

JOIN WOMEN IN PHILANTHROPY

Make an Impact in Hamilton County

When you join Women In Philanthropy (WIP), you are an important part of a community giving group that brings together women interested in philanthropy, Hamilton County and making a difference through collective giving and grantmaking.

When can I join?

You can join WIP any time of the year that works for you. Members have the option to vote on the grants awarded in the summer. New members may join in any month.

When are the meetings?

In a typical year, WIP generally meet four times a year on the 2nd Tuesday in January, April, July and October. Meetings involve a fun, social element with refreshments as well as educational presentations, collaborative discussions and collective decision-making.

How often does WIP meet?

Members attend full membership meetings each quarter. Additionally, each member chooses a committee based on what they are most interested in, the committees meet quarterly or as needed. All members take part in the grants awarded at one of the full membership meetings.

What are the WIP committees?

WIP members tend to be busy women but are also a group that is deeply invested in the community in which they live. The following committees provide opportunities for each member to choose the area they are most interested in. Committees take turns coordinating the beverages and snacks for each full membership meeting. Committee involvement is a wonderful way to connect with other women in WIP and participate in meaningful ways to impact the community.

- **The Membership Committee** meets quarterly and plans the upcoming full member meeting (i.e. location, program and agenda). This committee spreads the word about WIP to potential members and hosts an annual membership meeting.
- **The Education Committee** oversees the Youth Engaged in Philanthropy (YEP) program and utilizes the Three Pillars Initiative (TPI) curriculum to work with high school juniors and seniors from Hampton, Giltner and Aurora High Schools. This curriculum includes topics of interest to the youth ranging from programs about philanthropy and grantmaking. The junior class has \$10,000 of their own funds to award in grants each year. Leadership is provided by the WIP Coordinator, Lori Thiele, with training provided by the TPI program staff. YEP meets monthly August through April.
- **The Grant Committee** has four meetings based on the WIP grant cycle. Meetings provide an opportunity for members to learn about the grantmaking process by learning about community needs, evaluating applications, reviewing financial documents and the grant decision-making process. Grant Committee members review each grant application and make recommendations to the full membership committee about the projects to be funded each grant cycle.

How long is the commitment when I join?

Dues cover membership for one year from the date of membership in WIP.

Are dues a component of annual membership in WIP?

Yes. Annual dues are \$200 per member.

How are my dues used?

100% of dues are used to award WIP grants in the community and are matched with a contribution from Hamilton Community Foundation.

How much of my annual contribution is tax deductible?

100%. Since this is a tax-deductible contribution, some members choose to add to their annual dues to increase the funds available to grant in the community. This is confidential and at the discretion of each individual member.

When are annual dues to be paid?

Generally, dues are paid in January. Members who join mid-year, will pay annual dues at that time.

What payment method may I use?

Dues may be:

- Dropped off at the office at 1108 L Street, Aurora, NE 68818
- Mailed to Hamilton Community Foundation, PO Box 283, Aurora, NE 68818.
- Online at www.hcfne.org.
 - *While members may pay dues through the website, checks are preferred to reduce credit card fees and maximize the funds available for grantmaking.*

I'm interested! How do I join?

Super! Complete the attached membership form. We are excited to make a difference together.

*Thank you for your interest in Women in Philanthropy.
We hope you will join us in making a difference in Hamilton County.*

If you have questions, please call 402-694-3200 or email lthiele@hcfne.org.



HAMILTON

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

HAMILTON COUNTY WOMEN IN PHILANTHROPY MEMBERSHIP FORM

Full Name _____

Address _____

Preferred Phone # _____

Preferred Email address _____

Place of Employment (if applicable) _____

Spouses name (if applicable) _____

Family member names (if applicable) _____

Please list current volunteer commitments, including boards, project and community committees.

Women in Philanthropy Interests: (Please mark areas of interest)

Education Committee

Grant Committee

Membership Committee

Would you be interested in hosting a meeting in your community? _____

If so, where? _____

If speakers are brought in, what topics are you most interested in? (Mark all that apply)

What is a Community Foundation?

Charities within Hamilton County

Estate Planning

Other _____

HCF Overview

Grant Making and How it Works

Managing Investments

Other _____

Membership application and dues may be brought to the HCF office at 1108 L Street, Aurora, NE 68818 or mailed to Hamilton Community Foundation - WIP, PO Box 283, Aurora, NE 68818.

Signature

Date

WELCOME TO WOMEN IN PHILANTHROPY!