

HCE members enjoy the company of others while:

- ◇ Holding educational programs with topics such as “Interfaith Caregivers of Washington Co.”, “Discover our Wisconsin Parks” “Balance and Movement” and “American Sign Language.”
- ◇ Performing service projects in their communities including Karl’s Place graduation baskets, and the Mitten Tree Project, as well as Pennies for Friendship, which supports many international projects.
- ◇ Reading to children and then giving them the books through The **Wisconsin Bookworms**
- ◇ Hosting social events like Spring Fling, and our annual All Member picnic at a local park
- ◇ Monthly club meetings in each other’s homes
- ◇ Participate in county, district, state and national events

OUR GOALS ARE:

- To provide continuing education for members and others on issues that will strengthen families and communities.
- To develop and improve leadership skills of members.
- To build coalitions with other organizations and agencies having similar objectives and concerns as WAHCE, Inc.
- To promote friendships and understanding with all people of the world.

Our Local Community Outreach Projects...

Washington County HCE Mitten Tree Project

For more than 20 years, WCAHCE has been collecting homemade and store-bought mittens, hats, scarves and other items to keep members of our community warm during Wisconsin winters. Thousands of these items have been collected and donated over the years. Teachers tell us that it is difficult to send children outside to exercise in the winter when they don’t have the proper winter clothing, which was the catalyst for this project All items collected are donated within the county to schools and not for profit organizations such as food pantries.



Wisconsin Bookworms™ a WAHCE sponsored program with educational support from UW Madison-Division of Extension. It is designed to provide free books and an early reading experience to children from limited income families. Each month during the school year, volunteers read a book to the children, engage them in a related activity, and give a copy of the book to each child to take home to help create their own in-home library. Educational activity sheets are also provided for each book. Washington County Association for Home & Community Education supports the programs by raising funds to purchase the books. We have successful partnerships with Head Start and 6 Child Care Centers.



Karl’s Place is a Washington Co. shelter that serves single men & women at risk of homelessness. The shelter addresses a gap in services in our community, bringing together shelter, meals, basic health services, and quality case management for individuals at risk of homelessness. In support of the community, HCE gives graduate baskets to individuals for their new homes. We fill the laundry baskets with cleaning supplies, paper products, personal products, and cooking supplies. Club members give in-kind and monetary donations. After the baskets are put together, we add an HCE card to congratulate them on their new home. In the card, we include a HCE brochure, and a \$10 gift card to a local store. The basket is delivered to the shelter on a regular basis, the managers love receiving these baskets and the clients think it’s a wonderful gift.



Washington County currently has member clubs in the following communities: Colgate, Hartford, Jackson, Richfield, Slinger, Trenton, and West Bend

Washington County Clubs

Coney River	Ever Ready
Jackson Junction	North Trenton
Pressure Cookers	Sugar & Spice
Twisted Sisters	Wayne Willing Weavers

Membership is open to all persons residing in Washington County. Discrimination on the basis of age, race, color, creed or religion, national origin, ancestry, sex, sexual orientation, marital or parental status, pregnancy, veterans' status or qualified disability is prohibited.

Our History-Homemakers to HCE

From 1937 until 1993 Washington County had community **Homemaker clubs**.

In 1993, the organization followed the lead of the national association and became the Wisconsin Association for Family and Community Education. The following year the state association voted to withdraw from the national association and chose the name, **Wisconsin Association for Home & Community Education, Inc.-Also known as HCE**.

Follow us on Facebook to see more of our history.

I'm Interested! Sign me up.

Annual Dues:

\$15.00 per year if joining a club.
\$20.00 per year if individual member, includes \$5.00 to cover the cost of postage for mailing various materials.

What do you get for your money?

- Bi-monthly Newsletter called Roots and Branches
- Special Interest educational materials and lessons
- Membership in Local Association as well as State and International membership in associated organizations
- New Friendships, Social Networking and Educational Opportunities

For more information on how to join or to find a club near you, contact:

HCE Membership and Marketing
washingtoncohce@gmail.com

Put "Membership" in the subject line. Include your best contact information in your email.

Check us out on the web!

Washington County WAHCE webpage
wahceinc.org/washington-county-HCE



Find us on Facebook!



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Washington County Association for Home and Community Education 1937-2023

Washington County Association for Home and Community Education (HCE) is a non-profit, educational, and charitable organization that offers its members opportunities to grow and learn.

WCAHCE membership is comprised of local clubs and individual members throughout Washington County.

Through a combined effort of WAHCE, Inc., our county HCE Association and the support of UW Madison-Extension, we have developed education programs to share with our members and our community.

The organization is unique in that members extend information they receive from the University faculty and other reliable sources at our educational events.

HCE Values

- ❖ Families and communities
- ❖ Opportunities for personal growth through learning, sharing and volunteering.
- ❖ Meeting great people and forming friendships and enjoyment
- ❖ Volunteering to make a difference.
- ❖ Leadership