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## SEPTEMBER CONNECTIONS UPDATE

# Why The Aprons?



**W**hy did our CWC Board members and Chairpersons appear in new CWC aprons at our September Connections event? As it was our first event of our CWC year, we introduced our theme for 2016/17... "Nourishing Our Community". Throughout the year, look for this idea in themes for our major events. The efforts of our organization "nourish" the Lake County community by supplying financial support, volunteer help, and assistance to organizations and groups who serve women and children.

The September Connection meeting featured tables of information . . . and tasty bites . . . for all of the events and organizations that make up the CWC year. It was a great opportunity for current members to touch base and for others to see what our organization is all about.



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MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

# Welcome Back!



We're off to a great start! We've had two great Connections Events. If you haven't had a chance to attend one yet, please come soon. The first Tuesday of the month we have a great event that brings together members in a social atmosphere. The Vendor Fair in November will be held at the Village Barn in Hawthorn Woods; Holiday Bingo will be at the Forest Lake Community Center in December.

Our new website is up and running - thank you to everyone who has renewed/ joined our group! Please remember to support the companies (39 and counting!) that support our organization (listed on cover and website). If you shop on amazon, please use [smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com) and select Caring Women's Connection and we will receive a percentage of your purchase (and it costs you nothing!!).

Thank you to everyone for making our Love Fund Auction a success! And thank you so much to our chairperson,

Joanne Pence, for your organization of all the people, places and details. Thank you to all of our wonderful attendees and volunteers - hope everyone had a great time! Thank you to our generous donors and sponsors.

We look forward to a wonderful holiday season and helping those in need. Please stay tuned for upcoming programs through our Facebook page, website and/or emails. Thank you so much for your time, talent, and treasures.

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 for registration, sponsorship & event details.



**SPREADING MODNESS 2016**

**November 22nd - 27th**

Once again, we will be partnering with MOD Pizza in Kildeer (20505 N Rand Rd.) for their Spreading MODness Week, Tuesday, Nov. 22 - Sunday, Nov. 27. During this special week, \$1 for every MOD or Mega pizza sold will be donated to Caring Women's Connection. Thank you to Allan at the Kildeer store for choosing CWC to be the exclusive beneficiary for their MODness Week. Please make sure you get out to MOD and tell them CWC sent you!



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BY MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR PAULA HOERNER



**H**ello from the Membership desk! Our year is in full swing with lots of fun planned for the season. If you haven't had a chance to join for this year, please visit our new website and join as you won't want to miss anything. We now have 3 levels of membership available:

## MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

- Individual Membership \$50
- Platinum Individual Membership \$100 (supporting CWC at a higher level)
- Corporate Membership (to support CWC through your business and receive lots of perks)

Please check website for complete listing of benefits for each level of membership.

We encourage you to tell your friends about CWC and encourage them to join as well. We are working to grow our membership so that we may serve even more in the community.

We ask that you register online with all of your information. As we have a brand new website, all info will need to be resubmitted even if you have been a member in prior years. While you can use PayPal to pay online, if you would like more of your money to go to serving those in our community we request that you complete the registration and mail a check (we don't pay any fees that way). The most important thing, though, is to join us today, so we are very happy and grateful for ANY method of payment you chose.

If you have any questions or would like more information on membership, please contact me at 847-525-9746 or [membership@caringwomensconnection.com](mailto:membership@caringwomensconnection.com).



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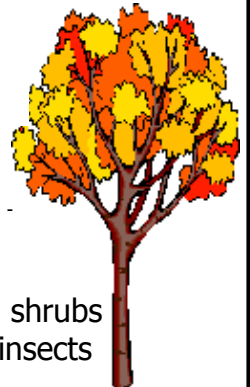


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## Holiday Vendor / Craft Fair

### Tuesday, November 1st

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- Free Admission
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MEETING



December 6th, 2016 | 7-9pm  
Forest Lake Community Center

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## HOLIDAY HELPERS

# Get Involved & Give Back

Looking for a way to get involved & give back this Holiday Season? Check out our Holiday Wish List!

