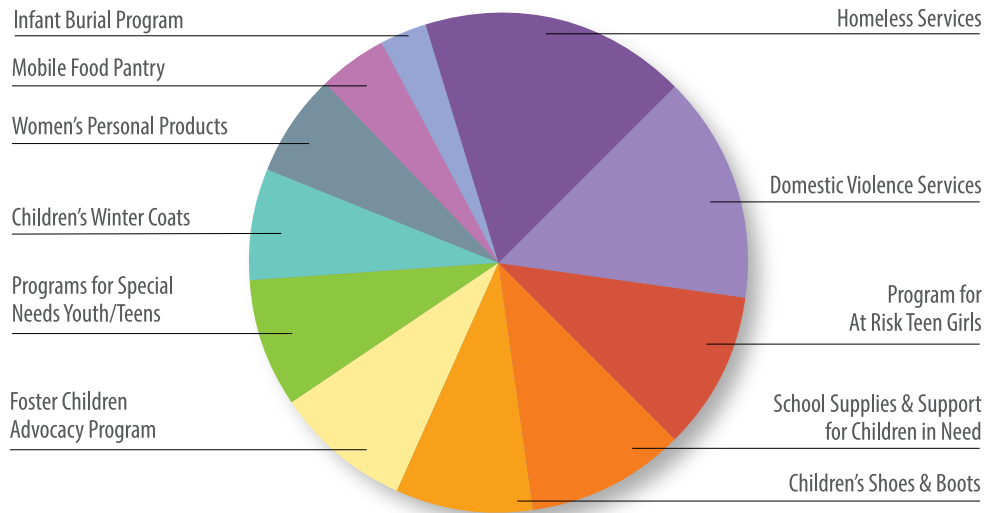


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2017 CWC GRANT ALLOCATIONS



Our Favorite Time Of Year

Every year in May the Caring Women's Connection allocates the money raised during the year to charities requesting grants. And each year we are inspired when we review the wonderful work these organizations do to support women and children in our area. Our grant recipients this year were:

A Safe Place – We support this organization that provides emergency shelter and continued support to victims of domestic violence.

The Lake County Haven – We support their program that provides shelter to homeless women and children along with life skills and job training.

Omni Youth Services – We support a girls' afterschool program that teaches at-risk high school age girls life skills and provides counseling.

Emmaus House of Hospitality – We are pleased to fund a program to give children free shoes and boots. Our funds will also go to supplying cleaning supplies and personal hygiene products to the food pantry clients.

CASA Lake County – Our support will allow for training to three additional volunteers who advocate for children in foster care or suffering abuse through intricacies of the court system and beyond.

Joanie's Closet – Our funding provides school supplies and necessities to children in need in the District 95 school system.

Operation Warm – We fund the purchase of winter coats which are provided to children in need during a Fall event at The Chapel Lake Zurich.

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Thank you for another amazing year! I am grateful to every person reading this letter. We had a wonderful year — meeting new friends and neighbors, new businesses, and working together to make a difference for those in need.

We expanded our volunteer opportunities this year, held more “socials,” and continued on with our monthly events and specialty fundraisers. Our membership is growing — for a small fee of \$50 (or more if you choose) you become a member of an organization that makes a difference, and has fun doing it! Our Corporate Members grew to over 50 — please remember to support these organizations that support our cause (see website for current list).

Because of everyone’s work, we were able to award \$8,400 in scholarships to deserving Lake County students on their way to college. We were also able to award \$70,000 in grant allocations! Collectively, we raised over \$20,000 more than last year which REALLY MAKES A DIFFERENCE. Notably, our largest single donation was \$5000, and we had a donation from Continental Motors of \$3500; the rest was achieved through fundraisers we held, ones our Corporate Members held for us and community organizing.

I had the honor of calling the grant recipients and letting them know we were able to fully fund their request (and in a few cases, give them more than they asked for!). To hear the joy and excitement in their voices was an heart-felt experience I will never forget.

YOU are the reason 3 children will have court advocates,
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 counseling and more to those in need,
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 resources,
 YOU are the reason Ela township children will have shoes
 and boots for school this year and other deserving
 causes have been met by our organization.

