



### How long has 100+WWC been in the Oswego, Montgomery, Yorkville area?

100+ Women Who Care OSWEGO • MONTGOMERY • YORKVILLE is a new organization founded in May 2015. 100+ Women Who Care was the original idea of Karen Dunigan of Jackson, MI. This chapter was inspired by the Naperville chapter and all the other wonderful chapters across the USA, Canada and Mexico.

### Which organizations are allowed to be sponsored?

In order to be considered at a meeting, the organization must be serving the Oswego, Montgomery or Yorkville area. The organization must be a non-profit entity recognized as a 501(c)(3) and must have been previously established (no start-ups). No national or international charities, programs or organizations will be considered as the contributions are to stay 100% in the community. Please avoid organizations that are religiously or politically charged.

### What is a 501(c)(3)?

A 501(c)(3) is defined as “exemptions that 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.”

### Is my contribution tax-deductible?

Yes, your contribution is tax deductible if made payable to a 501(c)(3) organization. Checks are written directly to the local organization, NOT to 100+ Women Who Care OMY. Please contact your tax adviser or visit the IRS website for further information.

### How do I nominate a charity and how is it chosen?

Any current member (or team) who has signed a Commitment Form and who is a member in good standing may nominate an organization for consideration at a meeting. The organization must be a non-profit recognized as a 501(c)(3) and a *Charity Nomination Form* must be filled out. *(Please avoid charities that might be politically or religiously charged.)* The organizers of the meeting will collect the names of the organizations from the members as they arrive. At random, three organizations will be selected. The members who wrote down the chosen names will be asked to come up and give a short 5 minute presentation as to why their chosen organization should receive the donation and then spend 5 minutes for Q&A. We encourage all members to participate by submitting the names of local charitable organizations in the Oswego, Montgomery or Yorkville area.

### Once a charity receives an award, can it be considered again?

Any charity that receives an award must wait 24 months (8 meetings) before it can be nominated again.

### Once a charity is presented, if it is not chosen, can it be considered again?

Yes. In fact, other chapters tell us that charities that are presented but not awarded the donation often win the donation the second or third time they are presented. Persistence pays.



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## (FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS)

### What is a "Member in Good Standing"?

- ★ A Member or a Team who has met their donation commitment.
- ★ In order to maintain the donation power of the group, members or teams who are not "in good standing" will not be allowed to vote at the next quarterly meeting unless their donation for the previous meeting has been received.
- ★ Additionally, the charity nominated by a member or team who is not "in good standing" will not be eligible for consideration for a donation until that member is current on their donation commitment.

### 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. 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, however, 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 or contact one of the organizers to find out which charity was selected, and then send a check to the organizer. The organizer will send it to the charity on her behalf.

### Can I just send the donation to the charity myself?

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 endeavor and give \$10,000+ at a time to make a large impact in our community, with each member's donation being part of the larger donation.

### Do I have to write a check? Can't I use a credit card or cash instead?

We can accept checks or money orders only. Since donations are made directly to the selected charity, there is no mechanism for taking credit card or cash donations at the meeting on behalf of the selected charity.

### How long after a meeting can a donation be made?

\$100 checks will be collected for up to 30 days after a meeting to be a part of group donation. If a member does not get her donation in within 30 days she may forfeit her voting rights at the next meeting.

### What does 100+ Women O•M•Y do with my personal information?

Information collected will be used only for maintaining our membership lists. 100+ Women Who Care O•M•Y will not sell, give or otherwise share your personal information without your express consent, unless required by law. We do like to recognize our members via social media and other venues. If a member would like to remain anonymous they must let us know at the time of joining.

### Can I bring a friend to the meeting?

Of course you can! However, in order to vote she will need to sign an Individual or Team Commitment Form and become a member first.