



**HCE® What is HCE:**

HCE is a non-profit organization that partners with UW-Extension Family Living Programs at both the state and the county level to bring quality educational programming to our members and our communities.



**HCE® HCE Offers Opportunities to:**

**Learn:**

- Attend county educational programs and activities
- Attend district meetings and state conference
- Receive information via a county newsletter, state website, and a quarterly state magazine

**Share:**

- Participate in educational sessions
- Share information gained at leader training meetings with fellow members
- POOL experiences to solve family and community problems.

**Grow:**

- Meet new people
- Make new friends
- Develop personal talents
- Improve leadership skills



**Affiliated with:**

Associated County Women of the World  
(ACWW)  
Country Women's Council USA (CWC)  
National Volunteer Outreach Network (NVON)

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**Learning Opportunities**

Family, food and nutrition,  
cultural arts, and international.

**Wisconsin Bookworms™**

Encourages preschool children to develop a  
lifelong love of reading and learning

**Services and Stitches of Love**

Hundreds of handmade items donated to  
children, families and communities. Many  
volunteer hours donated to community  
service projects.

**International**

HCE members contribute annually to  
the ACWW Pennies for Friendship Fund  
and International projects.

**Scholarships**

Scholarships are awarded each year by state,  
county and local HCE clubs.

**For More information contact:**



**Wisconsin Association for  
Home and Community  
Education, Inc.**

**“Caring to make a  
difference in our homes,  
communities & world”**

**Since 1940**

## **Our Heritage:**

The first meeting to consider the formation of a state Home Demonstration Council was called by Family Living Programs State Leader, Blanche L. Lee, in 1939. The meeting occurred during at the Cooperative Extension sponsored Farm Home Week, in Madison.

The first official meeting of presidents of county Home Demonstration Councils was held January 30, 1940. Twenty-two counties were represented. The purpose of the council was to:

- Provide representation of rural women on state committees concerned with issues which affect home and families in rural communities.
- Develop an awareness of national and international interests and needs.
- Develop leadership abilities of rural women.
- Facilitate statewide acquaintances of rural women.

## **Today:**

Little has changed since that time.

Our current goals are to:

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

## **HCE Values:**

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

## **Our Mission Statement:**

HCE Offers Opportunities for:

- Learning in a social setting
- Sharing what we learn
- Caring to make a difference in our homes, communities and the world.

## **Who can be a Member:**

- Membership is open to all persons without regard to race, color, ethnic background or economic circumstances.
- Members typically join clubs, but may be individual members.
- All members within the same household may take part in HCE activities.

## **How do We Communicate With Our Members?**

**UPDATE --** A publication of WAHCE, Inc. Published in February, May, August and November, it is the communication tool of WAHCE informing the membership across the state.

**Website** – Located at [www.wahceinc.org](http://www.wahceinc.org). It contains lists of officers, forms, information about events, scholarships and our heritage, goals and mission.