

## Philanthropy Selection Criteria

Beginning in fiscal year 2019-2020, the Executive Board of the Women's Club has chosen to adopt a new policy of giving to charitable organizations. Each year, one 501(c)(3) charity will be chosen to receive all our philanthropic endeavors for the current fiscal year. Each spring, members will be asked to submit (nominate) their suggestions of organizations for consideration to the Executive Board for the upcoming year's charity. The following criteria must be met for the organization to be considered:

1. Must be a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit, charity benefitting women and children.
2. Must be local, not national – DuPage County is preferred, but those within Cook County (or the surrounding Chicago Metro area) who accept those in need from our area would be considered.
3. The nominating member/family has no ties to the organization financially, as a recipient of their services (currently), or is involved in the organization's operation (board member, etc.).
4. Not religiously or politically affiliated.

Additionally,

5. If possible, highly rated by NavStar or BBB accredited.
6. Must not have been chosen as recipient of the GHWC for a period of three years.

Once the nominating period has closed, organizations submitted will be reviewed by the board, and finalists will be chosen on the above criteria including their sources of funding. The field will be narrowed to three organizations, and the nominating member for each of the finalists will be asked to present a brief summary of why the organization they suggested should be selected. The board will take all information under consideration and make their decision.

An organization chosen as recipient in a given year may not be chosen again for a period of three years. Organizations considered but not chosen will be considered in future years, provided members re-submit them to the Board.