



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Nonprofit Nomination Process

WHICH NONPROFITS CAN BE CONSIDERED FOR NOMINATION?

The organization **MUST** be:

- A 501(c)(3) or certain other tax-exempt organization, including public schools and municipalities.
- Headquartered, or have an active presence, in Antrim County. This includes regional and national nonprofits that provide direct service to residents of Antrim County. Our collective donation **MUST** be utilized in Antrim County. For instance, the Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy is headquartered in Traverse City but their service area includes Antrim County. They would be eligible if our donation was used for a project located in Antrim County.

The organization may **NOT** be:

- A regional or national organization that does not, or cannot, assure that funds will be used in Antrim County (i.e. The American Cancer Society)
- A political entity
- A religious or faith-based organizations unless their project serves residents regardless of faith affiliation, and our donations are not used to proselytize
- 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 Thursday before the meeting**. Nominations **MUST** be received one week prior to the meeting in order to be eligible for selection at the meeting. All eligible nominations will be posted on our website by the Monday prior to the meeting so that members can review.

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. *No PowerPoint or collateral materials, please.* These [Presentation Tips](#) will help you prepare for your presentation. Don't worry; your presentation will be brief and the audience is supportive.

CAN A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE NONPROFIT GIVE OR ASSIST IN THE PRESENTATION?

If a representative of the nominated organization is a member of 100 Women Who Care, or a guest who intends to become a member, they are welcome to assist with questions. Otherwise we look to our members to "represent" the nominated nonprofit.

WHAT HAPPENS IF MORE THAN ONE MEMBER NOMINATES THE SAME NONPROFIT?

Because we want to encourage members passionate about an organization to participate in the nomination process, multiple nominations for a single organization are allowed. When this happens, only the first form drawn will be presented; all other forms for that charity are discarded. This ensures that we will always have three *different* nonprofits represented. The member whose form is *drawn first* at the meeting must be the presenter. They cannot defer that responsibility to another member. Other 100 Women Who Care chapters have found that this discourages "packing the ballot box."

CAN A MEMBER NOMINATE MORE THAN ONE NONPROFIT AT A SINGLE MEETING?

No. Each member is allowed to nominate ONE nonprofit per meeting.

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.

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