Thank you for trusting us to get your hard-earned money to those in need with proven track records of success. Thank you for being a part of our organization — from those who attend many events to those who can attend only a few — you made a difference!

We are meeting at the end of June to plan for our next year beginning in September, and look forward to bringing you programs and events to continue our mission. If you are interested in becoming involved (anywhere from volunteering for a few hours to being a committee member for one of our events), please contact me — our organization needs more help!

Stay tuned to our emails for summer socials and drives for cleaning supplies and backpacks. Not on our email list? Sign up on our website: www.CaringWomensConnection.com

Laurie Wilhoit
 President, Caring Women’s Connection
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CWC 2017 Grants

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Helping Women Period – Chicago* – Our grant will allow this organization to provide feminine hygiene products, which are expensive and not covered by government assistance, to low income women in our area.

Center for Enriched Living – We provide funds towards scholarships to this program of activities, learning and support for children with special needs.

The Chapel Food Pantry – We fund three food trucks that bring frozen and fresh food to those in need during events at The Chapel Lake Zurich.

Samaritan House (Catholic Charities) – Our support goes to their emergency fund allowing them to help area residents with immediate financial support not otherwise covered by their programs.

Rest In His Arms* – We are helping to fund training for volunteers who convert donated wedding gowns into burial garments for babies that never make it home from the hospital. This service aids families that already are dealing with the death of an infant.

SNAP – Our support allows lower income special needs children in District 95 participate in this afterschool activity and exercise program.

CWC School Supplies Program – We were able to fund our perennial program to provide school supplies and backpacks to the children of our supported shelters.

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Caring Women's

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Upcoming Events

Mark your calendar for these upcoming events. Check our the website at CaringWomensConnection.com for updates and additional information.

9/12/17: Opening Connections Event

10/3/17: October Connections Event

10/26/17: Love Fund Auction

11/9/17: Vendor Fair

12/5/17: December Connections Event

1/10/18: Yoga / Scholarship night

2/6/18: Feb Connections Event

2/10/18: New Fundraiser – watch for details!

3/6/18: March Connections Event

4/3/18: April Connections Event

4/22/18: Spring Luncheon

5/1/18: May Connections Event

5/19/18: Community Garage Sale

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Thank you to everyone who helped make this a special time for the kids!



SPOTLIGHT ON



As part of our “Fresh Start” Cleaning Supplies Drive, we are collecting new and unopened cleaning supplies throughout the month of June to donate to shelters that provide services and transitional housing to homeless women and children and domestic violence victims in Lake County. Cleaning supplies most needed:

**Paper Towels * All-purpose household cleaners * Bleach * Liquid hand soap * Dish soap, Laundry soap
Disinfectants * Toilet bowl cleaner * Lysol * Garbage bags (large & kitchen) * Brooms * Mops**

Donations can be dropped off in our RED bins at:

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Bulky items such as kitchen garbage cans, brooms, dust pans may be dropped off at 40 Lake Zurich Dr., Lake Zurich IL 60047.

Contact Patty Renz, Philanthropy Co-Chair, at patty@caringsomensconnection.com for more information.

Thank you for your support!

Lack of feminine hygiene products is not just a third world problem. Many homeless and low-income women in our community also go without pads or tampons because these items are not covered by SNAP (food stamps), and the shelters they live in or nearby may not have the products they need.

CWC held a Feminine Hygiene Product Drive at our May Connection event at Copper Fiddle Distillery. Thanks to our members and friends that came out and supported our effort, your donation will enable us to provide basic sanitary accessories to those in need in Lake County.



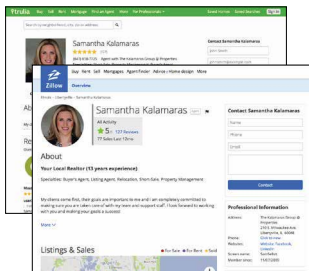
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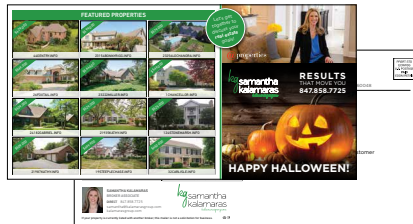
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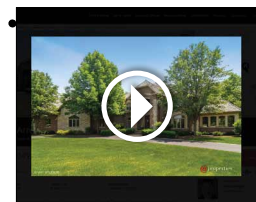
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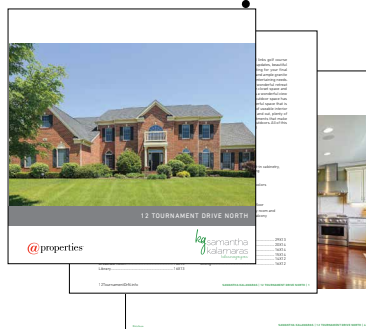


