FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT IS THE MISSION OF 100 WOMEN WHO CARE – ELK RAPIDS AREA?

"To build a community of caring women who strive to maximize their positive impact in Elk Rapids and the surrounding area by gaining awareness of the work of local nonprofits and collectively giving to support them."

IS 100 WOMEN WHO CARE A NATIONAL ORGANIZATION?

Yes. 100 Women Who Care was founded in Jackson, Michigan in 2006 and has grown to include more than 400 chapters in the United States plus 500 more around the world because of its simple, collective, impactful model.

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS OF MEMBERSHIP?

Members commit to donating $100 three times per year ($300 annually) to support local nonprofits that serve residents in Antrim County. Attendance at meetings is not mandatory but your donation is. If you find that you are unable to make this commitment, you forfeit your right to participate in voting and nominating nonprofits. Membership is for a one-year period of time and will renew automatically unless notice is given. Members may withdraw at any time by emailing 100womenelkrapids@gmail.com.

HOW DO I BECOME A MEMBER?

It couldn't be easier! Simply complete and submit the Membership Form

CAN I SUBMIT MY DONATIONS BY WRITING A CHECK?

Yes, you may write a $100 check payable to the selected nonprofit at each meeting. If you can't attend, either send a blank check with a friend to complete and submit or or send a check, payable to the selected nonprofit to: 100 Women Who Care – Elk Rapids Area, PO Box 722, Elk Rapids, MI 49629.

CAN I SUBMIT MY DONATIONS ON-LINE?

Yes, we are pleased to offer an on-line payment system which is run by Grapevine and supported by the Social Good Fund, which is a DAF (Donor Advised Fund), 501(c)(3) nonprofit. Grapevine collects our donations, passes them to the Social Good Fund who then distributes them to the local nonprofit we selected. After setting up a Grapevine account, you'll have two options for using a credit card or bank account transfer:

1.   <u>Tri-Annual subscription:</u> Automatically charges your credit card/bank account after each of our three meetings. (You are free to change or cancel this subscription at any time.)
2.   <u>Pay for each meeting separately</u>: You must log into your Grapevine account and authorize your credit card payment /bank account transfer for that meeting only. (If you select this option, you may also pay *before* each meeting, as your donation will be held in the Social Good Fund until the name of our selected nonprofit is known.)

ARE THERE ANY FEES ASSOCIATED WITH USING GRAPEVINE?

Yes, there are:
- Credit Card Processing Fee: A fee of $2.56 ($3.50 for American Express) will be charged for every credit card transaction.
- Bank Account Transfer Fee: A fee of $.81 will be charged for every bank account transfer.
- Grapevine does NOT charge a fee for their services, but they do provide you with the opportunity to give them an OPTIONAL tip which helps pay their staff.

DO I *HAVE* TO SET UP A GRAPEVINE ACCOUNT?

No, but we'd like you to, even if you don't plan to use their services to remit your $100 tri-annual donation. Eventually, we would like to use Grapevine as our primary means of communication to our members, so we encourage you to set up an account and create your profile now!

IS MY DONATION TAX DEDUCTIBLE?

Yes, your donation is tax deductible when made directly payable to the selected nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization or via Grapevine to the Social Good Fund. Please contact your tax advisor or visit the IRS Website for further information.

HOW MUCH OF MY DONATION GOES TO ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS OF 100 WOMEN WHO CARE – ELK RAPIDS AREA?

Absolutely zero! 100% of your donation goes directly to the selected nonprofit. 100 Women Who Care –Elk Rapids Area is organized and operated by a steering committee that volunteers their time and resources. We do not collect dues or fees for operating expenses, but will gladly accept "in kind" or monetary gifts to help defray administrative costs.

WHAT DOES 100 WOMEN WHO CARE – ELK RAPIDS AREA DO WITH MY PERSONAL INFORMATION?

As stated on the Membership Form, 100 Women Who Care – Elk Rapids Area collects your personal information (including name, email address, phone number, and mailing address) strictly for the purpose of keeping in contact with our members. 100 Women Who Care – Elk Rapids Area will not sell, give, or otherwise share your personal information. If you write a check directly to a nonprofit, you may receive an acknowledgement of your donation, but we have asked them not to solicit you further. We may occasionally recognize our members via social media and other media or take group photos. If you want to remain anonymous, please let us know at the time you join.

HOW LONG DO MEETINGS LAST?

One of the beauties of this model is that meetings last no more than one hour. We plan to start promptly at 5:00 pm, so ask that you arrive to check in between 4:30 and 4:45 pm. Opportunities to socialize after the meeting will be communicated to members at least one week prior.

WHAT HAPPENS AT A MEETING?

