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INAUGURAL MEETING – EXCEEDED EXPECTATIONS

On the morning of July 16, our inaugural meeting date, we had 26 women who had made the pledge to join our group in support of our local Nassau and Suffolk County charities. By the end of the evening, we were up to 38 members!

The members of **100 Women Who Care about Long Island** are thrilled to announce that the recipient of the group's **first donation** will be the **Theresa Academy of Performing Arts (TAPA)**! Our member's donation checks will be more than **\$3,800**. This amount will increase as members that have joined after our meeting want to participate in this first donation and are mailing their \$100 checks made out to TAPA to us.

The donation presentation date will be announced shortly.

Located in Lido Beach, the Theresa Academy believes that every child has strengths that can be used as a springboard to learn new skills which can enhance each child's personal sense of accomplishment. At TAPA, the teachers use a wide variety of teaching methods to accommodate all styles of learning.

The primary goal of their classes is for children with special needs to experience the joy of dance, drama, art, and music. These children benefit in many ways when they participate, including improvement in coordination, overall fitness, focus, listening, balance, self-esteem, self-expression, rhythm, and musicality.

The Theresa Academy will be using the donation to enhance their Saturday Respite Program, the only arts-based Saturday Respite Program in Nassau County specifically created for children with special needs.

Congratulations to the Theresa Academy for being voted the recipient of our initial donation, and many thanks to Charter Member Annamarie Bondi-Stoddard whose enthusiasm for the work done by this charity touched all of the members of 100 Women Who Care about Long Island!

100 Women Who Care about Long Island is a new philanthropic group formed for local women who are interested in supporting our communities by contributing to Long Island charities together as a group to increase the donation impact.

As individuals it is difficult to make a very large impact, but as a group we have the ability to contribute to the growth of our communities in ways that we never before thought possible. The size of our quarterly donations is limited only by the members we have!

Our next meeting is Tuesday October 8, 2013 from 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm at Jewel Restaurant in Melville (on Route 110 at the LIE). After the meeting we invite you to join us for some socializing and networking. There will be complimentary hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar available.

Please visit our website, www.100wwcli.org, to join and nominate your favorite charity online.
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