



## Dates to Remember:

### February

Emphasis: NEWSLET (MN), Extensions (MN& US); STEP (US); Domestic Violence Awareness (US)

28 NMAs due IN HAND to Chapter Service Center

### March

Emphasis: STEP (MN); Membership (MN &US); USWT Foundation (US); Health & Wellness (US)

4 Finance Committee Meeting

13 Presidential Pins & Medallion nominations for Area Meetings due to State President

14 Out and About Night

15 Early Bird Renewals due POSTMARKED to Chapter Service Center

31 NMAs due IN HAND to Chapter Service Center & Area 2 Meeting; Rice

### April

Emphasis: Volunteer Recognition/Public Relations (US); Outstanding Achievement in Programming (US)

1 Key Woman nominations for Annual due to Key Woman President & Area 1 Meeting; Bemidji

7 Area 3 Meeting; Location TBD

8 Area 4 Meeting; New Ulm

9-15 National Volunteer Week

14 Year-End Individual Evaluations due POSTMARKED to R&R SPM

## Believing in the Future



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# Winter State CIP

Youth of Today

## Believing in the Future



## One more to go!

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### Bridge for Youth

We are still accepting donations for Bridge for youth. Let's finish off 3<sup>rd</sup> Trimester strong with a flood of donations. See inside for complete list of donations.



### Outstanding Young Adults Scholarship

Congratulations to the following recipients of the Outstanding Young Adult Award:

Mason Stoltz – EP

Zackary Turner – Monticello

James Libbey – STMA

A great big THANK YOU to all the chapters that submitted nominees:

Anoka  
Eden Prairie  
Monticello  
New Hope  
STMA

I am in absolute awe that we are entering into our third trimester already! Where has this year gone to. It seems like just yesterday I was frantically trying to figure out how I was going to visit all of the amazing chapters in our state and now I am still trying to figure out how I am going to reach some of you. 😊

For those of you that I have already visited THANK YOU so much for the warm welcome. It has been amazing to see all the great work that we can do as an organization when we band together.

Second trimester has been a whirlwind of activity. Winter State is bringing us to the culmination of our awards with presenting to Outstanding Young Adult Scholarship. These awards are so important to each and every one of us because it allows us to showcase the amazing young adults we have in our community.

We had five, count them FIVE nominees this year and I am thrilled with it! While I wish we could have had more so we could give out more scholarship money, I am elated that we are able to present three young men with this amazing opportunity from our foundation.

THANK YOU to the Minnesota Women of Today Foundation for the opportunity of our chapters being able to sponsor three amazing youth.

As we head into third trimester you may be thinking "Self, what else can we do?" Well, I am here to tell you that so much can still be done!!

There are transmittals to be submitted, donations to do, and planning for all the fun spring and summer youth events in your community. Don't forget to get those submitted for projects of the trimester so we can award a chapter with Project of the Tri.

I am also going to be giving out something special to the chapter that submits the most in transmittals for the entire year. Be sure to check out my challenge section for further details.

Once again, THANK YOU for all you have done. I know that we can finish up our year strong and can achieve raising the \$1000.00 for the Outstanding Young Adult Scholarship.

Illeana Miller, Youth of Today SPM

Reach for the moon and you'll reach the stars!



## Don't forget to continue making donations!

### Donations needed:

- ◆ \$5 Gift Cards to Cub Foods, Target, Subway, Caribou, Jimmy Johns
- ◆ Slippers, Flip Flops, Sandals, New Sneakers
- ◆ New Twin Sheet sets, comforters, and pillows
- ◆ Seasonal clothing for teens, particularly larger sizes
- ◆ A used or new passenger van to transport youth
- ◆ Sports Bras – all sizes
- ◆ Boys & Girls Underwear – all sizes
- ◆ Boys & Girls Socks – all sizes & styles
- ◆ Deodorant – boys, girls, gender neutral
- ◆ Girls Leggings – all colors & sizes
- ◆ Sweatpants & Hoodies – all sizes & both genders

### What is a transmittal?

A transmittal is the form used to track monies raised and in-kind donations in External Programming areas only

### Why send them in?

Transmittals help track the dollars and items donated by our chapters. By compiling the information from these “official receipts” we are able to see how much money was donated statewide. Careful records are maintained by the SPMs and the state treasurer to ensure funds are not counted twice.

### Who should fill them out?

Each chapter will determine who will be responsible for filling out the transmittals (i.e., the treasurer, the project chair, etc.). However, as a PVP, DPM, or LPM, you can check to ensure transmittals have been sent and/or offer to help to make it happen

### When are they used?

Every time your chapter runs a project and/or makes a donation of money or items a transmittal should be sent with the value of what was donated.

