MISSION STATEMENT AND GUIDELINES

100+ Women Who Care in Rhode Island is a group of women who are dedicated to supporting the work of local charitable organizations throughout the state of Rhode Island. Our mission and purpose is to maximize women's leadership in philanthropy by engaging and educating our membership about the community work of these organizations and strengthening their impact through our collective giving. We strive to make a difference in Rhode Island.

100 + Women Who Care in Rhode Island will be governed by a steering committee comprised of a chairperson and at least 5 members. The steering committee will meet a minimum of two times a year.

GUIDELINES

Each Member commits to donating $100 per meeting ($400 per year). In order to ensure that the organization is open and inclusive to all women, there is also a second membership level of $50 per meeting ($200 per year). Both membership levels have equal voting rights.

Meetings:

Meetings will take place quarterly and will be one hour or less.

Meetings are open. Guests are welcome to attend but only members are eligible to vote.

Membership and Donations:

Members bring a check to be written out directly to the selected charity. If a Member is unable to attend a meeting, she may give her check to another member to deliver on her behalf, or she may mail it after the meeting to: Candita Clayton, 999 Main Street, Unit 105, Pawtucket, RI, 02860.

All donations will be given directly to a Rhode Island non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization. The mission of the Rhode Island charity must be for the benefit of the Rhode Island community. No national or international charities, programs or organizations will be considered, as the intention is that 100% of the contributions stay in the state of Rhode Island to benefit our local communities.

Contributions will not be made to:

- *Organizations without 501(c)(3) tax-exempt public charity status as defined by the Internal Revenue Service*
- *Individuals*
- *Political, fraternal or veterans organizations*
- *Religious institutions when the contribution would support sectarian activities*
- *Organizations that discriminate by race, creed, gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation, disability, age or any other basis prohibited by law*

Eligibility to Nominate:

Only Members who have signed an individual Commitment Form and are in good standing with their contributions may nominate an organization for funding consideration. The definition of a member in good standing is at the sole discretion of the Steering Committee but will include, at a minimum, consideration of the length of membership and fulfillment of contributions during the preceding 12 months.

New members are not eligible to submit a charity for consideration until they have signed an individual Commitment Form and have attended at least one quarterly meeting.

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Nomination Procedure and Selection of Charitable Organizations:

Members who wish to nominate a charitable organization for consideration must complete and submit a Charitable Organization Nomination Form no later than two days prior to the meeting. Nomination forms may not be submitted at the meeting. A member may only nominate one charity per meeting.

Members should be ready, if selected, to make a presentation of no more than 5 minutes at the meeting. Only members may make the presentation. No representative of a charitable organization may make the presentation, unless that representative is also a member of 100+ Women Who Care in Rhode Island.

At each meeting, three organization names will be randomly drawn, and the member nominators will then make their presentations. A Member must be at the meeting to represent the charitable organization, or another charity will be picked.

A Q&A session will take place immediately after the presentations and directly preceding Member voting.

Each Member will vote by ballot. Only members who are in attendance and who are in good standing with their contributions may vote. The majority rules. All Members, regardless of their preference, are responsible for writing a check for $100 (or $50) to the selected organization.

If a Member nominates a charitable organization that is not chosen, the Member is still eligible to nominate the same organization at subsequent meetings, or until such charity is chosen. If a Member's charitable organization is chosen, that charity is not eligible for consideration for 3 years; however, that Member is still eligible to submit the name of another charity at subsequent meetings.

In the case of a tie, the membership will be provided with the names of the selected organizations, and their contribution will be divided in half (or as they see fit) by the writing of separate checks to each organization.

The selected organization must agree not to use the names of the Members for future solicitations or to distribute member information for any other public use or purpose. If the charity does not adhere to this condition, they will be removed from any future consideration. The selected organization will agree to send a representative to the next meeting of 100+ WWCRI to inform the Membership about how the funds have been used.