

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the History of 100 Women Who Care?

The idea came from a book "Be A Miracle" by Regina Brett which references a group which had it's beginning in Cleveland.
<http://www.cleveland.com/brett/index.ssf/2010/06/post> or
<http://100womenwhocarecleveland.weebly.com/photo-gallery.html>

In November of 2006, Karen Dunigan from Jackson, Michigan introduced the concept at a meeting where they raised \$10,000 for 300 cribs for a charity. The first Canadian group began in September, 2012 in Toronto, followed by London the same year followed by Brantford and Hamilton in 2013 and Norfolk County in May 2014 (started with 118 members and now has 157 members!!)

Brantford held their first anniversary meeting on April 9th, 2014 with 117 members. London has over 300 members with related groups including "100 Men Who Care London" and "100 Kids Who Care London". The kids donate \$10 per quarter. Today, you will find chapters of 100 Women Who Care across the United States and Canada, including K-W Cambridge, Burlington and Guelph).

Will 100 Women Who Care Oxford accept more than 100 members?

Absolutely yes! The goal right now is to get to 100!

Which charitable organizations are eligible for consideration by the group?

In order to be considered, the charity must be based in Oxford County and all funds donated by our group must stay in Oxford County. The money donated is NOT to be used on administrative costs. Where possible, income tax receipts must be provided. At the subsequent meeting, the charity receiving the funds must make a presentation on how the funds were used.

How often can a charity be nominated?

A charity can be nominated at each meeting as long as it has not been a recipient of the group's donation in the past three (3) years.

Is my donation tax deductible?

Yes, your cheques are written directly to the charitable organization. Tax receipts will be issued directly by the charitable organization and available for distribution to our members at the next meeting. However, there may be instances where a worthy local cause is sponsored and in this case, a tax receipt may not be available. Eg. A family who has lost everything in a fire or suffered some other tragedy.

How is the organization that receives the group donation chosen?

A member who has signed the Member Commitment Form can nominate a local charity (See Charity Nomination Form). These submissions must be forwarded at least ONE week prior to the next meeting. At random, three charities will be selected per meeting. The nominating members will be asked to give a short 5 minute presentation (See Presentation Information Sheet) describing why their charity should receive the donation. Five minutes is allocated for Q&A.

What if I cannot attend a meeting?

You are asked to send in a blank, signed cheque with a trusted friend to the meeting. The friend will write the name of the charity that is chosen on the cheque and give it to the organizers on your behalf. The friend may NOT vote on your behalf. We will only count the votes of members who are present at the meeting.

Can I bring a friend to the meeting?

Absolutely! We are always seeking women who care! However, in order to vote she will need to sign a Commitment Form and become a member. Otherwise she is free to observe and contribute a donation if she likes.

Does any of my donation go to administration costs of 100 Women Who Care Oxford?

Absolutely not! 100 Women Who Care Oxford is organized and operated entirely by me as a volunteer. 100% of the money raised at our meetings goes directly to the selected organization!