## It's All about the Transmittal.....

### Examples of projects?

A donation can be clothing or other items donated to a shelter or camp; book donated to the library; flowers planted in your community park; food shelf donations; donations to foundations such as Bridge for Youth or March of Dimes; a party or event you sponsor and pay for everything and do not charge to attend; monetary donations to school programs or projects

### Where do they go?

White copy goes to the state treasurer and the yellow is kept for your chapter or district records. Even easier would be to submit them online and then the copies go to the right people right away! The online transmittal can be found at: [http://mnwt.org.bof/form\\_report\\_transmittal.html](http://mnwt.org.bof/form_report_transmittal.html). Please only use the online form if you already sent your donation to another organization or for in-kind donations. If you are sending a check to Women of Today, please send the check with the paper transmittal.

### Where do I send the money?

If the donations were made locally, there would be no check to send. If you have raised money for a foundation, you may send the check directly to the foundation or the state treasurer. All other checks are sent to the state treasurer with the transmittal. Make sure checks are made payable to the Minnesota Women of Today.

I know that we covered transmittals in the first trimester, but that was a while ago and more questions have been coming up. I would love to help you fill out a transmittal if you need the help. We cannot stress how important it is to submit those transmittals in a timely fashion. As donations come in you can always submit your transmittal with that donation even if you end up getting more later.

Thank you for all you do!!

## How You Can Help Youth in Your Community

Often times as State Program Managers we come up with some great ideas for foundations, but some chapters have no clue how they will be helped in their area.

Some questions we get are well, that's great for the metro area, but I live in a way south suburb. How can they help us?

While we certainly encourage and want participation in our respective foundations, it is important to know that sometimes you may have an organization right in your community that is like the foundation picked.

This year I chose Bridge For Youth. While they have two physical locations in Minneapolis and the Chanhassen area, they offer some services to youth across the state.

In this CIP are two flyers. They are both geared towards placing them around your community for youth to have a number they can text in case of crisis.

This is one way that Bridge for Youth can help those at risk in your community. Maybe ask the school if you can place a flyer on their bulletin board, place one at your local coffee shop or community center.

Another way is by promoting the YSN (Youth Services Network). This was showcased at the Forum at Winter State. The website can be saved on any smartphone and used as an app to get real time shelter availability near where the youth is.

Let's say you are an at risk youth who was kicked out of your home in Anoka. By logging into the app, you can see what services will be offered at Hope 4 Youth and if they have any availability. Less time is spent calling around to places that can't help and they can arrange to get somewhere quicker.

While we encourage the support of our chosen foundation, ultimately we want to make a difference in all our communities.

So here comes a challenge for ALL of you. Think about how you can make a difference in the life of a young adult. DO you have any special talents that would be beneficial to youth?

Maybe you can team up with your local community education program and bring in a guest speaker from a mental health provider (Mayo Clinic, Central MN Mental Health, etc) and provide a suicide prevention seminar open to youth and parents.

Team up with a local restaurant or bakery and see if they are willing to help host a fundraising event for a local school club or organization.

Ask around at the high school and middle schools and see if they have a Kody's Closet. If they don't have one, maybe start one up with the help of your local Rotary organization.

These are just some ideas to get the creative juices flowing. Hosting fun events like a kids bingo or craft day are great ways to bring a community together for some light hearted fun.

My biggest hope out of this programming area is that as chapters we begin to invest in our local youth as they are the future. If we don't take care of them and provide that positive role model and resources to them then who knows what will happen. I know that if we all band together we can do great things.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Trimester Challenges:

Submit a donation for the Outstanding Young Adult Scholarship of at least \$25

AND

Submit a transmittal for donation

### Success Bonus

#### Points:

Purchases of at least \$200 for state ways and means in any combination of state store, third trimester promotional, and Nice Spice convention fundraisers. (50 points)

and/or

Participate in USWT President Barb's Blizzard Challenge. (50 points)

and/or

Submit a nomination for one of the Community Connections Awards. (50 points)

and/or

Show Chapter Growth for third trimester. (50 points)

OR

Attain 80% member retention and growth +2 for third trimester. (100 points)

## Outstanding Young Adult Scholarship Fundraiser



A great big THANK YOU to the following members that will be attending our fundraiser game on Feb 4<sup>th</sup>:

- Katie Castro
- Becky Stock
- Shelli Struzyk
- Jane Hanson
- Cindy Umland
- Nicky Anderson
- Licia Jacques