

100 WOMEN WHO REALLY CARE

The concept is so simple and direct that it causes a double take - can this be real? It is and it's, in a word, amazing. Here's how it works: 100 women gather four times a year for only an hour. Each commits to giving a check for \$100.00 at each meeting (\$400.00 annually). Qualified local 501C3 charities are eligible to be nominated by the members. Three charities are selected randomly from a basket and are asked to give a five minute pitch to the assembled group. Ballots are counted and a winning charity is selected. The 100 women then take out their checkbooks and write a \$100.00 check directly to the charity. The math is easy... in just one efficient hour \$10,000.00 is in the coffers of a worthy group. No administrative or overhead costs are ever assessed or deducted. 100 percent of \$100.00 given by 100 caring women. As the group's slogan suggests - "A Simple Concept. A Big Impact."



100 Women Who Care organizers: Peg Donovan, Jeri Bosman, Sandra Alinger

The local organization is called 100 Women Who Care and it's a chapter of a national group called 100 Who Care Alliance. The Capital Region chapter is the result of the efforts of three remarkable Delmar, NY women who simply want to empower women and give back to the community they love. Jeri Bosman, a retired nurse; Peg Donovan, a retired art teacher and Sandra Alinger, a retired teacher may be the organizers, but they collectively make it clear that they are not officers as the group only exists as a conduit for its members to give directly to the selected charities from the counties of Albany, Schenectady and Rensselaer. There are no offices to maintain, only a Facebook page and website to drive interest and membership. This is truly an organic and decentralized concept, viral in nature. Minimal out-of-pocket expenses (name badges, website fees, etc.) are underwritten with the generous support of Sandy Evans from Hunt Realty.



It all started locally in 2016 when Jeri learned of the concept while visiting a friend in South Carolina. Upon her return, she shared the inspiration with Peg and Sandra and 100 Who Care Albany was born. On May 12th of this year, with little fanfare, incredibly 73 women signed up and attended the inaugural meeting held at the Delmar Reformed Church Fellowship Hall. The group selected The Donna M. Crandall Foundation, a family run organization that exists to help cystic fibrosis patients, as its first recipient. The foundation left with \$7300.00 that night. Each recipient must report back at the next meeting with an update as to how the funds were utilized.

Jeri, Peg and Sandra all expect that the goal of 100 women will easily be realized at the next meeting on Thursday, August 11th. Members represent all ages and while the charities must come from the tri-county area, the group's members come from all over. They also anticipate that as the chapter grows it will splinter and spawn other area groups as it has across the country. All agree that hearing first-hand from the different charities is a moving and heartfelt experience. These generous and creative women know that they are directly helping local organizations in a big way without bureaucracy and overhead. It's that simple and beautiful.



Members cast their ballots at the May 12, 2016 inaugural meeting



Next meeting:

Thursday August 11, 2016
Delmar Reformed Church Fellowship Hall
5:00-5:30 PM - check-in
5:30-6:30 PM - meeting

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