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Hi Local and District Programming Vice Presidents,  
Thank you for all your Project of the Trimester nominations so far. Continue to reach out to your communities to “connect” to make a difference. I look forward to reading your nominations for one of three Community Connections end-of-year awards—see page 2 for more information. My goal is to receive at least 3 nominations for each category—help me meet my goal, please.

My focus for 3<sup>rd</sup> trimester is **True Friends/Friendship Ventures**. I am asking chapters to bring donations to annual convention. The items listed on page 4 will help them get ready for camping season.

Also, I am still looking for invitations to your chapter, district and area meetings to give more information on True Friends.

Regards,  
Jenise

<b>IMPORTANT DATES</b>	
<b>February</b>	
Shine Week	11-17
3 <sup>rd</sup> Trimester Webinar (Community Connections)	28
<b>March</b>	
Out and About Night	7
March Planning	10
Early Bird renewals due	15
State Committee meetings	17
Shine Week	18-24
<b>April</b>	
CC awards nominations due	15
<b>May</b>	
Outstanding program manager nominations due	1
LOTS	5
Annual Convention	18-20

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3<sup>rd</sup>  
**Trimester Challenge**

Any chapter who sends me a nomination for one of the three end-of-year awards will be entered in a drawing at Annual Convention.

## Work a 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!

Minnesota 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 End-of-Year Awards—

[You can find the forms for these nominations at this link--<http://mnwt.org/bof/index.php>]

Nominations are due April 15. 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.

## 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 grocery gift cards, personal hygiene items (shampoo/conditioner, toothpaste/toothbrushes, lotion, combs/hairbrushes, and deodorant, plus toilet paper, liquid hand soap, diapers and socks for baby to adult. Call your local shelter to see how you can help.



## 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 project/event 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 Shelli 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.

### **Presidential SUCCESS Bonus Points for Third Trimester—**

#### **Maximum of 100 Bonus Points**

- 1) Purchase (s) of at least \$100 for Ways & Means in any combination from State Store, online clothing/apparel, 3<sup>rd</sup> Trimester promotion (50 points)  
AND/OR
- 2) Submit a nomination for a Community Connections End-of-the-Year award (50 points)  
AND/OR
- 3) Show growth for 3<sup>rd</sup> Trimester (50 points)  
AND/OR
- 4) Hold an M-event and sign 3 members for 3<sup>rd</sup> Trimester (100 points)

## True Friends Wish List

True Friends' camps include Camp Courage and Camp Friendship. Programs include traditional summer and winter camps as well as year-round options in therapeutic horseback riding, travel, team building, respite, rope courses and zip lines. Many campers need financial help, so scholarships also make a huge impact.

Bring your items to annual convention.

Board games	Scissors	Digital cameras
Travel size games	Clay	SD cards for cameras
Playing cards	Glitter	CDs
Card games	Stamps/ink pads	Blank CDs/DVDs
100 or less puzzles	Felt	Flash Drives
Nerf/soft toys	Foam pieces/peel-off stickers	Non-latex disposable gloves
Lawn games	Poster paper	Hand Sanitizer
Fishing rods/closed reels, including ice fishing	Gift Cards—Target, Wal-Mart, K-Mart	Antibiotic ointment
Pool/beach toys	I-Tune gift cards	Anti-itch cream/ hydrocortisone
Kick boards	Name tags	Benadryl
Bike helmets-- Youth & adult	Postage stamps	Batteries (AAA, AA, C, D, misc. hearing aid)
Nail polish/remover	Scotch/packing tape	Lysol wipes
cotton balls, emery boards, nail clippers	Masking tape 1"	Tylenol/Ibuprofen
Basketballs/footballs	Post-it Notes	Baby Wipes—flushable only
Soccer/Volleyballs	Memo pads	Band-aids—all sizes
Kick balls	Pocket folders	Insect Repellent
Construction paper	Dry erase markers	Sun Screen—high #
Markers	Highlighters	Liquid Antibacterial soap
Crayons/colored pencils	Copy paper—white 8 ½ X 11 or 8 ½ X 14	
Tempera/water color paint	Color Copy paper	
Fabric paint	Contact paper	
Paint brushes	Heavy duty 3-hole punch	
Beads & jewelry making items	Blue/black medium point pens	
Large jugs of bubbles	Sharpie markers (fine-point black)	
Glue/glue sticks	3-ring notebooks (3" wide)	
Plaster of Paris	Flashlights & batteries	