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100+ Women Who Care of Will County Donate to American Legion Post 18

On October 17th, members of 100+ Women Who Care of Will County had their “big check” presentation donating \$4,000 to Lockport American Legion John Olson Post 18.

Mike Meyers, post commander, and Ed Piane, board member, were presented the check at the American Legion Post 18 Lockport facility. American Legion is the largest veteran service organization in the world (3.5 million members) and offers a huge amount of services to veterans who are unable to get services from any agency. Homelessness assistance, service dogs, special needs housing (in the case of disability acquired during service), assistance to families of servicemen who gave their lives, (scholarships, housing, medical), and emergency funds for active servicemen who are called home for a family emergency, to mention just a few. Through the initiative of its posts, The American Legion consistently contributes to the nation’s quality of life through a variety of programs and endeavors to make American communities better places in which to live.

American Legion’s big annual May fundraiser, National Poppy Day®, was hindered by the Covid pandemic. The red poppy is a nationally recognized symbol of sacrifice worn by Americans since World War I to honor those who served and died for our country in all wars. It reminds Americans of the sacrifices made by our veterans while protecting our freedoms. “The Poppy Project, that all posts engage in, is the largest single fundraiser of their year and the one whose proceeds go 100% to Military relief funds in every branch of the military. Sadly, donations were low this year due to Covid. This has caused considerable concern at all posts because this money serves such a broad spectrum of needs. I thought it was worthy of 100+ Women's attention because of all the assistance to women and families of fallen heroes American Legion provides”, said Jane Passaglia member of 100+ Women Who Care.

100+ Women Who Care is a philanthropic group formed for local women who are interested in supporting their communities by contributing to Will County charities. All 100+ WWC members/teams make a pledge to donate \$100 four times a year. Teams of 2 or 4 are welcome to join. At each of the quarterly meetings members nominate charities, three are chosen at random, and after a brief presentation, the members vote on which charity to support. Once the winning charity is announced, everyone writes a \$100 check, on the spot directly to that charity. All charities nominated must be located in, and serve Will County and must have 501(c)(3) non-profit status.

100+ Women Who Care of Will County’s next meetings is November 10th. Please go to our web site at www.100wwc-will.org or visit us on Facebook for more information.

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