An Update on WITAN Volunteer Hour Requirements

Dear Women of WITAN:

As we continue to navigate the environment of COVID-19, we do so with much caution and respectful consideration for everyone's safety. As you know, our operations look a whole lot different given the absence of the personal interactions and group functions. We really miss being with everyone and are constantly reassessing how we operate; including one of the benchmarks of our organization: community volunteerism.

Since many of our Active members are concerned that they wouldn't be able to fulfill their 30 hours of community volunteerism, the Board has given thoughtful deliberation of that requirement. During the September Board meeting, the Board voted to approve a **temporary 1-year adjustment** to the number of required community volunteer hours for 2020-21 as follows:

- **Active members: 10 Volunteer Hours (instead of the normal 30 hours)**
- **Conditional members: 5 Volunteer Hours (instead of the normal 15 hours)**

Some organizations may be limiting their interactions and we encourage everyone to seek ways to safely contribute to our community. Karen Sears has been reaching out to identify volunteer needs (including some at-home options) and we also want to remind everyone that donating blood continues to count as 10 volunteer hours. The American Red Cross has a constant and ongoing need for blood and platelet donations (https://www.redcrossblood.org/donate-blood/dlp/coronavirus--covid-19--and-blood-donation.html).

We trust that this adjustment in our community volunteer hour requirements provides our members with a safe way to carry out the WITAN mission of service to our community. Please reach

out with any questions and be safe!

Sincerely,

Jeanette Foster
Volunteer Committee Director