



Wishing from the heart

Wishes and More

Priority Area

Winter State CIP 2018

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Hello Districts, Chapters, and Local Program Managers:

Thank you to the District Directors who allowed me the privilege of promoting Wishes and More at your meetings and to be able to share my excitement about upcoming events and volunteering opportunities. I am so proud of all of the chapters and Districts who have made contributions to our Priority-Area foundation. It was so much fun to present the check to Karla Blomberg from Wishes and More at our Winter State convention. Keep those cash donations coming! See page 3 for how you all can help me make my goal of raising \$5000 in cash/in-kind donations by year-end. Keep posting your volunteer events and fundraisers on Face Book so I can share.

If you want to find out more and keep informed go to their website and Facebook pages—

<https://wishesandmore.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/wishesandmore>

IMPORTANT DATES

March planning recommendations due	2/17
MNWT Webinar	2/27
March Planning	3/9
Early Bird renewals due	3/15
State Committee Meetings	3/16
Tri III MVP challenge due	3/20
Area 2 Meeting	3/22
Area 1 Meeting	3/23
Area 3 Meeting	4/5
Area 4 Meeting	4/6
National Volunteer Week	4/15-21
“Unstuck” Go-To Discussion	4/17
Year-End Evaluations due	4/26
Membership Monday	4/29
End Trimester III W & M Promotional	4/30
Project of the Tri III nominations due	4/30
Tri III Programming Reports due	4/30
OPM nominations due	4/30



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3rd TRIMESTER CHALLENGE---

Nominate your fundraiser for Wishes and More for Project of the Trimester

AND

Participate in my Trimester 3 fundraiser for a chance to win an awesome wine/chocolate basket at Annual State Convention



Thank you to the following districts and their District Directors for allowing me to present information on Wishes and More at their district meetings during Trimester 2.

- District 3
- District 5
- District 7
- District 10
- District 11



3rd Trimester SUCCESS Presidential Bonus Points

**Submit a Nomination for a Community Connections Year End Award
(50 points) AND/OR**

**Hold an M Event and Sign 3 New Members for 3rd Trimester
(50 points) AND/OR**

**Reach 85% Retention for 3rd Trimester
(50 points) AND/OR**

**Submit a Chapter Article to the NEWSLET
(25 points) AND/OR**

**Have 2 Members of your Chapter Attend the February State Wide Webinar
(25 points) AND/OR**

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

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

MAXIMUM 100 POINTS

FUNDRAISING IDEAS FOR WISHES AND MORE

ADULTS

- **Fantasy Football:** Cheer on your favorite football players while raising money for Wishes & More. Dedicate your new or existing fantasy football league to raise money for WAM – find all kinds of creative ways to charge for wins/losses/points/ and fines.
- **Wine Tasting:** Wine tasting events of all shapes and sizes have been popular fundraisers for Wishes & More. Contact a local liquor store and see how they can help you with the wine – or make up your own wine tasting theme adventure.

ART/ENTERTAINMENT

- **Art Competition:** Know some people who are good with Art? Hold an art fair. Sell tickets to the event or sell the art.
- you can be a concert promoter. Collect a cover charge, have a great evening of fun entertainment.
- **Fashion Show:** Pick a fashion (maybe old fashion?) and put on a fun show with all your co-workers or community members. Charge admission (\$20?) and all proceeds benefit Wishes & More
- **Karaoke:** Organize a Karaoke party and hold your own “Star Search” competition.

KIDS/FAMILY

- **Bowling Event:** A place of business, civic organization or church group can get their members or employees to get sponsors and help raise money. 100 bowlers times \$100.00 sponsors for each of them will generate \$10,000.00 for our charity. This is great exposure for the bowling alley and have them promote it at their facility.
- **Dance:** Disco, Barn/Country, Old time Rock and Roll, Big Band, Polka, 70’s ??? Pick a theme, find a venue, get a band or a DJ and you’re all set for a lot of fun.
- **Halloween Party:** Now there is no excuse for you and your friends not to come up with a costume this year. If the donations go to Wishes & More, everyone will want to get involved with your party and costume contest.

OTHER

- **Expedition:** For those of you who are adventurous and want to explore new places – why not organize an expedition? Could be anything from a local campground to climbing Mount Kilimanjaro in Africa, which by the way has been a successful Wishes & More fundraiser in the past.
- **Group Events:** How many groups or organizations do you belong to? Tie in a Wishes & More fundraising idea into one of the existing events – or make up a new event for your group.

RESTAURANTS – These all have giving programs in place; check with your local franchise to see what their specific program looks like

Applebee’s

Chili’s

Cold Stone

Potbelly

Local Restaurants

Buffalo Wild Wings

Chipotle

Granite City

Frozen Yogurt Chains

FURTHER OPPORTUNITIES FOR INVOLVEMENT WITH WISHES AND MORE

Team Wishes & More – St. Croix River Dunk

February 16 @ 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Join the team....or just donate and make your friends jump!

Registration for Team Wishes & More is open! Join us at the 2019 St. Croix River Dunk taking place on Saturday, February 16, 2019 at Lakefront Park in Hudson. Let's get cold for the kids!

Click here to get registered and then ask for your friends for pledges right from your own participant page: <https://www.firstgiving.com/team/382922>

Make sure you sign up for Team "Wishes & More Presents: Once Upon a Dunk" with our team captain – Katie Maurer!

See you there!



Winter Ball: March 1st-3rd, 2019

The 2019 Wishes & More Winter Ball ([The Storybook Ball](#)) is scheduled for Saturday, March 2nd at the Marriott City Center in Minneapolis. The weekend of activities requires a lot of volunteer support and we welcome groups AND individuals alike to come together to sign up and help us with our largest fundraiser of the year! Please feel free to also share these opportunities with others as the event is a great introduction to our special organization. And note that we have many in-office volunteer needs as we get closer to the event and we'd love to schedule your help anytime during the office hours (9am-5:30pm).

- **Friday, March 1st – Day Before Event:**

- We need roughly 10-15 able bodied people anytime between 10:30am - 6:00pm at the WAM Office and storage spaces (Fridley, MN) and Marriott City Center to help with loading from our office and storage spaces and unloading at the event space.

- **Saturday, March 2nd - Day of Event:**

- **Pre-event:** 80 volunteers needed anytime from 8am-4pm at the Marriott City Center. Groups AND individuals are welcome to attend and assist in: **unloading trucks, creating and organizing auction displays, constructing and setting up décor areas, collating gift bags, setting up registration, organizing event, setting out items on guest chairs, putting up signage**
- **During Event:** 50 volunteers to support the event activities from 3pm-11pm (need to attend entire timeframe) at the Marriott City Center. All volunteers may be handling money for WAM and must complete a background check in addition to being professional adults to support the event. Different event roles include: **registration, auction, program, photography, coat check, raffles (event activity volunteers)**. Volunteers should be well-versed in technology and outgoing enough to be willing helpers for guests that may need assistance with.
- **Post Event:** Roughly 25 people from 10:30pm-1:30am at the Marriott City Center. Tasks may include but are not limited to: **event cleanup and teardown, putting away the décor, boxing up winning auction items, and throwing away garbage and boxes.**
- **Sunday, March 3rd - Day After Event:** 20 able bodied people needed anytime between 10:00am - 3:00pm at the Marriott City Center and WAM Office and storage spaces (Fridley, MN) to help with the loading from the event space (10am-noon) and unloading at our office and storage spaces (noon-3pm)

2019 Wishes & More Golf Classic

June 17 @ 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

SAVE THE DATE!

Monday, June 17, 2019

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Wishes & More
Charity Golf Classic
at Town & Country Club

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