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YOUNG WOMAN'S LEAGUE

## BUILDING COMMUNITY SINCE 1956

**The Westport Young Woman's League is a nonprofit philanthropic organization of women dedicated to Building Community through volunteerism, social activities, and fundraising for local charities throughout lower Fairfield County.**



### VOLUNTEERISM

Member-driven community service projects enable the WYWL to partner with various local organizations like: **Community Kitchen** at the **Gillespie Center**, **Homes with Hope & Susie's House**, the **Westport Senior Center**, **The Rowan Center**, **The Westport Library** and many more. Members also participate in various **service and collection drives**, **Angel-Ade**, and the holiday **Wish Tree** through the **Ralphola Taylor Community Center YMCA**.



### FUNDRAISING

#### **CraftWestport**

Held in November, CraftWestport is a curated shopping event presented by WYWL **since 1975**. With **over 200 American makers** featuring: jewelry, fashion/ accessories, furniture, home decor, art, photography, sculpture, and gourmet foods; it has become a town favorite shopping event! Marketplace pop-up features local products and our Kids Zone draws families to our Sunday Family Fun Day.

#### **Minute Man Race**

The Minute Man Race presented by WYWL **since 1978** features USATF Certified 10K and 5K races, a 5K walk, and Kids Fun Runs with Kids Zone. The race, which draws over 1,000 participants from all over New England and NY metro area, is held in April at **Westport's famed Compo Beach**.



### GRANTS

Each year our fundraisers, CraftWestport and the Minute Man Race, allow WYWL to distribute grants to state, local, or education-based charitable organizations throughout lower Fairfield County. Since its inception in 1956 WYWL, a 501(c)3 nonprofit, has **donated over \$4.3 million**. Over half of that amount has been distributed in the past decade.



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## WYWL MEMBERSHIP

The open enrollment period for membership is between August 1st and April 1st and is available to women 21 years old and older. No member sponsorship is required to join and there are no residency restrictions. **All you need is a desire and drive to make a difference in the community by working together.** Our members live throughout Fairfield County and range in age and background. We have members who are single, married, divorced; as well as stay-at-home moms, and women who work full and part-time.

Membership enables you to be a part of a local network of women, build on existing strengths, and gain new skills. Members are asked to participate in membership requirements such as volunteering during fundraisers, taking part in community service projects, and attending general meetings. Additional involvement can include a Board of Director position or roles on committees such as: CraftWestport, the Minute Man Race, Grants, Sponsors, and PR/Marketing.

There is an opportunity for every woman to contribute to the WYWL mission! **We have an internal mantra of PACT: Passion, Accountability, Collaboration, and Transformation.** **#BuildingCommunity begins from within.** Complete our form to become a member: [wywl.com/join](http://wywl.com/join)



### SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

WYWL provides many opportunities for members to connect and have fun. There is something for everyone. We host a wide array of **social events for members, their families and significant others** like: fitness classes, DIY crafts, wine tastings, shopping events, and picnics at Compo Beach.



### GENERAL MEETINGS

**General meetings are held the second Tuesday of every month** from September to May and are open to the public. Meetings are the perfect mix of business and fun as there is always a chance to socialize and catch up over refreshments. We end the League year with a celebratory June dinner as a way to recap the successes of our year and members. Visit our website calendar for complete meeting and event details.



### SPONSORSHIP

We greatly value our relationships with sponsors who support our fundraisers! **Many sponsors return yearly and are local businesses with a similar passion for #BuildingCommunity**

We offer various levels of sponsorship for CraftWestport and the Minute Man Race individually, as well as a package sponsorship for both fundraisers. Contact: [sponsors@wywl.com](mailto:sponsors@wywl.com)