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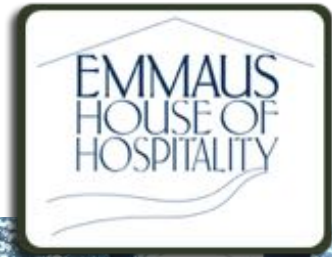
Sunday, September 10th, 2017

Thanks to all those who participated in our March service at Emmaus House! Caring Women's Connection is going to partner with the wonderful people at Emmaus House of Hospitality again this fall to host a community dinner.

Emmaus House is a weekly program that provides dinner and food pantry access to families in the area. Please mark your calendar and save the date to serve our community on Sunday, September 10th, 2017, at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church in Lake Zurich.

We need volunteers to bring food and non-perishable items as well as help us serve the meal. Please visit our website at caringwomensconnection.com and look out for our eblast to sign up for food items and volunteer positions.

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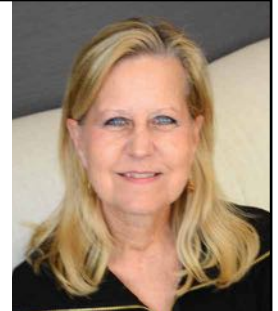
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Join us! You will have access to our popup events all summer and our Connections events once they start up again in the Fall. You can go to www.caringwomensconnection.com to renew or to sign up. Check is always the preferred form of payment so that more of your money goes toward helping those in need.

If you need help or have questions about membership, feel free to contact me: Paula at 847-525-9746 or membership@CaringWomensConnection.com

Watch for our New Member Liaison!

Attention new members!! Watch for Laura Hoyt-Staley at any event – she is there for you! If you would like to chat about ideas, learn more about the club, or meet some new ladies in the area, please contact Laura!

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2017 CWC Service Scholarship Winners

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Grace Hurley \$3000 Award Recipient

Next fall I will be attending Belmont University in Nashville Tennessee as a Biology major with a minor in Youth Recreational Ministries. Throughout high school I participated in many activities including Best Buddies, Young Life Capernaum, Special Olympics where I worked with individuals with disabilities. Working with individuals with special needs has become the main focus of my life in the past years and has truly become one of my passions. The friends I have met through Best Buddies have truly inspired me to help in my community, and have changed my life in countless ways. Next year, I look forward to getting involved in Best Buddies and similar organizations in Nashville and furthering my academics.



Hope Hudgins \$2000 Award Recipient

In the fall, I will be attending Auburn University where I plan to study Global Studies in Human Sciences. I am planning for my area of focus to be on philanthropy and non-profit organization. Over the last four years, I have attended my church's mission trips to various areas around the United States. While we are there, we work directly with local families to help rebuild their homes, including work stemming anywhere from: interior and exterior painting, underpinning trailers, pouring concrete, rebuilding their roof, building handicap ramps, etc. My other favorite volunteer activity is participating in my church's food pantry at Wildwood Presbyterian every month. In 2016, I was elected the youth deacon for my church. One of my tasks included running the church food pantry by making sure guests were checked in, served, and enough food was ordered every month. I am excited to continue this service in the fall in hopes of eventually joining the Peace Corp right out of college.



Congratulations!



