



We're hootin' can u hear us?

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Hi Ladies, I hope your new year has started off in good way. I would like to thank everyone who donated to my 3 projects. I look forward to reading your nominations for the Community Connections Year End Awards. My goal is to receive at least three nominations in each category - help me meet my goal! Also, I am asking chapters to bring donations or items to Annual Convention for Great River Family Promise or True Friends, and donations to the MNWT Foundation. Please invite me to your Chapter, District and Area meetings!

Thank you,

Kathy Hansen

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3rd Trimester Challenge

Any Chapter who sends me a donation of \$50 will be put into a drawing at Annual Convention – you can use this for 3rd Tri Challenge Bonus points



Trimester Reports

This trimester is the most important of all for reporting your projects and events done for Community Connections. Any money spent on an event is considered a monetary donation. Any items donated for projects/events are considered an in-kind donation. Please remember to report hours worked – by members and non-members. At end of the year, the total hours and donations are tallied so we can present a BIG CHECK to President Brenda at Annual Convention in May. By working together, we can represent Community Connections in a huge way. You all deserve the recognition. What you do and contribute is IMPORTANT – to your Chapter, to your Community, and to MN Women of Today.

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 those affected. Contact your local domestic violence shelters and ask how you can be of service to those in need. Abuse shelters need gas and groceries gift cards, personal hygiene items (shampoo/conditioner, tooth paste/tooth brushes, lotion, combs/hairbrushes, deodorant, toilet paper, liquid hand soap, diapers and socks for babies to adult) call your local shelter to see how you can help. Please contact Michelle McGowen with USMT for more information.

Community Connections Year End Awards Nominations

(you can find the forms for these nominations at this link: <http://mnwt.org/bof/index.php>)

Nominations are due April 15th - Mail or E-mail to me.

- * **Joint Venture Award**- this is an award given to recognize a Chapter that has successfully collaborated with another community organization to sponsor a successful community project. We recognize both organizations' actions and celebrate their desire to "leave the world a better place."
- * **Civic or Environmental Project Award**- this award is given to recognize a chapter that has promoted a) an activity to civically improve its town or city, or promote citizenship in its community, or b) an activity to improve the environment in its community.
- * **Community Impact Award** – This award is given to recognize a Chapter that has completed a successful community project that does not fit into either of the other Community Connections categories. The chapter is recognized by the impact the project has had on the local community.

Important Dates

February

17th - March planning recommendations due to COB

27th - MNWT Webinar

March

9th - March planning

15th - Early bird renewals POSTMARKED to chapter service center

16th - Statewide Committee meetings – 10am MMC
12pm Marketing & 1:30 pm Future Directions

20th - 3rd Trimester MVP Challenge Due

22nd - Area 2 Meeting – Anoka

23rd - Area 1 Meeting – TBD

April

5th - Area 3 Meeting – Golden Valley

6th - Area 4 Meeting – TBD

15th - 21st - National Volunteer Week

15th - Community Connections Award Nominations due to CC SPM

26th - Year end Individual evaluations due emailed to R&R SPM

29th - MNWT Membership Monday

30th - End 3rd Trimester Ways % Means Promotional

30th - Programming Trimester Report Due to IVP/EVP

30th - Project of the Trimester Nominees Due to SPM

30th - Outstanding Program Manager Nominations Due to SPMs

Presidential SUCCESS Bonus Points for Third Trimester

Submit and Nomination for a Community Connections Year End Award **(50pts)** and/or

Hold an M Event and Sign 2 New Members for 3rd Trimester **(50pts)** and/or

Reach 85% Retention for 3rd Trimester **(50pts)** and/or

Submit a Chapter Article to the NEWSLET **(25pts)** and/or

Have 2 members of your Chapter Attend the February Webinar **(25pts)** and/or

Donate \$25 or more to the US Women of Today Ways and Means **(25pts)** and/or

Donate \$25 or more to MN Priority Area: Wishes and More **(25 pts)**

Maximum of 100 Bonus Points

Great River Family Promise Wish List

We are in need of the following items:

- Kitchen paper products (bowls, cups, paper towel, utensils,



napkins)

- Kitchen Cleaning supplies (Dishwasher Detergent, Rinse Aid, All-purpose Spray, Dish Detergent)
- Bathroom Cleaning Supplies (Daily Shower Cleaner, Toilet Bowl Cleaner, All-purpose spray)
- AA and AAA batteries
- Dishwasher Detergent & Rinse Aid
- Towels and Washcloths
- Wall Clock
- Office Supplies (tape, paper clips, pens, highlighters, etc.)
- Gas/Gift cards
- Rubbermaid Totes w/Lids
- Diapers/Wipes
- Personal Care items (razors/shaving cream, feminine hygiene products, combs, hair ties, Kleenex, hair spray)
- New/Like New Bassinet
- New/Like New Pack and Play
- Sippy Cups & Bottles
- Juice Boxes
- Quiet Time Activities for Children (crocheting, crafts, etc.)
- Printer Ink (HP Ink Cartridge 564, printer product # is CZ046A, all colors needed- black used the most)
- Digital Camera for Day Center
- A Mini-Van (please contact Day Center for details)