

# What is Women for Water?



## **Mission** [Women united as change leaders for water quality]

Empowering women to advocate for clean water through their personal, shared stories and mutual support

### **Guiding Principles**

- As women, we have the right to preserve and protect our families, our communities, our land and our water.
- The health of our water is fundamental to the health of Iowa.
- Every child deserves access to clean waters
- Women value a supportive environment to share their stories.
- Diverse women enrich each other and emphasize our connections to water.
- Inclusion and accessibility drive all facets of our work.

*“We have water quality problems in Iowa with local impacts and we can work together to solve them.”*

Help us build a future for Iowa that values safe, health water. Water is a basic need. It's time to de-politicize the conversation and debunk the myth of the urban vs. rural divide.

Women have been too far removed from the conversations around water quality in this state and it is time to raise up our voices, tell our stories, and share our experiences to create a new vision for improving water quality in Iowa. Together.

*Think back to your earliest memory around water.*

Have things changed for better or worse?

How can you activate your network to make change?

This is a volunteer-run effort of women from all over the state and is focused on education, networking and an introduction to advocacy around water issues. We hope to build a bi-partisan network of women who desire clean water for the health of our families and communities.

Let's create change by starting a ripple effect.

It starts with you!

### **Get Involved!**

- Host a circle meeting with your network
- Attend the W4W Gathering on November 16th
- Get to know your state and local elected officials
- Focus on water issues affecting your community
- Make change