Generally, our meetings will go as follows:

4:30 to 5:00 pm – Check-in and mingling
5:00 pm – Meeting begins

- Welcome and opening remarks by a steering committee member.
- Three nominated nonprofits will be randomly selected.
- The members who nominated the selected nonprofits will each have five minutes to present their organization to the group following the established presentation guidelines (no PowerPoint or collateral materials, please).
- A brief Q&A will follow each presentation.
- Members submit their anonymous ballot and votes are tabulated. (Ballots will be collected in person and from any Zoom attendees)

- While the votes are being counted, a representative from the nonprofit that received the previous meeting's collective donation will share how their organization is using our gift.
- The nonprofit that garnered the most votes is announced and checks are collected.

6:00 pm – Meeting is adjourned.

CAN I BRING A GUEST TO A MEETING?

Of course you can! However, in order to vote, your guest will need to join 100 Women Who Care – Elk Rapids Area by signing a [Membership Form](). Even if your guest is not a member, she is welcome to donate to the selected nonprofit on her own.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I CAN'T ATTEND A MEETING?

If you cannot attend a meeting, you have the following options:

- Give your blank $100 check to another member who will be attending. After the nonprofit is selected, that member can fill in the name of the selected nonprofit on your check and turn it in for you.
- The day after the meeting, an email announcing the selected nonprofit will be shared with all members. If you were unable to attend the meeting, you will be asked to submit your payment via Grapevine, or mail your $100 check payable to the selected nonprofit to: 100 Women Who Care – Elk Rapids Area, PO Box 722, Elk Rapids, MI 49629 within one week after the meeting.
- Attend the meeting and vote via Zoom then submit your payment via Grapevine or mail your $100 check payable to the selected nonprofit as instructed above. You will be provided with a link to pre-register for the meeting via Zoom before each meeting.

WHICH NONPROFITS CAN BE CONSIDERED FOR NOMINATION?

The organization MUST be:

- A 501(c)(3) or tax-exempt organization, including public schools and municipalities
- Headquartered, or have an active presence, in Antrim County

The organization may NOT be:

- A national organization (i.e. The American Cancer Society)
- A political entity

- A religious or faith-based organization unless their project serves residents regardless of faith affiliation
- Individuals or families

HOW DO I NOMINATE A NONPROFIT?

Any member in good standing may nominate a nonprofit. The [Nonprofit Nomination Form](#) must be completed and submitted to 100womentelkrapids@gmail.com **no later than the Monday night before the meeting.** Nominations MUST be received prior to the meeting in order to be eligible for selection at the meeting.

BESIDES COMPLETING THE NOMINATION FORM, AM I RESPONSIBLE FOR DOING ANYTHING ELSE?

Yes. You are also responsible for giving a 5-minute presentation (followed by questions & answers) at the meeting about the nonprofit organization you are nominating. These [Presentation Tips](#) will help you prepare for your presentation. Don't worry; your presentation will be brief and the audience will be supportive.

HOW OFTEN CAN A NONPROFIT BE SELECTED TO RECEIVE OUR DONATION?

A selected nonprofit will not be eligible to be nominated again until two years after receiving our first donation.

IF A NONPROFIT IS NOMINATED, BUT NOT SELECTED, WILL IT AUTOMATICALLY GO BACK "IN THE HAT" FOR POSSIBLE SELECTION AT A FUTURE MEETING?

No. A member must resubmit the Nomination Form and be present at any future meeting in order to nominate that nonprofit.

DO I *HAVE* TO NOMINATE A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION?

No. While all members in good standing have the opportunity to nominate a nonprofit, it is *not* a requirement of membership. Just by listening to the nonprofit nomination presentations, voting and then submitting your donation, you are doing your part as a member of 100 Women Who Care – Elk Rapids Area.

CAN A NONPROFIT NOMINATE ITSELF?

No, a member must nominate a nonprofit. However, a member who is an employee, Board Member, or volunteer of a nonprofit can nominate that organization.

WHAT IF I DON'T CARE FOR THE NONPROFIT THAT WAS CHOSEN AT THE MEETING?

It is expected that every member will support the selected non-profit organization democratically chosen by the group. A possible exception is if a member has a conscientious objection to the use of her donation for the stated purpose.

HOW DO I KNOW THAT MY DONATION TO THE SELECTED NONPROFIT WAS USED FOR THE PURPOSE IT WAS INTENDED?

As with any donation, we cannot guarantee that the nonprofit will use the funds as intended. However, a requirement of our gift is that a representative from every selected nonprofit return to a subsequent 100 Women Who Care – Elk Rapids Area meeting to share specifics on how our collective donation will be, or has been, used to benefit residents in our area.