

ACHIEVEMENTS OF WOMEN OF SOUTHWESTERN PA INC.

Women of Southwestern PA, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization based in the South Hills of Pittsburgh. We direct our energy towards helping support less fortunate women and children residing in Allegheny, Fayette, Greene, Washington, and Westmoreland counties. Members support each other by gathering socially, working on philanthropic projects, and networking. Our goal is to strive to be the best each of us can be, by empowering ourselves through education, sharing what we have learned, and by mentoring each other.

The organization was founded in December of 1999 by Carolyn Yurkovich of Peters Township. Women Organized to Mentor, Empower, and Network (WOMEN) currently has 47 all-volunteer membership. We are proud to announce that we have reached the historic achievement of donating over \$1,100,000 to non-profits right here in Southwestern Pennsylvania! We are also entering our 25th year of existence as a philanthropic non-profit!

WOMEN of Southwestern PA, Inc. is honored to be the winner of the 2018 Outstanding Philanthropic Organization Award, Presented by the Association of Fundraising Professionals, Western Pennsylvania Chapter

WOMEN of Southwestern PA, Inc. was the recipient of the 2021 Human Rights Award by the Washington Branch of the NAACP.

Thirty-nine local non-profits who received a total of \$114,000 in 2024 include 412 Thrive Corp; Aliquippa Green; Alternatives, Yes; Always B Smiling, Inc; Anchorpoint Counseling Ministry, Inc; Angel's Place, Inc; Beverly's Birthdays; Cancer Bridges; CASA of Allegheny County; Community Human Services; Crop & Kettle; Faith Vision, Inc; Food 4 Kids- Hamilton Presbyterian Church; Garden Home Ministries; Horses with Hope, Inc; LeMoyné Community Center; Lending Hearts; Light of Life Ministries, Inc; Little Sisters of the Poor; Meals on Wheels @ the Crossroads; North Hills Community Outreach; Partners for Quality Foundation, Inc (Allegheny County Children's Initiative); Pennsylvania Women Work; Pittsburgh Bereavement Doula; Refuge for Women Pittsburgh; Samaritan Counseling Center of Western PA; Save a Life Today Pittsburgh; Sisters Place, Inc; South Hills Interfaith Movement; Standing in the Gap (SITG); The Church of the Covenant (Hands and Hearts Committee); The Washington Salvation Army; The Watchful Shepherd USA; Treasure House Fashions; United Way of Washington County; Village of FPC (The Village); Washington City Mission; Women's Center and Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh; and Young Adult Survivors United.

WOMEN of Southwestern PA's signature event for the past 15 years is Symphony of Food, held each January, at Bella Sera Event Villa and Catering. Our local Celebrity Emcee in 2023 was Kristin Emery of KDKA-TV and in 2024 was Ashley Dougherty of WTAE-TV. Area Chefs and local restaurants who prepared their signature courses in 2024 were Mediterra Bakehouse, Toscana Brick Oven, Bella Sera Event Villa and Catering, Pastaio Trattoria Italiano, and Anthos Authentic Taste of Greece. All food was generously donated by the restaurants. Our next Symphony of Food is scheduled for January 31, 2025.

In the Fall of 2020, we held our 1st annual golf outing fundraiser at Valley Brook Country Club, which was very successful. Our next Golf Outing is scheduled for May 5, 2025.

Our organization could not finance our mission without the dedication and support of our all-volunteer membership and other volunteers, including the Female Empowerment Club of Peters Township High School.

**We salute and thank our many Private and Corporate Sponsors for their donations.
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WOMEN of Southwestern PA, Inc. accepts Grant Applications for funding requests of up to \$3,500 each year from 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations that align with our mission in Southwestern Pennsylvania. Grant Applications are found on our website www.womenofswpa.org and can be sent to WOMEN from March 15 to May 1, 2025. We also disburse funds to our chosen Charity of the Month, and emergency funds to non-profit organizations throughout the year. You may also contact WOMEN by mail at P.O. Box 1112, McMurray, PA 15317.

We have membership opportunities for individuals as well as businesses. WOMEN has two meetings per month, September through June. The Membership meeting is on the first Thursday of each month at St Benedict of the Abbot Church, 120 Abington Drive, McMurray, PA 15317 at 7:00pm. The Social meeting is held at various venues beginning at 6pm with cocktails, dinner, and a program. Please check our website www.womenofswpa.org for details.