



Minnesota Women of Today
2024-2025 Fall State CIP
 Priority-Area State Program Manager
 "REACHing out Hand to Hand"

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Welcome/Hello!

Thank you to those who have attended the monthly ZOOM reach meetings. It has been inspiring listening to the teachers and MNWT members ask questions and share ideas. This is the first priority area year for the REACH program. We are REACHING out hand to hand with this amazing program for our youth. Please share with me the names, emails, phone #s of the REACH school contacts you reach out to. I will add this information to an ongoing contact list and you will be entered into my Winter State drawing. Also, thank you to the chapters who have sent in donations. Please share photos of your members when connecting with REACH and any fundraising events you are doing. My contact email is priority-area@mnwt.org. I may not be able to answer or respond immediately but will reply as soon as possible. Let's have a great year together REACHing out hand to hand!

MNWT Calendar

November

1 - Women Who Impact, Outstanding Young Adult, and Person with Determination nominations due EMAILED to Awards Committee Chair

December

31 - L&L and US WPD certifications due to Living & Learning SPM

January

2 - Outstanding Program Manager nominations due to PVP
 2 - Project of Trimester nominations due to SPM
 2 - 2nd Trimester Programming reports due to PVP
 24-26 - Winter State Convention

Please consult the MNWT official calendar at www.mnwt.org, under "Events" to ensure that other key dates are not missed.

Priority Area Challenge

Donate \$25 or more to REACH for a prize drawing entry at Winter State. This can be an individual, Chapter or District. Send it to the Chapter Service Center and inform me.

Locate and contact a school with the REACH program to introduce yourself, chapter or district. A list of contacts/teachers around the state is being created with your help. BONUS entry: Invite a teacher to be a speaker at your meeting.

BONUS entry: Visit a REACH class or volunteer for the REACH program.

Send me an email with your name, the name of the school and who you spoke with to: priority-area@mnwt.org for entry into a drawing at Winter state convention. Also let me know what you did for the BONUS entry.

Thank you for completing your Fast Starts!

Shout out to the following:

- Connie Fink, Monticello
- Lorissa Hanson, Blooming Prairie
- Melissa Bueckers, Avon
- Anna Nichols, New Hope
- Leanne Mickley, Anoka
- Rebecca Carlson, Duluth
- Dan Larkey, Albany
- Jenni Cline, Aitkin
- Arlene Feldewerd, Avon

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See the MNWT President Chapter Information Packet (CIP) for this trimester's Bonus SUCCESS point information.

What is priority area programming? The priority area began in 2003 and changes every 3 years. The current 2024-2027 area is the Reach Program. The priority area encourages members to come together and support a statewide organization in need. The idea is to raise awareness, supplies, and funds for our chosen organization. Together we can do more! The past priority organizations have been: Girl Scouts 2003-2006, Jacob Wetterling Foundation 2006- 2009, Can Do Canines 2009-2012, Isaac's Journey Foundation 2012-2015, Breaking Free 2015-2018, Wishes and More 2018-2021 and Crescent Cove 2021-2024.

What is the REACH Program?

The REACH Program is a voluntary, in school program designed to assist our students who may need support academically, socially, and /or emotionally.

The Goal: Help students experience success by learning new life skills to overcome barriers and/or challenges present in their lives.

Class groups (Teams) ideally consist of 10 to 15 students, with direct instruction from two instructors (Team Leaders), working closely with the team of Administration, Social Worker, Guidance Counselors, and students' Families.

The REACH Program not only supports these students academically, but helps the students to build skills necessary to become successful adults after graduation.

The REACH Philosophy

Believing in the ability of every student to overcome academic and personal obstacles to achieve success. To treat each student with dignity and respect, while being sensitive to individual needs.

What does REACH stand for?

Relationships – A safe place for students to belong, connect and be supported.

Education – Create positive learning opportunities through academic support and individual assignment modification.

Accountability – A support network with staff committed to help students succeed that nurtures student accountability with parent support.

Character – Skill building activities that encourage positive academic and personal growth.

Hard Work – Students that rise to the level of expectations.

The REACH Objective: To Pay Forward what has been given to us.



Spooky Sprint 5K/kids run fundraiser

Looking for something FUN to do on Halloween weekend?

Bring your chapter members and family out for a 5k (3.1 mile) fun run or walk and 1/2 mile kids dash through Hutchinson on Saturday October 26th. The run will start and finish on 1st Ave SE across from Library Square, downtown Hutchinson..

The benefactor of this event is the Hutchinson REACH program. The funds are used for graduate scholarships.

If you are interested in participating send an email asap to priority-area@mnwt.org. Volunteer opportunities are also available.

What is REACH and how can we get involved?

Monthly ZOOM meetings are being held monthly to learn about REACH and how to get involved. MNWT members and Reach teachers from around the state are invited. This is a time to meet and share information to help each other. Meeting links will be sent to chapter emails.

Save the dates:

October 29 - 7 pm

November 26 - 7 pm

December 17 - 7 pm

January 28 - 7 pm