

Charity Co-Presentation Policy

One-Year Pilot Program

100+ Women Who Care Valley of the Sun is a member-driven giving circle. Our members nominate the charities they are passionate about, share their personal connection to those organizations, and ultimately decide where our collective donations will make an impact.

Based on member feedback, we are launching a one-year pilot program, effective Q4 2026, that allows a charity representative to participate in the presentation alongside the nominating member. The goal is to enhance the group's understanding of the charity while preserving the member-focused nature of our giving circles.

Member Responsibilities

The nominating member must attend the giving circle if her charity is drawn to be presented. A charity representative may not attend or present in place of the member under any circumstances.

As part of the 6-minute presentation (previously 5 minutes), the nominating member must personally:

- Explain why she nominated the charity.
- Share her connection to the organization.
- Provide an overview of the charity's mission.
- Explain how the collective donation would be used.
- Remain at the front of the room with the charity representative for the full presentation and question-and-answer period.

Our members are the voice behind each nomination, and that personal connection remains an essential part of our giving circle experience.

Coordinating the Charity Representative

The nominating member is responsible for inviting and coordinating with their charity representative, including:

- Contacting the organization.
- Arranging for a representative (female or male) to attend.
- Sharing the event logistics and presentation expectations.

The Executive Team will not coordinate schedules or communications with the charity.

If a Charity Representative Is Unavailable

A charity representative is optional. If a charity representative is unable to attend:

- The member is welcome to present the charity on her own.
- If the member prefers not to present without a representative, the charity will simply be returned to the nomination pool ("the hat") and remain eligible for selection at a future giving circle.

Presentation Format

For the duration of the pilot program, each presentation will follow this format:

- 6-minute presentation (to be shared between the nominating member and charity representative)
- 4-minute question-and-answer period (both individuals may answer questions). Members of the audience may not answer questions.

This slight adjustment allows additional time for both the member and charity representative to share information while keeping our giving circles on schedule.

Role of the Charity Representative

The charity representative is invited to complement—not replace—the member's presentation. We encourage presentations that feel conversational and collaborative, with both individuals contributing to the discussion.

The charity representative may:

- Expand on the organization's mission and programs.
- Explain how the requested funds would be used.
- Answer operational, financial, or program-specific questions during the Q&A.

The charity representative should not:

- Deliver a fundraising solicitation or donation appeal.
- Ask members for additional financial support beyond our collective giving model.
- Treat the presentation as a marketing or fundraising opportunity.
- Network with our members prior to or after the event in hopes of attracting donors.
- Bring handouts or props for the presentation.
- Expect to use a slide show as part of the presentation.

Our giving circles are designed to educate members about local nonprofits so they can make an informed voting decision—not to host fundraising presentations.

Pilot Evaluation

This policy is being implemented as a one-year pilot program. At the conclusion of the pilot, the Executive Team will review member feedback, presentation quality, and the overall effectiveness of the program before determining whether it should become a permanent part of our giving circles.