



**WESTMICHIGAN**  
**100STRONG**  
**FACT SHEET**

West Michigan 100 Strong is not a 501(C)(3) non-profit organization, simply a group of people who want to make a difference in our community.

### **Inspiration for West Michigan 100 Strong**

To provide a charitable giving experience with others who share that goal by engaging 100 or more individuals to contribute \$100 four times per year totaling approximately \$40,000+ annually to support local, worthy charities. Each quarter members will have an opportunity to share an evening together and support local charities, while enjoying fellowship and building relationships among members.

### **Membership:**

- Each member must commit to donating \$100 per meeting (\$400 per year). Each individual will be allowed one vote per \$100. Couples may donate \$100 per couple which will grant one vote, or \$200 which will grant two votes.
- By completing a commitment form, you are making an honor commitment, not a legal commitment. The commitment form simply helps keep track of donations that can be expected and helps you honor your commitment to help your community.
- Donations will be given to charities / non-profit organizations serving West Michigan.
- Checks will be written directly to the chosen organization.
- A tax receipt will be issued by the charity to all donors.
- By ballot, the group will vote and majority rules.
- If you are unable to attend, follow proxy voting procedures or give your check to a member to deliver on your behalf – your check will be your proxy vote.

### **Meetings**

Meetings are intended to be brief, lasting approximately 1 hour or less. Social time with appetizers and a cash bar will be available before and after each meeting for members to get acquainted and ask/answer questions about organizations being presented. Members are also encouraged to stay for dinner after the meeting at your own cost. Meetings are open to guests / non-members.

### **2012 Meetings - Location To Be Determined**

- **Tuesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> – Children’s Charities**
- **Wednesday, June 20<sup>th</sup> – Educational Charities**
- **Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> – Senior’s Charities**
- **Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> – Physical & Mental Health**

## **Contact Info**

Please contact us at [wmichigan100strong@gmail.com](mailto:wmichigan100strong@gmail.com) with any questions

Or, feel free to call:

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## **Charities**

Donations will be used to support West Michigan charities/ non-profit organizations serving West Michigan only. National charities will be considered only if the donations are used for local efforts and impact West Michigan. One hundred percent (100%) of contributions will stay in the community.

- **Nominated charities must not promote any religious or political beliefs in their mission and must serve the general community.**
- All organizations considered for giving must impact West Michigan and must be a 501(c) (3) tax exempt organization as defined by the IRS. Organizations eligible for support may include organizations dedicated to benefit children, the arts, educational purposes, or health and welfare of human beings or animals. Each quarter's donations will focus on one of the categories mentioned.
- Nominations of charities / non-profit organizations must be made via e-mail or online using a nomination form. If more than three charities are nominated per quarter, members will be informed via e-mail and a majority-ruled vote will determine the three charities that will be allowed to present.
- Three charities will be allowed to present at each meeting. The group will vote by ballot and majority rules. Though the winning charity may not be your first choice, you are obligated to contribute.
- Each quarter charities from a sector of service will be represented. This will allow a fair and well-represented cross section of organizations that do great work in our community.
- Each charity/non-profit organization will be given five minutes to make a presentation at the meeting.
- The charity/non-profit organizations supported must agree NOT to use the donors' names for future solicitations or give the information out to the public. If the charity/non-profit does not adhere to this condition, they will not be considered for future giving.

### **Nominating a Charity:**

Please use the following guidelines to nominate a charity:

1. Please ensure that the charity being nominated complies with the guidelines above under "Charities."
2. Please complete a nomination form (from website) and submit it to [wmichigan100strong@gmail.com](mailto:wmichigan100strong@gmail.com) or fax to (616) 866-6898.
3. Provide the name and location of the organization.
4. Confirm that charity is a 501(c) (3) organization.
5. Provide the mission of the organization (what is the purpose, who does the organization serve and how?)
6. How will funds be used? (Is there a specific project that funds will support?)
7. Presentations should be simple and not overly formal.

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Together we can make a difference . . . . .

*It's powerful . . .*

*It's easy . . .*

*It's fun . . .*