



WINTER STATE 2017 CIP

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Daffodil Connections Coming Together

Dear Local and District External Vice Presidents (PVPs):

Welcome to Community Connections Winter State CIP. I had four chapters send in nomination for the Outstanding Person with Developmental Challenges. I would like to thank Aitkin, Avon, Fridley, and Monticello for taking the time to submit these awesome individuals for recognition.

Our next Daffodil Connections is going to be having you submit your projects and events for the Community Connections End-of-the-Year Awards.

My focus for 3rd trimester is *True Friends/Friendship Ventures*. I am asking for chapters to bring donations to annual convention. Let's help them get ready for camping season. See page 4 for a shortened list.

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Transmittals & LPM/DPM Reports

Please submit a transmittal whenever a project or event is done for Community Connections. As an external programming are, any money spent on an event, even if it is chapter money is considered a donation. Complete the transmittal as an in-kind-donation for that amount, and check “donated locally.” When doing your LPM/DPM reports, you must enter how many members worked and how make hours total. Some of this is still being skipped. EX 5 members worked, 0 hours. If you had members participate, you also had hours of some kind worked. Hours worked are calculated into a monetary value and included in the numbers reported on a big check that is presented to President Jane at Annual Convention in May. By working together we can represent Community Connections in a huge way and you all deserve the recognition. Remember, what you do and contribute is important. To your chapter, the organization, and your community.

Third Trimester Success Bonus Points

Purchases of at least \$200 for state ways and means in any combination of state store, third trimester promotional, and Nice Spice convention fundraisers. (50 points)

and/or

Participate in USWT President Barb's Blizzard Challenge. (50 points)

and/or

Submit a nomination for one of the Community Connections Awards. (50 points)

and/or

Show Chapter Growth for third trimester. (50 points)

OR

Attain 80% member retention and growth +2 for third trimester. (100 points)



MN Foundation is once again offering membership rebates!

Membership Rebates provided by MNWT Foundation for 3rd Trimester are: One lucky chapter will receive a \$100 membership rebate provided by MNWT Foundation and all you need to do is have 80% retention and show growth to be eligible. Every chapter completing this challenge will receive a state store gift certificate and one lucky chapter name will be drawn to receive the \$100.

Extension Rebates provided by the MNWT Foundation for 3rd Trimester are: Complete an extension before Feb. 28th and the new chapter receives \$200 or Complete an extension before April 1st and the new chapter receives \$100.

Domestic Violence Awareness

Everyone has the right not to live with fear and violence. Domestic violence touches everyone's lives and can have negative repercussions for generations. There are many ways that you can become involved in helping people that have been effective with Domestic Violence. Contact your local Domestic Violence shelters and ask how you can be of services to those in need. Abuse shelters need gas and grocery gift cards, personal items (shampoo, conditioner toothpaste and toothbrushes, lotion, comb, hairbrush, and deodorant), toilet paper, liquid hand soap, diapers and socks for (baby to adult). Call your local shelter to find out what they need.



Work Weekend at Friendship Ventures

Plan now to help prepare the camp for the summer camping season. This is held during Memorial Day weekend on Saturday. More times and additional information will be sent out in May!

MN Women of Today has supported Friendship Ventures (True Friends) since 1965 and I hope that your chapter could send a group to help out.



Community Connections Year-End Award Nominations

Your chapters have been doing projects and events throughout the year. Please keep in mind the Year-End Community Connections Awards. You will find a brief description of each of the awards listed below. Nomination forms can be found on the MNWT website in the Book of Forms or on my CC SPM web page. Nominations are due April 11th.



Community Connections: Joint Venture Award

The Community Connections (CC) Joint Ventures Award is an award given by the Minnesota Women of Today recognizing a chapter that has successfully collaborated with another community organization to sponsor a successful community project. We recognize both organizations' actions and accomplishments and celebrate their desire to "leave the world a better place."

