

# 100 Women Who Care Putnam County FAQs 2016

## ***What does the organization do?***

100 Women Who Care Putnam County is a group of women who share a common desire to give back to the local community. Individually, each woman donates \$500 per year to support worthy non-profit groups in Putnam County. The original 100 Women Who Care group was started in Jackson, Michigan in 2006. Groups now exist in communities throughout the United States and Canada and 100 Men Who Care groups are also forming.

## ***Who can join?***

The group is open to all women, and we are not limited to 100 Women. The more women we get involved, the greater our impact will be!

## ***Why should I join?***

There are three wonderful benefits to joining 100 Women Who Care. First, you will have the opportunity to meet and interact with other female philanthropists from our community. Second, you will have the opportunity to advocate for a non-profit that you care about to receive funding and to learn about other community non-profits. Most importantly, with very little commitment of time and a modest commitment of financial resources, Putnam County woman can have a tremendous immediate impact. Once membership grows to 100 members, your \$100 donation will result in a \$10,000 donation to the selected non-profit. The larger the group becomes, the more money will be donated to our hard-working nonprofit agencies, projects and organizations who do so much to make Putnam County a great place to live, work, and raise a family.

## ***How do I join?***

Complete the membership commitment form and return it with your donation to The Putnam County Community Foundation, our fiscal sponsor. There are four options for completing your financial commitment.

## ***How often does the group meet?***

The group meets four times a year. Doors open for socializing at 5:00 PM. A cash bar and snacks are provided. A one-hour business meeting starts at 6 PM and ends at 7 PM. Generally, the meetings will be on the first Wednesday of February, May, August and November subject to change due to weather or school conflicts.

## ***How is the \$500 used?***

The \$500 annual donation is divided as follows: \$50 goes to the 100 Women Who Care Endowment; \$50 goes for 100 Women Who Care events and expenses; \$400 goes to the four different charities selected at our quarterly events.

## ***What is the 100 Women Who Care Endowment?***

The 100 Women Who Care Endowment is a donor advised endowment administered by the Putnam County Community Foundation for the 100 Women Who Care Putnam County organization. Grants from the endowment will support Putnam County charities chosen by the organization. The endowment fund balance is currently more than \$18,000 and could award \$800 to the community in 2016.

## ***What organizations are eligible for funding?***

To be eligible, the organization must be a 501 (c)(3) or a government entity. Non-profit organizations affiliated with religious organizations are also eligible as long as their services address a societal need and are not restricted based upon religious affiliation. The organization must be proposed by a member of the 100 Women Who Care. Only Putnam County organizations will be considered. Controversial and political non-profits will not be considered. To check on the non-profit status of your favorite organization visit [www.guidestar.com](http://www.guidestar.com), [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov), or contact Elaine Peck at [epeck@pcfoundation.org](mailto:epeck@pcfoundation.org).

***How are organizations selected?***

At the meeting, members nominate organizations to be considered. Each member in attendance is allowed to submit the name of one organization for consideration. You must be present to nominate. At the meeting, three members' submissions (must be three different charities) will be drawn, and the members chosen will be asked to provide a five minute explanation of the organization and its services. Each woman votes; ballots are counted; and a winner is announced.

***What if I am not comfortable with public speaking?***

Public speaking is not a requirement of membership. One option to consider is making plans with another member who shares your passion for a particular charity to see if that member might be willing to advocate for the charity.

***What if I am not fond of the organization selected?***

Each member commits to donating \$500 per year even if they are unable to attend the meetings or do not care for the selected non-profit.

***What if I cannot attend a meeting?***

If members have paid in advance, they may give another member their voting proxy.

***What if my place of employment or church wishes to sponsor me?***

Generous employers and churches are wonderful! Just fill out the membership commitment form and have your employer send the donation and your commitment form to The Putnam County Community Foundation.

***How will I know about the meetings?***

Generally, the meetings will be on the first Wednesday of February, May, August and November subject to change due to weather or school conflicts. Information on upcoming meetings will be posted on the 100 Women Who Care Putnam County Facebook page. Email reminders will also be sent.

***Is the annual commitment for a calendar year or a rolling calendar year?***

The commitment is for a calendar year – January to December.

***Will 100 WWC prorate endowment donations for women who join later in the year?***

No, building the 100 Women Who Care Endowment is very important to our mission. The endowment donation for women joining at the November event will cover the following year.

***How frequently may the same nonprofit win?***

An organization may win once during each rolling calendar year. If there is a tie and the award is divided, the organizations will be eligible to win again after a rolling six month period of time.

***How will a tie be handled?***

There will be no additional presentations. If there is a tie, a recount between the top two charities will be held, excluding proxy votes. Proxy vote cards will be a different color so that can easily be identified easily in the instance of a recount or revote. If there is still a tie, there will be a revote between the top two charities. Must be present to revote. Proxy voters would not be allowed to revote. If there is still a tie, the total award will be split equally between the two organizations.

***Who may present?***

Only one current member who is physically present at the event may present at a time. Only questions – no comments from the audience will be allowed during the question period. No power point presentations. No phone call or virtual presentations.

***Who may give nonprofit reports?***

A current member or a representative from the nonprofit who is not a member but is knowledgeable about the organization and how the money was spent.

***May visitors only attend with a member?***

Visitors may attend on their own.

***May I nominate if I am unable to attend?***

No, you must be physically present to nominate. There are no proxy nominations.

***May I send my vote via proxy?***

Yes, you may vote via proxy if you have paid in advance or if you send a check with another member. The member must check in at registration to be given the absent member's proxy voting form.

***Check Presentations.***

Check presentation will be scheduled on the third Wednesday of the month at 5:30 PM at the site of the organization. Staff members, board members, and volunteers of the winning organization are strongly encouraged to be present. Children are welcome at check presentations.

***How do I get more information?***

Information is posted to <http://www.pcfoundation.org/100WomenWhoCarePutnamCountyEndowment.htm>. You may also contact any member of the steering committee or The Putnam County Community Foundation, 765.653.4978 or email [100womenwhocareputnamcounty@gmail.com](mailto:100womenwhocareputnamcounty@gmail.com).