

HCE members enjoy the company of others while:

- ◇ Attending **Special Interest** educational programs with topics such as “*Safety and Situational Awareness*”, “*Cashless Society*”, “*Amana Colonies-Iowa*”, “*Lizard Mound State Park*”, and an “*Ethnic Night*”
- ◇ Performing service projects in their communities including **Karl’s Place** graduation baskets, 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, including conferences

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 over 20 years, WCAHCE has collected and distributed mittens, hats, scarves, and other winter items to keep members of our community warm. Thousands of items have been given to local schools and non-profits, helping children exercise outdoors during Wisconsin winters. Teachers tell us that it is difficult to send children outside when they don’t have the proper clothing. Items are collected annually and are donated within the county.



Wisconsin Bookworms is 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 included. The Washington County Association for Home & Community Education supports this program by raising funds to purchase the books and partners with Head Start and six Child Care Centers.



Karl’s Place is a shelter operated in Washington County that provides services to single men and women at risk of homelessness. The shelter addresses a service gap in our community by offering accommodations, meals, basic health services, and quality case management for individuals there. In support of the shelter, HCE provides “graduation baskets” to individuals moving into new homes. Laundry baskets are filled with cleaning supplies, paper products, personal care items, and cooking essentials. Club members contribute through in-kind and monetary donations. Once assembled, each basket includes an HCE card congratulating the recipient on their new home, an HCE brochure, and a gift card to a local store. These baskets are regularly delivered to the shelter, where they are highly appreciated by managers and warmly received by clients as thoughtful gifts.



Our History Homemakers to HCE

From 1937 until 1993 Washington County had community **Extension Homemakers 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**.

Membership is open to all persons residing in Washington County. Discrimination of any protected class is prohibited. Visit our webpage to see the current WCAHCE bylaws for complete information.

Follow us on Facebook to see more of our history and upcoming events

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

Washington County Club Names

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

I'm Interested! Sign me up.

Annual Dues:

Annual dues are \$15.00 for club members and \$20.00 for individual member, the latter includes \$5.00 postage fee for mailing various materials.

What do you get for your money?

Membership Benefits:

Members receive a bi-monthly newsletter called Roots and Branches five times a year, Special Interest educational materials and lessons, local, state, and international organization memberships and opportunities for new friendships, social networking, and education.

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

HCE Membership and Marketing
washingtoncohce@gmail.com

Include "Membership interest" in the subject line as well as your best contact information in your email.

Check us out on the web!

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



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Washington County Association for Home and Community Education 1937-2025

The Washington County Association for Home and Community Education (HCE) is a non-profit organization that offers educational and charitable opportunities for personal growth.

Membership includes local clubs and individual members throughout Washington County. Supported by UW Madison-Extension, HCE develops educational programs to share with members and the community.

Unique to HCE, members extend information received for University Faculty and other reliable sources at 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