

Common Questions from Members and/or Prospective Members

Membership

Q: If I join, what exactly am I committing to?

A: Each member commits to donating \$50 per quarter (\$200 each year) to the charity selected by the group. Checks are due within two weeks of each meeting.

Q: Can I donate more than \$50 to a particular charity?

A: Certainly. They don't mind.

Q: Is my contribution tax deductible?

A: Yes, your contribution is tax deductible if it is made payable to a 501(c)(3) organization. For further information, please contact your tax advisor or visit the IRS website:
<https://www.irs.gov/credits-deductions>.

Q: Are there any other fees involved?

A: We have an annual administrative fee of \$15, payable in January. This fee is optional, but since it covers the basics that keep our organization running—things like insurance, hall rentals, postage, and badges—we hope you'll consider contributing it.

Q: What towns do you serve?

A: Antrim, Bennington, Dublin, Frankestown, Greenfield, Hancock, Harrisville, Jaffrey, Nelson, New Ipswich, Peterborough, Rindge, Sharon, and Temple.

Q: Do I have to be from one of the 14 towns in order to become a member?

A: No. Most of our members are from our service area, but some join from other towns because they work in this area or for other reasons. Everyone is welcome.

Q: How do I join?

A: Fill out the commitment form on the Membership page of this website:
<https://www.100womenwhocaremonadnock.com/membership.html>
Or come to a meeting and fill out a form there.

Q: Do I have to be a member to be on your mailing list?

A: No. We're happy to add you to our mailing list to keep you informed about the group's meetings and perhaps introduce you to new charities that you might want to support. Just click on the Contact Us link on this website and ask to be added:
<https://www.100womenwhocaremonadnock.com/contact-us.html>

Meetings

Q: How often do you meet, and where?

A: Four times a year—once each in January, April, July, and October. Meeting locations vary within the region, depending on venue availability. Please check the home page of this website for the date and location of our next meeting:
<https://www.100womenwhocaremonadnock.com/home.html>

Q: How long are the meetings?

A: One hour (1.5 hours if you come to socialize before the meeting). We are committed to getting you out on time.

Q: What happens at the meetings?

A: We draw from a hat the names of 3 nominated charities. A representative from each charity gives a 5-minute presentation, followed by a 5-minute Q&A. Members vote by secret ballot. We tally the votes and announce which charity has been selected, members write their checks, and the meeting is adjourned. All this happens within an hour—an hour and a half if you take advantage of the social half hour beforehand.

Q: I'll be coming straight from work. Is food available at the meetings?

A: We typically have light snacks and nonalcoholic beverages. Some of our meeting spaces aren't conducive to anything more elaborate, and in general, we've found that when more food is available, a lot of it gets left over. We won't let you go hungry, but we won't be providing an elaborate spread either.

Q: Can I vote by proxy?

A: Currently, no. You need to be present at the meeting in order to vote.

Q: May I come to a meeting without joining?

A: Absolutely! You need to be a member in order to vote, but guests are always welcome to come to a meeting and see what the group is all about before deciding whether to join. No reservation is necessary. Just show up!

Q: How do I find out whether a meeting has been cancelled due to snow or for other reasons?

A: Check your email and/or check Facebook. If you're a member or a semifinalist charity, we'll make sure you know!

Donations

Q: What happens if I can't make it to a meeting?

A: No problem. You can send in a blank check ahead of time or give it to a trusted friend to bring to the meeting. Or watch for an email immediately after the meeting, announcing the name of the charity to which the check should be written and where it should be sent or dropped off.

Q: What's the deadline for getting my check in?

A: Two weeks after the meeting. The goal is to get the checks to the selected charity just as quickly as possible, so they can start putting our donations to work.

Q: Can I just send my check to the nonprofit organization myself?

A: No. The goal of 100+ WWC is to make a large donation on behalf of the whole group. We want to be able to support this endeavor and together make a strong impact in our community, with each member's gift being part of the larger donation. Besides, we need to be able to track your donations so that you get credit and remain eligible to vote at meetings.

Q: What if I already donate to an organization that is chosen?

A: You will be expected to make your 100+ WWC contribution to that organization in addition to any contributions you normally make. Hey, you already like this organization! Now you can show that you like them even more!

Q: What if the charity chosen was not my choice? Can I just make out my check to the one I voted for?

A: Sorry; no. The strength of 100+ WWC is the ability to make a very strong impact on one organization each quarter. Rather than dilute that, the rule is that majority rules. However, you're more than welcome to *also* write a check to the charity you would have chosen.

Charities

Q: How do you vet the charities that are nominated?

A: We make sure that the group was not funded at any of the last 7 meetings and did not present at either of the last 2 meetings. We ask each charity to confirm that the funds raised will be spent within our service area and, typically, that the group is a 501(c)(3). If a group is not a 501(c)(3), it can still be nominated, but its status must be made clear during the presentation.

Q: What the heck is a 501(c)(3)?

A: It's a government code. Basically, it means that a nonprofit organization has been approved by the Internal Revenue Service as a tax-exempt charitable organization.

Q: How can I find out what organizations have presented and/or received funding from 100+ WWC in the past?

A: Go to the Charities page of this website for a full list and links to the organizations' websites at: <https://www.100womenwhocaremonadnock.com/charities.html>

Q: If I join, will I start receiving solicitations from all these charities?

A: No. The charities chosen by WWC members must promise not to contact those members except to acknowledge their donations. (Of course, if you are already on a mailing list, that group is free to continue to ask for your support.)

Our Organization

Q: Is 100+ Women Who Care Monadnock different from 100+ Women Who Care—Cheshire County? And is it connected in any way with Monadnock Men on a Mission?

A: Yes, we're different from the Cheshire group; you can find information about them at <https://100pluswomencheshirecounty.com/>. And no, we're not connected to Men on a Mission, but you can learn more about them at <https://www.facebook.com/Monadnock-Men-On-A-Mission-626654610853044/>.