl", together with the name of a woman who will advocate (speak) for that charity. If you wish to nominate a charity the night of the meeting, please visit www.irs.gov (<https://www.irs.gov/charities-non-profits/exempt-organizations-select-check>) to verify that your organization is a 501(c)(3) public charity. This will help eliminate any confusion the night of the meeting as to whether or not they are actually a 501(c)(3) with the IRS. The charity does not have to be located in Johnson County, but must serve residents of Johnson County.

The names of three charities are drawn. Each advocate has five minutes to advocate for the charity's cause followed by five minutes to answer questions from the group.

Then all Members vote. Votes are counted, and the charity obtaining the most votes will receive the quarterly grant. Each Member writes a check that night, payable to the selected charity for \$100.

May the advocate use power point, videos, handouts, etc., to enhance the presentation she is making on behalf of the charity?

No, so that all charities are on a level playing field and have a similar chance to win our vote, this is not allowed. It is acceptable to have a poster, picture, etc. at the podium.

Who may be the advocate?

Only a paying member may make a presentation and her name must appear with the charity's name. No substitutions or naming of an advocate is allowed once the charity's name is drawn.

How do I nominate a charity without being the advocate?

One or more women may select another member to advocate for a charity. You simply write down the charity's name and the name of the person who has agreed to be the advocate.

What if I am the advocate and cannot answer a question posed by the group?

We encourage you to find out as much as you can about the charity as possible in advance of your presentation, because you may NOT solicit help from other members or a charity representative who may be attending as a guest.

What happens if I don't like the charity that is chosen?

Part of your written commitment on the membership form is to support the charity chosen by the majority of women, even if you are not fond of it. You must write the check to this charity for \$100.

What happens if I cannot attend the meeting?

We recommend that you make a check for \$100 and leave the payee blank. Give the check to another Member who will use it as your "proxy" to nominate a charity and/or vote for you. In order for you to have someone serve as your proxy, they must present your check at registration the night of the meeting. If this is not practical, you will receive an email with information about the charity chosen, and you may mail your check to JCCF, P.O. Box 217, Franklin, IN 46131, payable directly to the Charity. To facilitate our record keeping, please do NOT mail your check to the charity itself.

Wouldn't it be simpler to make a contribution to JCCF, who would then write one check to the charity?

Actually, no. This would increase administrative costs for both JCCF and complicate record keeping for 100+ Women volunteers. JCCF would have to: 1) account for the contributions they receive; 2) provide formal written acknowledgement to each of us because our total contribution would exceed the IRS threshold of \$250; 3) incur expense to cut a check to the charity; and 4) report to 100+ Women volunteers so we could track each lady's fulfillment of their commitment. Please note also that JCCF merely holds a special fund for the 100+ Women group – this is not a program of the Foundation.

May I just pay my \$500 commitment all at once by writing a check to 100+ Women?

We ask that you not, for all the reasons outlined in the previous question.

Will I receive a written acknowledgment from the charity?

Perhaps; perhaps not. Your canceled check is a bona fide record for income tax purposes because it is below the IRS threshold of \$250 per tax year that would require written acknowledgment. This is by design so that small charities with limited staff (or entirely volunteer staff) do not have to incur the cost of creating and mailing a formal acknowledgment. Therefore, please do not be offended if you do not receive a written "thank you".

When & how does the charity receive my check?

We will present the checks to the selected charity following the event. We will let all Members know the date, time and place so you may come if you would like.

What do you do with my name and contact information?

We use it only for 100+ Women communications. Per our policies, any member who has access to our contact list is asked to use it only for official 100+ Women communications.

Will charities who receive our grants be given my contact information?

If your address or other contact information is on your check, the charity will have it. We specifically ask them to use this information only to acknowledge your contribution, but we cannot guarantee they will comply with our request.

How often may a charity win our grant?

Once a charity is awarded a grant, they may not be nominated for the next eight meetings (2 years). We keep a running list for all of our Members reference.

How does 100+ Women communicate?

Primarily by email. Be sure to add 100WomenJC@gmail.com to your address book. This will avoid our emails going to your spam/junk folder. We have your address and phone number on file, but we try to avoid using them.