

Frequently Asked Questions

How long has this organization been in Colorado Springs?

100 Women Who Care in the Colorado Springs area is a new organization, founded in May of 2012 by Jackie Gunn, Kirsten Hillstrom, Mari Sinton-Martinez, and Betsy Sobral.

Which organizations are allowed to be sponsored?

In order to be considered at a meeting, the organization must be located in the Colorado Springs area. It must be a non-profit organization recognized as a 501(c)(3) that serves El Paso County and the surrounding area. If it is NOT, the presenter must advise the members of that information.

How is the organization that receives the donation chosen?

A member who has signed the commitment form can put the name of a local organization into the box for a random drawing. The organizers of the meeting will collect names of organizations from the participants as they arrive. Please note: you do not have to bring the name of a local organization, though it is encouraged. At random, three organizations will be selected from the box. The members who wrote down each name will be asked to come up and give a short 5 minute presentation as to why their chosen organization should receive the donation. A 5 minute question and answer period follows. If more than one member nominates the same charity, they are invited to make the presentation together.

What is a 501(c)(3)?

501(c)(3) is defined as "exemptions apply to corporations, and any community chest, fund or foundation, organized and operated exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, testing for public safety, literary, educational purposes, to foster national or international amateur sports competition, promote the arts, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals." However, for the purposes of 100 Women Who Care all groups up for consideration must be local. For more information please visit the IRS Website.

What if I cannot attend a meeting?

If a member cannot attend a meeting she can do one of two things. 1.) She can send in a blank, signed check with a trusted friend to the meeting (preferred). The friend will write in the name of the charity that is chosen on the check and give it to the organizers on her behalf. The friend may not vote on behalf of the absent member. We can only count the votes of members who are present at the meeting; 2) the member can check the website/meeting minutes or contact one of the organizers to find out which charity was selected. The member can then send in a check to one of the organizers where we will send it to the charity on the member's behalf.

**** Only members who have signed a COMMITMENT FORM and are current on their contributions may submit a charity for consideration. ** Only members who are current in their contributions are eligible to vote. We can only count the votes of members who are present.**

Can I just send the donation to the charity myself? Why do you have to send it on my behalf?

No. The goal of the 100+ Women Who Care organization is to make a large donation on behalf of the whole group. We want to be able to support this endeavour and give \$10,000+ dollars at a time to make a large impact in our community, with each member's donation being part of the larger donation. We also need to be able to track your donations so you get credit for the donation and remain eligible for submitting charities and voting at meetings.

How long do the meetings last?

Meetings are intended to be very short, generally lasting no longer than 45 minutes. However, we are planning on having a social time before each meeting to get to know other members, answer questions about the organization, and thank those of you who want to serve the community. We encourage our members to stay and enjoy dinner afterwards.

Is my contribution tax deductible? How do I get my tax forms?

Yes, your contribution is tax deductible unless a cause that is not a 501-c-3 is voted on by the majority. Checks are written directly to the local organization NOT to 100+ Women Who Care. Your tax forms will be sent to you directly from the organization that receives your contribution. PLEASE NOTE: Any sponsored non-profit is not allowed to create, sell or distribute a list with your contact information. They are not allowed to solicit you for further contributions. If this were to happen, the organization would no longer be considered at future meetings.

I would like to bring a friend to the meeting who is not signed up...

Of course you can! However, in order to vote and sign up they will have to sign a COMMITMENT FORM and become a member before voting at the meeting. Please contact our advisory board at info@100womenwhocarecoloradosprings.com