Our list includes:

## Shoe Boxes for Staben House

We pack shoe boxes with small gifts and treats for each child at Staben House, using information given to us by the shelter. A list of suggested items will be provided but you may fill the box with age appropriate items of your choosing for your chosen child.

## Adopt-A-Family

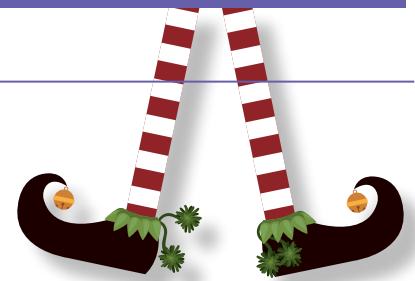
We will have a variety of women and children from Lake County Haven to choose from. Look for our link on the website by Nov. 1st.

## General Collection

We are also collecting: Slippers, Bath Sets, & much more. Big ticket items this year- Microwaves & Pots and Pans Sets

**Sign-ups for these favorite projects will be available online or email [philanthropy@caringwomensconnection.com](mailto:philanthropy@caringwomensconnection.com).**

The holiday season is the busiest for the CWC Philanthropy Team. Every year members and friends work together to make this time of year brighter for the women and children housed in Lake County shelters. We look forward to spreading the love again this year!



## BACKPACK MANIA

## Happy Students

As a child, did you love getting new school supplies? I did! Sure it meant summer was over, but I had a chance to start a new school year with a new backpack, a full package of paper, sharpened pencils and clean notebooks. This is how many children living at area shelters felt when they went back to school in August. Thanks to the generosity of our community, volunteers from the Caring Women's Connection were able to purchase and fill backpacks with new school supplies for many children. I can only imagine the happy faces and proud mothers on the first day of school. We can't thank you enough for helping us help others. And a HUGE thank you to The Goddard School of Hawthorn Woods for all their donations and support!

## OPERATION WARM

## Lake Zurich Coats for Kids Program

On October 15th, children in the Lake Zurich and surrounding area were given a brand new, warm coat! It is not an easy task raising funds to purchase these coats, but year after year a team of dedicated volunteers work tirelessly to do just that. You can feel the love and warmth of the volunteers on giveaway day. It really melts your heart...not to mention what happens when you see a child receive a new coat. So many children living in need go without a coat or are given a coat not sufficient for a Chicago winter. This year the volunteers with the Lake Zurich Coats for Kids program distributed approximately 1200 coats. In addition to a coat, hats and gloves were given to each child. Caring Women's Connection is thrilled to help support this amazing program through our fundraising efforts. Please look for photos of the event in the next edition of Connections.



## CWC FUNDRAISER

## Thanks, House of Betty Jane!

A huge THANK YOU to Doreen of HOB, who hosted a CWC fundraiser at the 2nd Anniversary Party for House of Betty Jane. She raised \$420 for the CWC! Please stop by and say thanks -- House of Betty Jane is located next to Jewel & Fannie May on Ela Road in Lake Zurich.

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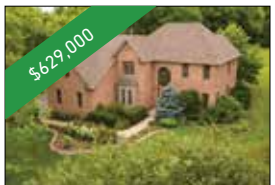
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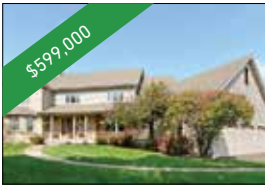
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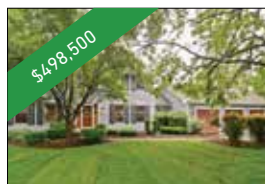
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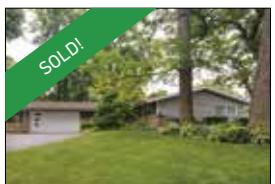
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# Happy Thanksgiving!



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The application will be available on the CWC website on 12.01.16 and must be postmarked by Feb 1, 2017.

## ANNUAL CHARITABLE GRANTS

# Grant Application Online January 1st

Your charitable organization can apply for a grant from CWC. We require that the organization be 501(c)3 recognized and serving the women and children of the area. The grant application will be available on our website starting January 1, 2017, and will be due April 1st. We can only help if we are aware of the need!



