



Women for Western Health Giving Circle

**Together we can transform the
health and wellbeing of the west**



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Welcome to the Women for Western Health Giving Circle

Who are we?

We are a group of women committed to working together with Western Health to transform the health and wellbeing of Melbourne's west.* We are proud of the heritage of this community, and we embrace the opportunity to learn from one another.

We know we are stronger together, and that a connected community is one that makes sure everyone is heard and included.

We want our community, our families, our neighbours and our friends to have the best support and healthcare available – at their doorstep, when they need it. We all deserve the best care.

We have reached a point in our lives where we want to give something back – and we want our contribution to have a real impact on the health and wellbeing of the west.

By giving a little, together we can achieve a lot!



"I have chosen to join Women for Western Health because I am part of an incredible community in Melbourne's west – a place where I have chosen to live, to work, to raise my family, and to form close friendships."

– Jenny Sadler, Board Member,
Western Health Foundation

* While the program is designed to bring together women in a collective giving model, this is an inclusive program and members of all genders are welcome.

How does it work?

We ask each supporter to commit to donating a minimum of \$1,000 per year. Your annual donation can be made in one payment or spread over 12 monthly payments of just \$90. Your donation is fully tax-deductible.

100% of your donation is then pooled with other donor's gifts to exponentially increase your impact. This means we can make a significantly larger contribution, and have a significantly greater impact, than would otherwise be possible.

Each year donors are invited to meet together at a Grantmaking Pitch Event. At this event, a series of short presentations are made by teams from across Western Health, outlining specific projects and how funding will make an impact. The group then votes to determine which project receives that year's funding allocation.

Just as importantly, the Women for Western Health program provides a platform for our community of donors to connect, network, learn and socialise.



Supporting transformation and innovation

With new hospitals and healthcare services planned across the west, there has never been a better time to develop innovative and unique healthcare solutions for our community.

Through Women for Western Health you will be part of shaping the projects that will ensure a future full of promise for the communities of Melbourne's west.

With a goal of 100 annual members, we will have a minimum of \$100,000 to contribute to a healthcare initiative each year – that's a donation that can really have a meaningful impact.



"When I was asked to join the Women for Western Health Giving Circle, I immediately felt drawn to what the Giving Circle wanted to achieve. To bring like-minded people like me together who want to support this fantastic organisation. I want to do everything I can do for a hospital that has been a part of my family's life and my life, from my very earliest memory. It's such a privilege and a thrill to be in the position to participate in this way."

– Samantha Barr



"I was born and raised in Footscray. My family are 5th generation Footscray people and I have been part of this community all my life. I've seen huge changes in recent years: a lot of it to do with gentrification and increasing affluence of the community. And that's where we can all contribute – our good fortune can lift up others; we can create the place that we want our children and grandchildren to thrive in and be proud of."

– Leonie Hall

About Western Health

We are the trusted provider of public healthcare services for our community in Melbourne's west.

Caring for patients and their families, we are working to shape the future of healthcare, providing best care for every person, every time.



Three acute hospitals plus specialist services

We have three major hospitals with emergency departments at Sunshine, Footscray and Williamstown. We provide a range of services to support people including maternity, paediatrics, rehabilitation and community support.



Registered training organisation

We are one of the largest healthcare training providers in Victoria and are recognised for our excellence in health education and professional development.



Servicing a community of over one million and growing

We provide care to a diverse community of people who speak more than 110 languages.



Significant research facility

From groundbreaking research, to health system innovation, Western Health is at the forefront of revolutionising care for everyone in our community.

Your questions answered

What is a giving circle?

The concept is as simple as it is powerful. A giving circle is formed when individuals come together and pool their donation dollars to increase their philanthropic impact.

Why should I join?

We are a diverse group of socially-minded women with a deep desire to help the community of the west. We come together for a few fun and meaningful gatherings each year where we can enjoy each other's company (and a glass of wine), hear interesting presentations, and jointly decide which vital Western Health initiatives we want to help.

How much does it cost?

Each person is invited to commit a minimum donation of \$1,000 annually (fully tax-deductible). This can be paid as a one-off donation or \$90 per month. Salary packaging and corporate memberships are also available.

How do you decide on projects to support?

Western Health will identify several areas of need each year, and will propose projects for consideration by the members.

Is there an age limit?

No! In fact, some of our members have also made a donation in their daughters' names, to introduce them to the idea of community responsibility and how they can have an impact.

Is the program only for women?

No! While it's true that women's giving circles tend to have the greatest success, we're not about exclusivity here. Membership is open to all, and projects for funding will not be restricted to women-only health matters.

Can I join up under my business name?

Yes! However, if it's important to you, you may want to check about the tax deductibility of a business donation. Alternatively, ask us about signing your business up as a corporate member and the range of benefits we can provide.

How can I join?

Fill in the form or for more information, please contact Jane Connolly, Senior Manager - Donor Relations, Western Health Foundation on:

T: 03 8345 7661

E: foundation@wh.org.au

or visit www.whfoundation.org.au

I want to support best care at Western Health

My details

Title ☐ Ms ☐ Mrs ☐ Mr ☐ Other _____

First name _____ Last name _____

Address _____

Suburb _____ State _____ Postcode _____

Phone _____ Email _____

☐ I would like to pay my \$1000 annual membership in a one-off payment

☐ I would like to pay my annual membership in \$90 monthly credit card instalments

☐ I would also like to include an additional gift of \$ _____ today.

Payment

☐ Cash ☐ Cheque/Money order (payable to Western Health Foundation)

☐ Credit card:

Card number _____

Expiry date ____ / ____ CCV ____

Name on card _____

Signature _____

What activities are you interested in?

Please check all that apply.

☐ Grantmaking

☐ Education

☐ Connecting with other donors

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Join us today!

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