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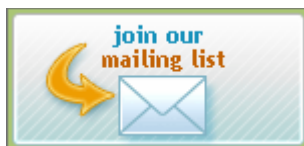
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[www.wiwomensnetwork.org](http://www.wiwomensnetwork.org)

## → Opportunities at WWN

### Board of Directors, Vice Chair/Special Events

The Wisconsin Women's Network currently has an opening for Vice Chair/Special Events on its Board of Directors. This position expires in December 2011, and may be renewed for a new two-year term. We particularly encourage applications from representatives of member organizations in WWN, but the position is also open to individual members of WWN. The Vice Chair/Special Events is responsible for the events sponsored by the Wisconsin Women's Network. This is an opportunity to see if membership on the 10-member Board of the Wisconsin Women's Network, working on issues important to women and families, is a good fit for you. Please contact [Johanna Hatch](#), administrator, for further information.

### Communications/Special Events and Program/Administration Internships

The Wisconsin Women's Network is currently seeking interns in the areas of Communications and Special Events and Program and Administration for Summer and Fall 2010. Applications will be accepted until the positions are filled. For more information or to apply, please contact [Johanna Hatch](#), administrator.

## → Events

May 12

### Wisconsin Women's Health Policy Summit, Madison

8:00 AM-5:00 PM, Alliant Energy Center Exhibition Hall. Organized by the [Wisconsin Alliance for Women's Health](#), co-sponsored by WWN. Please visit our table and join us for an afternoon session on how economic security impacts women's health. For more info and to register: [WAWH](#).

May 12

### 8th Annual Citizen Advocacy Workshop, Madison

9:00 AM-3:00 PM, Christ Presbyterian Church, 944 East Gorham Street. Participants will learn how local governments operate, and about how the new Government Accounting Board deals with elections and ethics. There will be presentations on how to testify and what is new from Washington. On May 12th, there will be a



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report on what seniors can do to offset the effects of the recession and the resources that are available in Dane County in the areas of health, transportation, housing and nutrition. This event will feature a morning presentation on the Wisconsin Elder Economic Security Initiative. For more information: 608- 441-7897 or mstamstad@rsvpdane.org.

#### April 30

**The Women's Center Anniversary Luncheon, Milwaukee**  
11:00 AM-1:30 PM, Italian Community Center, 631 E. Chicago St. Funds raised from the Anniversary Luncheon will benefit The Women's Center's programs and services provided free of charge to women and families affected by domestic and sexual violence. Services include emergency shelter, transitional living, group and individual counseling, legal advocacy, employment counseling, community education, child abuse prevention programming, Hispanic outreach, onsite childcare, and a 24-hour crisis line. Keynote by Tony Porter, author and co-founder of A Call to Men: Committed to Ending Violence Against Women. Tickets: \$60. For more info: Missy Wheeler, The Women's Center, (262) 522-3805.

#### April 28

##### **Legal and Institutional Challenges for the Catholic Church, Stevens Point**

2:00 PM, UW-Stevens Point Dreyfus University Center's Laird Room. Jeff Anderson, a lawyer out of St. Paul, Minn., has filed thousands of lawsuits against the Catholic Church and its priests and bishops over sexual abuse allegations. Since 1983, Anderson and a handful of attorneys have recouped tens of millions for their U.S. clients and their claims of abuse. Anderson will share his legal perspective on the expanding international sex abuse scandal within the Catholic Church. Sponsored by UWSP's political science department, Student Legal Society, Counterpoint, and Students for Free Thought.

## **News and Views**

### **WI Elder Economic Security Initiative**

**Opinion: Poverty measurements askew: They don't accurately reflect how poor people really are, particularly older people**  
WWN Chair Eve Galanter writes, "Elders in Wisconsin are having a tough time making ends meet, with one in five living on Social Security alone. The average annual Social Security payment for Wisconsin's elders is \$15,034. This payment barely surpasses the original federal poverty line and is not enough for these elders to be economically secure. According to the Elder Index, the average amount a single Wisconsin elder renter needs is \$19,242 a year. In the city of Milwaukee, it's \$20,264."

### **Not Enough: Seniors Struggle on Social Security Alone**

Johanna Hatch of the Wisconsin Women's Network says one in five

elders is living on Social Security alone, but their benefits are well below actual needs. Their flagship project - known as the Wisconsin Elder Economic Security Initiative - compared the costs of living to average Social Security income. Results clearly show that many seniors do not have enough money for food, housing, transportation, and health care.

