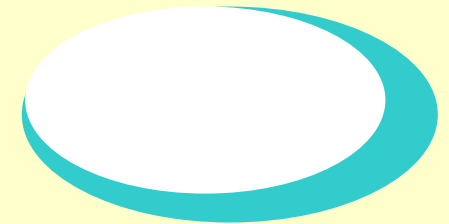


Being in a circle is a learning and growing experience that draws upon the wisdom and experience, commitment and courage of each one in it.

It's like throwing pebbles in a pond; each one has an impact and an effect, with concentric rings of change rippling out and affecting other relationships.

Jean Shinoda Bolen, M.D.

The Hestia Women's Giving Circle



Honoring the Greek goddess Hestia, who expresses her love and concern for others through thoughtful acts, the Women's Giving Circle supports women and girls in our community

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The Hestia Women's Giving Circle was organized in 2005 by women in Emmet and Charlevoix Counties wishing to support the work of Planned Parenthood of West and Northern Michigan, Inc. (PPWNM) and other organizations serving women and girls.

Our Mission: to promote the economic self-sufficiency and well-being of women and girls.

Our Vision: Through the Circle, we will make a long-term positive impact on the lives of women and girls in our community. We do this by educating our members about community needs, encouraging women to exercise their responsibilities as philanthropists, and making grants for programs serving women and girls.

How the Circle works:

Each member contributes at least \$1,000 annually. Between 30 and 50% of the funds will be used to support the work of PPWNM and the remaining funds will be given as grants by the Circle to other non-profits whose work meets our mission.

The funds to be awarded are held in the Hestia Women's Giving Circle Fund, a donor-advised fund at the Charlevoix County Community Foundation. The Foundation manages the funds and assists in grant making and distribution. Circle members establish project criteria and review and award grants annually.

How you can participate:

In addition to your financial contribution, you can participate by:

- Running for office: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer
- Being a member of one of the committees including:
 - grants review
 - membership/annual meeting
- Attending educational presentations to learn about issues facing women, programs serving women, and women's philanthropy.
- Bringing additional women into the Circle.

How you can join:

Any woman can join the Circle by pledging a tax-deductible gift of at least \$1,000 annually.* You may share your membership with one other woman, casting one vote between you.

*The Circle operates on a calendar year: January 1 through December 31. New members joining after July 1 can pay only \$500 for their first year. .

You can join today. Just complete and mail the membership form on the following page, along with a check or payment for your first annual contribution.

For more information, please contact Charlevoix County Community Foundation at (231) 536-2440 or Planned Parenthood of Western and Northern Michigan at (231) 347-9692.

I want to become a member of the Hestia Women's Giving Circle and will participate by making a contribution of at least \$1,000 annually.

Name: _____
Address: _____
City, ST, Zip: _____
Phone/s: _____
Email: _____
Date: _____

I wish to make my gift of \$_____ as follows:

- Check* enclosed
- Charge my credit card: __MC __VS __DS
- # _____ Exp: _____
- Signature: _____
- I will make a quarterly contribution. My first payment is enclosed. I understand that contribution payments are due by March 31, June 30, September 30, and December 31.
- I will contribute \$500 and share membership with: _____
- I wish to make my gift in honor/memory of: _____

Please mail this form and payment to:
Charlevoix County Community Foundation
c/o Hestia Women's Giving Circle
P.O. Box 718
East Jordan, MI 49727

*Checks should be made to *Charlevoix County Community Foundation*, with "Hestia Women's Giving Circle" in the memo line. All contributions qualify for a federal income tax deduction.