



*Wishing from the heart*

**MNJOTS CIP  
2018-19  
PRIORITY AREA  
WISHES & MORE**

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Hello Local Program Managers,

I am so excited to be the first state program manager to promote our new Priority Area, Wishes & More. I have lived in Spring Lake Park for five years and in Minnesota since September of 1981. [I grew up 40 miles north of Bismarck, North Dakota.] I am a respiratory therapist and work in the appeals department of a durable medical equipment company, Hill-Rom, in Shoreview. I have two adult children, Marcus who is a store manager for Burger King; and Nicky, who is a project manager in the cyber security department for Excel Energy. I am also privileged to have four grandchildren—Abby, 19; Joe, 17; Andy, almost 16; and Julie, 10. I am a member of the Fridley chapter and my 4<sup>th</sup> anniversary is in June. I am currently the Membership Vice President, and have been chapter President twice and the Living & Learning Local Program Manager, as well as District Directory for District 7 in the year 2016-2017. I was the State Program Manager for Community Connections for 2017-2018. I am so looking forward to educating the chapters of Minnesota Women of Today on how we can help Wishes & More with fundraisers and events throughout the state. I will be the liaison between their director, Joelle Gamble, to inform of fundraisers they are holding and to enlist their help in marketing fundraisers sponsored by various chapters.

(Please see the next page for more information on this foundation.)

**MY GOALS ARE:**

- A. Have 30% participation from chapters in trimester challenges
- B. Raise \$5000 in cash and/or in-kind donations
- C. Visit at least 75% of the districts to promote fundraisers and awareness
- D. Coordinate training with Wishes & More, if needed, for volunteer opportunities
- E. Relay information from Wishes & More about volunteer opportunities for fund raisers

[For more details, see my Plan of Action at—

[http://mnwt.org/exec-council/execcouncil\\_results.php?execcoun=PRIORITY](http://mnwt.org/exec-council/execcouncil_results.php?execcoun=PRIORITY)]



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**IMPORTANT DATES**

MNJOTS.....	6/1-3
USWT convention.....	6/7-10
Webinar.....	6/27
Founder’s Day.....	7/1
LPM Fast Starts due.....	7/15

**> "These dates are part of the MNWT official calendar that can be located at [www.mnwt.org](http://www.mnwt.org) under the events section in both a PDF printable and online format. Please consult the full listing to ensure that other key dates are not missed."**

## 1<sup>st</sup> Trimester challenge—

- Submit your local program manager (LPM) Fast Start to me by July 15—

- 1) Attend an orientation
- 2) Write down your goals for the coming year and send to your chapter president and programming VP
- 3) email your district director, introducing yourself, listing your goals
- 4) submit a *preliminary* programming report; and
- 5) review your LPM manual to educate yourself on your duties.

- For every LPM who submits a Fast Start, a ticket will be entered for a chance to win a basket at Fall State Convention
- Find the LPM Fast Start Report at--  
[http://www.mnwt.org/pdfs/otherPDFs/bof/form\\_lpm\\_faststart-2018.pdf](http://www.mnwt.org/pdfs/otherPDFs/bof/form_lpm_faststart-2018.pdf)
- Find the Programming Trimester Report at--  
[http://www.mnwt.org/pdfs/otherPDFs/bof/form\\_pm\\_trimester\\_report-2016.pdf](http://www.mnwt.org/pdfs/otherPDFs/bof/form_pm_trimester_report-2016.pdf)

YOU CAN  
BRING  
**JOY**  
TO A CHILD

## WHAT IS WISHES & MORE?

Wishes & More ® conceptually began in the fall of 2004 in order to fill the gaps of other wish granting charities serving children with terminal and life-threatening conditions. The founder and president, Karla Blomberg, was a seasoned children's wish granter who had served as a volunteer member of the board of Make-A-Wish Foundation ® of Minnesota.

*The goal of Wishes & More ® is simple... to grant wishes to children with terminal and life-threatening illnesses and provide hopeful hearts, happy memories, and assistance to those who love them.*

I have already spoken with the Senior Director, Joelle Gamble, and gotten many ideas for fundraising and how we can help with volunteer support. I will be working closely with this foundation so information can be passed along regarding opportunities for projects, fundraisers, and service hours. Like my Facebook page—[ <https://www.facebook.com/mnwt.priorityarea>] so you can keep informed on the latest events. If you have questions or would like more information, here is the link to their website: <http://wishesandmore.org/>

**Also keep in mind that a representative from Wishes & More will be the first speaker at our Webinar on Wednesday, June 27, starting at 6pm. More information pending.**

## PROJECT FAIR AT FALL CONVENTION—

Come see me at my table/booth Friday night to learn about Wishes & More and have a chance to win a gift card TBD. Looking forward to hearing about your ideas for fundraisers and how you plan to promote this foundation in your community.

**Minnesota Women of Today  
1<sup>st</sup> Trimester SUCCESS Presidential bonus points  
2018-19**

\$50 donation to the State Plan of Action (POA)  
**50 points**

and/or

Complete the Chapter Assessment Survey sent to the official chapter emails by  
CMVP Illeana Miller or complete the PDF copy attached to her CIP

(These surveys are available to be submitted anonymously but a chapter name needs to be entered to get credit for SUCCESS.)

**50 points**

and/Or

Create a public Facebook Event for a membership social and tag  
MVP Anna Nichols during 1<sup>st</sup> trimester. Email Anna at [mvp@mnwt.org](mailto:mvp@mnwt.org) with feedback from your  
social.

**50 points**

and/or

Submit a completed Programming Trimester Report for 1<sup>st</sup> Trimester  
**50 points**

*Maximum of 100 Bonus Points*