

MONROE COUNTY (IN) WOMEN'S COMMISSION

ANNUAL REPORT 2020

A YEAR OF SERVICE



A YEAR IN REVIEW

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2020 has been an interesting, dynamic, and unprecedented year for Monroe County, Indiana. In March, executive orders were issued for stay at home orders due to the surge of the COVID19 pandemic. Despite the "shutdown", the Women's Commission has accomplished a great deal, and this report aims to highlight those contributions.

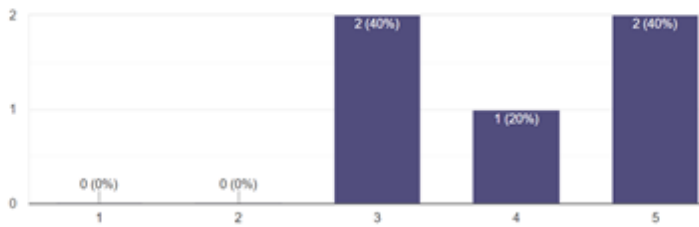
The following wins occurred in 2020:

1. We started the year with a fully seated Commission.
2. We created and filled an internship position with an undergraduate student who completed 300 virtual hours of service.
3. We were awarded a grant from Indiana State Department of Health. With this grant, we partnered with a local chef, freelance videographer, and the Banneker Community Center to host a virtual healthy eating simulation.
4. We partnered with the League of Women Voters to offer a voter registration webinar.
5. We partnered with the Center of Excellence for Women & Technology for a film-screening that promoted social and equal rights for women.
6. We advocated and succeeded in lighting the County Courthouse in purple and gold in honor of Women's Equality Day.
7. We created and executed a 26-day social justice campaign that promoted unity and inspired change in Monroe County. This campaign honored 26-year old Breonna Taylor.
8. We faced significant challenges with Girls Coding Week in light of the format changing from in-person to virtual. We secured partnership with Ivy Tech Community College, Girl Scouts of Central Indiana, The Center of Excellence for Women & Technology at IU, Richland-Bean Blossom schools, Monroe County Community schools, IU Admissions, and After-school HQ. With this partnership, we applied for and were awarded a \$50,000 rural initiatives grant (Ivy Tech is the managing fiduciary partner).

THE FEEDBACK

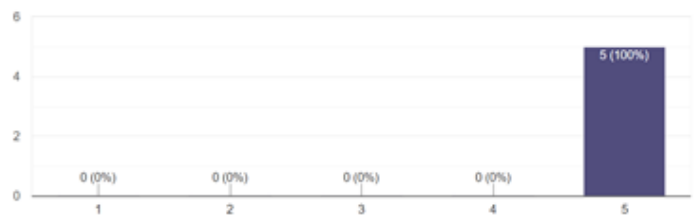
How relevant and helpful do you think your contributions have been to the Commission?

5 responses



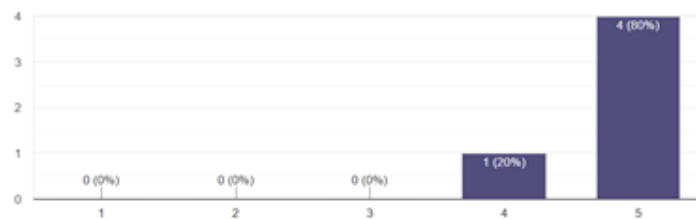
How relevant and helpful do you think MCWC projects and initiatives have been to women and girls of Monroe County?

5 responses

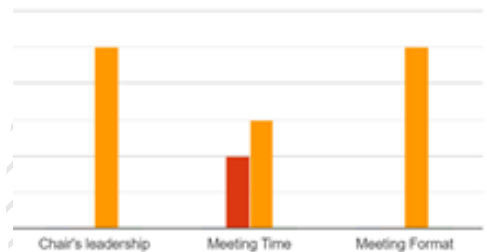
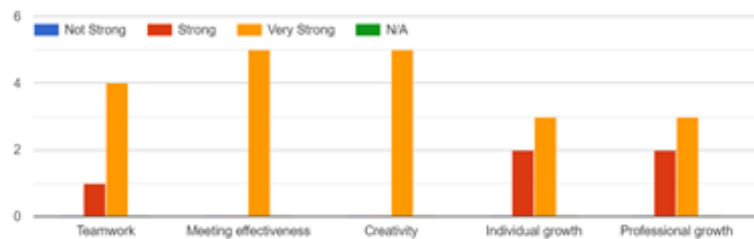


How satisfied are you with your experience serving as a Monroe County Women's Commissioner?

5 responses



Rate the strength of the following items:



THE FEEDBACK

MCWC core values: trust,
honor, justice, kindness,
accountability, and
transparency

A survey was given to each Commissioner to capture feedback on what worked well this year and what opportunities exist for growth. Here are the highlights:

Favorite part about serving:

- Collaboration
- Creative thinking
- Serving with likeminded people

Most challenging part about serving:

- Lots of projects -- we need to streamline management
- Limited community contribution
- Subcommittee structure

Suggestions for next year:

1. We need a secretary
2. Collect and disseminate more data
3. Fill open seats
4. Structure subcommittees with clear leaders

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