Community Connections: Civic or Environmental Project Award

The Community Connections (CC) Civic or Environmental Award is an award given by the Minnesota Women of Today recognizing a chapter that has promoted an a.) Activity to civically improve your town or city, or promote citizenship in your community or b.) Activity to improve the environments in your community.

Community Connections: Community Impact Award

The Community Connections (CC) Community Impact Award is an award given by the Minnesota Women of Today recognizing a chapter that has completed a successful community project that does not fit in to one of the other two CC award categories (collaboration with another organization, or civic or environmental project.) We recognize the chapter's effort by the impact the project has had on the local community. An example for submitting in this area is a community festival.



My goal is to have at least 3 nominations in each category. Come on ladies help me reach this goal for the MNWT. Mail entries to me at CC SPM Kandy Dorlack, 1513 Winnetka Ave N Champlin, MN 55316 By April 11th 2017. I will give an incentive to each chapter that submits to the USWT.

True Friends

True friend's camps include Camp Courage and Camp Friendship. Programs include traditional summer and winter camps as well as year-round options in therapeutic horse back riding, travel, team building, respite, rope courses and zip lines. The Women of Today have supported True Friends since 1965. MNWT has helped with donations and with a variety of projects. Many campers' needs financial help, so scholarships make a huge impact.

Please bring your "Wish list" items to annual convention.

Thank you for your interest in supporting True Friends with a donation! True Friends provides a variety of programs including camp, respite, travel and therapeutic horseback riding for children and adults with disabilities. True Friends serves people with physical, developmental, and learning disabilities with the goal of providing life-changing experiences that enhance their independence and self-esteem.

- Board games – Trouble, Connect 4, Candyland, Sorry, Checkers, Dominoes, Memory
 - Travel size games
 - Playing cards/Card games like Uno, Old Maid
 - 100 or less Puzzles
 - Nerf/soft toys
 - Lawn Games
 - Fishing rods and closed face reels including ice fishing
 - Pool / beach toys / kick boards
 - Bike Helmets – youth and adult
 - Nail polish & remover, cotton balls, emery boards, nail clippers,
 - Basketballs, Footballs
 - Soccer & Volley balls
 - Kick balls
 - Construction paper
 - Markers
 - Crayons/Colored pencils
 - Tempera & water color paint
 - Fabric paint
 - Paint brushes
 - Beads & jewelry making items
 - Large jugs of bubbles
 - Glue/glue sticks
 - Plaster of Paris
 - Scissors (especially school type)
 - Clay
 - Glitter
 - Stampers / ink pads for "stamp art"
 - Felt
 - Foam pieces / peel off stickers
 - Poster paper
 - GiftCards
- Target/Wal-Mart/Kmart
- Restaurants Gift Cards (fast food/sit down)
 - I-tunes Gift Cards
 - Name tags
 - Postage stamps
 - Scotch tape and packing tape
 - Masking tape 1"
 - Post-it notes
 - Memo pads
 - Pocket folders
 - Dry erase markers
 - Highlighters
 - Copy paper-- white (8 ½ x 11 or 8 ½ x 14)
 - Color Copy paper
 - Contact Paper
 - Heavy duty three hole punch
 - Blue, black, medium point pens
 - Sharpie markers (fine-point black)
 - 3 ring note books (3" wide)
 - Flashlights & batteries
 - Digital cameras
 - SD Cards for Cameras
 - Boom box for CDs (used are fine)
 - CD's (variety of music)
 - Blank CDs/DVDs
 - Flash Drives
 - Non-latex disposable gloves
 - Hand sanitizers
 - Antibiotic ointment
 - Anti-itch cream/Hydrocortisone
 - Benadryl
 - Batteries (AAA, AA, C, D, misc hearing aid)
 - Lysol Wipes
 - Acetaminophen & Ibuprofen
 - Baby Wipes – flushable only
 - Band aids – all sizes
 - Insect Repellent
 - Sun Screen – high #
 - Liquid Antibacterial Soap