



December 2022

Dear 2022 Starfish Foundation Members (and prospective future members),

First, thank you to all of you for your continued support of the Starfish Foundation in 2022. Adaptability continues to be essential to hosting successful and safe weekend retreats and to the numerous commitments associated with the important work we are humbled to do.

The Starfish Foundation is proud to say that by following CDC recommended health guidelines and using some thoughtful adaptations, we hosted 8 weekend retreats in 2022! Healing Warrior Hearts and Taking It Lightly weekends were conducted safely and provided some much-needed healing and hope to the participants and staff. All of this was possible because of you and the continued support of our Starfish Foundation Members and community – we cannot thank you enough!

The compassion, empathy, love, and support of our community remain extremely important and of course, we cannot do this important work without you!

Please join us at **our Annual Starfish Foundation Membership Meeting on Saturday, January 14, 2022 from 10am CST to noon**. This year, the meeting will be conducted in a hybrid format.

For those that wish to attend in person, we will be at the Center for Creative Learning, 10919 W. Bluemound Road in Wauwatosa, OR you may also choose to join us via Zoom:

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86556773882>

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At this meeting, we look forward to sharing a summary of our 2022 accomplishments and providing you with our exciting 2023 events and opportunities. This meeting will also be your chance to vote for individuals who are interested in serving on the board for the 2023-2024 cycle (2-year terms). Biographies, and meeting agenda, will be posted on the Starfish Foundation website (starfishfound.org) no later than January 4, 2023.

Annual Membership

The Starfish Foundation relies upon its membership dues to assist with administrative expenses associated with being a non-profit organization (e.g., supplies, postage, etc.). If you were a first-time graduate of **Taking It Lightly** or **Healing Warrior Hearts** in 2022, you may recall that the first year of your membership was gifted to you by the Starfish Foundation Board of Directors (board gifts one 1-year membership per person – if individuals participate in future retreats, we kindly ask the participant to pay for future memberships). The individuals who graduated (for the first time) in 2022 will have a free membership for the balance of 2022 and for the 2023 calendar year.

You might be thinking, what are the benefits of membership? Bottom line, by paying it forward through foundation membership, **YOU** are a big part of helping our friends, our families, and our communities heal their hearts. If that is not enough, here are some additional benefits to membership:

- Receipt of emails about upcoming events (don't worry, we don't send too many emails), keeping you posted about workshops, graduation celebrations, and other community events
- Opportunity to join Fundraising Committee (help us plan future events . . . plan your own event)
- Opportunity to assist with social media and "getting the word out" about events
 - If you haven't already, please "friend" us on social media!
- Join a like-minded community to make lifelong connections
- Knowledge that your support is making a difference, " . . . matters to this one"
- The right to be a "silent" member (with no other expectation – although we will always send invites just in case you change your mind)
- Invitation to attend Annual Membership Meeting
- Hold voting rights for new Board Members at Annual Membership Meeting
- An additional incentive (in case you need it) . . .

All members who pay \$25 membership fee for 2022 (by **December 31, 2022**) will receive free access to the Day of Forgiveness and Gratitude on January 7.

For more information and to register go to

https://centerforcreativelearning.com/day_of_forgiveness.php

You will also be entered to win a certificate for 4 tickets to Mexican Fiesta 2023

Winners will be selected during the Annual Membership Meeting.

How do you renew your membership or become a new Starfish Foundation member?

Option #1 (Online): Visit the Membership Campaign page at...

<https://starfishfound.networkforgood.com/projects/175477-starfish-foundation-membership-2023>

Option #2 (U.S. Mail): Visit the Visit the Starfish Foundation website at www.starfishfound.org and click the "Ways to Give" option in the horizontal menu bar. From there, click the "Download Form" button under the **Membership** section. Print and complete the form.

Please make checks payable to: **Starfish Foundation**
Send application and checks to: 2437 N. Booth Street
Milwaukee, WI 53212

As a reminder, to be eligible to VOTE for new board members at the annual meeting on January 14, 2022, you must be present at the meeting (in-person or via zoom) and your membership dues (\$25) must be paid prior to the start of the meeting.

Thank you for making a difference!

In gratitude, The Starfish Foundation Board of Directors

Dianne Young, President
Michelle R. Hawley, Vice-President
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