Eric Pappas \$1000 Award Recipient

I plan to attend the University of Dayton this fall to study Computer Science. In high school, I balanced my academics with a part-time job at Culver's, played lacrosse, and found time for service. I was active in both Interact and Habitat for Humanity service-based clubs at Lake Zurich High School, volunteered monthly at PADS of Lake County homeless shelter, and supported a variety of service events in the community. My favorite activity by far is the Challenger Baseball Program. Through this program, I coach and mentor children with special needs to play baseball. For the last four years, my buddy, Luke, and I have developed a strong bond while enjoying the game of baseball. From my experiences, I learned community service can be easily interwoven into your life. To me, the goal of my community service is not, for example, to cure autism or eliminate poverty, but to learn from each other, enjoy fellowship, and provide encouragement to make someone's day more pleasurable. I hope that someday my work as a computer scientist will help innovate and help change lives in the future.



Hannah Groenke \$1000 Award Recipient

I will be attending the University of Michigan in the fall, where I will be studying biomedical engineering. During high school, I was actively involved in my community through the Graylake Central Food Drive, which collects and distributes over 50,000 pounds of food in the Grayslake and Hainesville areas, as well as with various organizations in my church, such as PADS and the Mobile Food Pantry, and Feed My Starving Children. In the summers, I've participated in service trips to Virginia, Pennsylvania, and New Mexico, where I've worked with local residents on home improvement projects, repairing decks, painting homes and building wheelchair ramps. We do more than just rehab homes; we connect with residents and try to bring them a renewed sense of hope. At University of Michigan, I plan to volunteer within the local community, and as a biomedical engineer I want to design affordable medical devices and techniques that will improve the quality of life of people across the globe.



Caring Women's CONNECTION

GARAGE SALE

We would like to thank everyone who participated in the Garage Sale on May 20th. We had over 130 homes this year! Once again, Mother Nature was not cooperative, but that did not keep the shoppers away! The streets of Hawthorn Woods were filled with bargain hunters, trucks and trailers! We are so happy to have such dedicated shoppers every year.

Thank you to Hawthorn Gardens, Inland Bank and the Village of Hawthorn Woods for being a Map Pick-Up Location. The Red Mailbox for map pick up was a big hit and next year we will have more of those throughout the Village for your convenience. Special thanks to Vaughn (pictured upper right) for helping hand out the maps!

A huge thanks also to the Boy Scout Troop #198 for picking up unsold items. We wish you luck with your Rummage Sale!

We look forward to working with you all again next spring.



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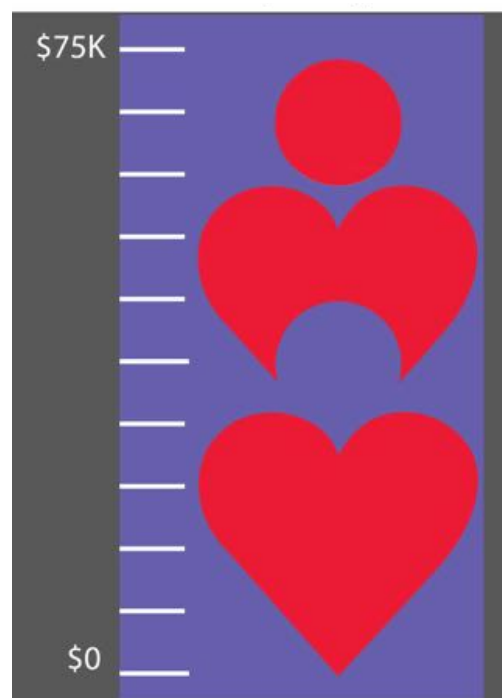
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The volunteers did an amazing job of bringing our “Picnic in the Park” to life! Ivanhoe was a beautiful setting and people loved having the boutiques onsite to shop before and after the show. The speakers gave amazing speeches about how our money helps their organizations serve women and children in need. Thank you to Carmen Patlan from A Safe Place and Heidi Schrage from CASA Lake County for joining us!

The three tables of raffles were blooming with fabulous prizes. Thank you to all the people and organizations that donated to have these be such a huge success along with Beth’s Purse Raffle. Petra Croneigh was the lucky recipient of the Tory Burch bag!

We had the largest attendance for our luncheon (just over 150) and raised the highest amount (\$11,000) for CWC!

Special thanks to the following for your work in making this event a success: Jalana Handal, Lou Leitner, Diane Meyers, Susan Passaglia, Chris Geimer, Ann Shen, Mira Pincher, Doreen Batchelor, John Kopecky, Lynn Jankovec, Sara Finson, JoAnne Vrtacnik, and more!



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