### Women's Health and Reproductive Rights

#### Legal battle looms over Nebraska abortion restrictions

A legal battle loomed Wednesday over new abortion restrictions enacted in Nebraska to target one of the few doctors in the United States who provides controversial late-term abortions. The laws prohibit abortions performed after 20 weeks except when the woman is at risk of death or serious physical impairment and require doctors to screen their patients for a host of potential risk factors.

#### How can the next generation defend abortion rights when they don't think abortion rights need defending?

A new NARAL survey of 700 young Americans shows there is a stark "intensity gap" on abortion. More than half (51 percent) of young voters (under 30) who opposed abortion rights considered it a "very important" voting issue, compared with just 26 percent of abortion-rights supporters; a similar but smaller gap existed among older voters, too. Worse still for NARAL, the millennials surveyed didn't view abortion as an imperiled right in need of defenders.

#### Opinion: The Newsweek Article: Reflections by a Young Prochoice Activist

Some say that millennials don't view abortion as imperiled or in need of defense. I beg to differ with this massive generalization. Do I think we need to be defensive about our abortion rights? No. I think we need to launch some offense. From the Hyde Amendment to the Nelson Amendment, universal rights to safe abortions have eroded since Roe, and no one knows that better than young people.

### Economic Equity

#### Study: Wage Gap Between Wis. Men And Women Widens

A new report says the gap between men and women's wages slightly widened in 2009. The study released by the Wisconsin Women's Council found that women made 81 cents for every \$1 earned by men, down from 82 cents in 2008. The report found that women have a median hourly wage of \$14.50 per hour, which equals annual wages of approximately \$30,200 for full-time workers. That's about \$7,200 less than what a full-time male worker would make, on average. Laura Dresser of the Center on Wisconsin Strategy says the "underlying gender gap in wages is persistent and still with us."

### Young Women

#### Good news for women and girls on the Title IX front

In a victory in the fight for continued opportunities for women and

girls in sports, the Obama Administration is rescinding a controversial Title IX policy put in place by the Bush Administration in 2005. The Education Department's Office of Civil Rights will withdraw the so-called model survey that schools could use to measure the athletic interests and abilities of their female students. Five years ago, in the midst of the NCAA basketball tournaments, the Bush Administration issued guidelines on Title IX that amounted to an assault on the law that opened the playing fields of America to women.

## Job and Volunteer Opportunities

### Volunteer Opportunities

**Wisconsin Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice seeks Board/Committee members!**

Pro-Choice? Frustrated? Looking for a way to Make a Difference? The Wisconsin Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice is the place for you! Wisconsin RCRC is looking for dedicated, committed, pro-choice people of faith to join our board of directors and/or join one of our working groups. If you are passionate for social justice and women's rights; if you are frustrated at the current state of reproductive justice in Wisconsin; if your faith compels you to get involved in a meaningful way to effect change; please contact Rabbi Bonnie Margulis at [bmargulis@tds.net](mailto:bmargulis@tds.net) or Cathy Thompson at [wi\\_rcrc@yahoo.com](mailto:wi_rcrc@yahoo.com) and find out how you can become a board member and/or join one of our working groups, and become a faithful activist for reproductive justice for Wisconsin!

**Independent Living, Inc.** is looking for volunteers to help keep seniors and people with disabilities independent and in the home of their choice. We offer a wide variety of volunteer opportunities. Opportunities include:

**Chore Corps:** Help an older or disabled adult with running errands, grocery shopping, meal preparation or light housekeeping. Flexible schedule 1-2 hours per week.

**Evening Meals on Wheels:** Deliver hot, nutritious meals to the home of frail or homebound older adults or people with disabilities. Routes start between 4:00 to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and generally take about an hour to complete. Delivering meals make a great group or family activity.

**Friendly Visiting:** Help prevent social isolation by offering weekly companionship to an older adult in their home or on an outing. Flexible schedule 1-2 hours per week.

**Kitchen Volunteers:** Assist our professional chef in preparing and packaging meals for our Evening Meals on Wheels clients.

**Reception Volunteer:** Assist with answering the telephone, greeting visitors and general office projects. 3-4 hours per week. Shifts are available at the Independent Living Headquarters, 815

Forward Drive, or The Gardens, 602 N. Segoe Road, both in Madison.

**Telephone Reassurance:** Make daily calls to provide a safety check, medication reminder or companionship for an older adult in our community. For more information, contact [Volunteer Services Program Manager](#) at 608-274-7900

**For Equality,**

Johanna Hatch, Administrator  
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