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Here is an update from one of our scholarship winners from 2014 – 2015, **Gena Palmieri**. Life has been pretty crazy these past few months. At the end of the school year, I was able to put together another batch of donations to donate to a charity in Salt Lake City,

which was very exciting. I look forward to doing more fundraising this year and really trying to increase my impact. I also did an internship in Barcelona, Spain for six weeks this summer with a company called GoldenSpear. It's an online fashion search engine start-up based out of San Francisco, but with an office in Europe. It was an incredible experience to work in an international environment and travel on my own. I also ended up deciding to transfer to the University of Notre Dame. I found out mid-summer I was accepted into the Mendoza College of Business and couldn't be happier with my decision. I have already met so many wonderful people here and feel so incredibly blessed to attend such a wholehearted school!



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# Food For The Sole

Our Love Fund Auction “Now We’re Cooking” took place on October 20 at Kemper Lakes Golf Club. Approximately 140 women attended this festive evening that featured a silent auction and other fun socializing and fundraising. In addition to the auction, 15 glass canisters were assembled by donors for our popular CWC Pantry Raffle (shown to the right at our September Connections Meeting). Each canister was packed with items worth at least \$50, based on a theme.

“Food for the Sole” jars, which contained ingredients for savory and sweet recipes were also sold at the Love Fund Auction. The proceeds from these will benefit the *Jeepers Sneakers Program* which provides a pair of back to school shoes for school age children that reside in Ela township and/or are long standing patrons of our Emmaus House of Hospitality community dinner. This past August they were able to give out 86 pairs of shoes with a grand total of \$4,342!



**Attendees / Volunteers / Sponsors / Donors -- Thank you for a FABULOUS evening of fun, friendship & philanthropy!**

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# LOVE FUND GEMS

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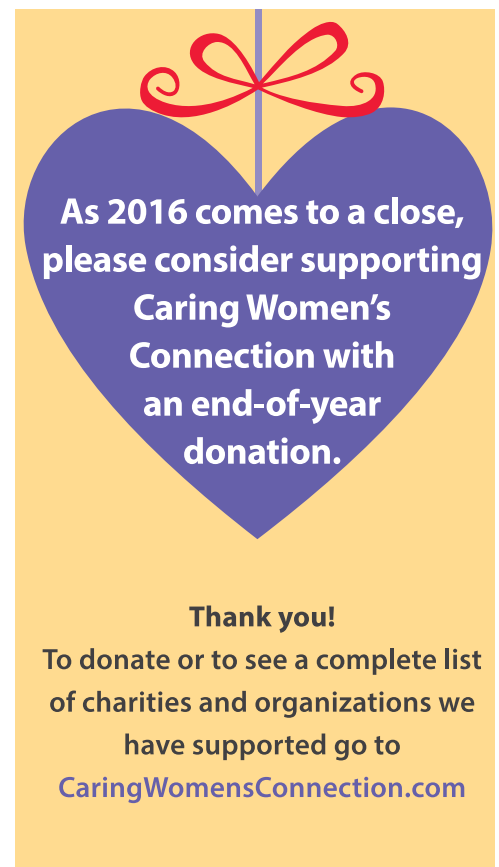
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# Upcoming Events

Mark your calendar for these upcoming events. Check our website at [CaringWomensConnection.com](http://CaringWomensConnection.com) for updates and additional information.

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## November


Connections Event "Vendor Fair"      Tues. Nov. 01      See page 5

## December

Connections Event "Holiday Bingo"      Tues. Dec. 06      See page 5



## January

Connections Event - *social outing TBD*      Tues. Jan. 10

Yoga & Wine Night      TBD      

## February

Connections Event      Tues. Feb. 07

GALA Event "My Big Lake County Wedding"      Sat. Feb. 25        See page 3

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## January Yoga

Stay tuned for information regarding a fun night:

Yoga to relax after the busy holiday season - more information coming soon!





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