

Congratulations to **Nancy Jones**, 2018 recipient of the League of Women Voters signature award for *Making Democracy Work*.

Nancy Jones offers her time, energy, and expertise to several groups in the Fox Cities.

A volunteer for **Wisconsin Anti-Violence Effort (WAVE)** since 2013, Jones initiates and organizes events to educate the general population as well as law makers on the importance of sensible gun laws. Jones inspires others to action whether that be a march, meeting with lawmakers, participating in press conferences, or gathering for a vigil. She worked with youth in the Fox Valley after the Parkland shootings to organize activities to bring attention to gun violence in schools.

Jones passion for kids and public education makes her a valued member of the community group, **Fox Cities Advocates for Public Education**. Members describe her as organized and professional, informed and knowledgeable. She is respected as an outstanding advocate.

Jones has worked to mobilize people in the campaign to **End Child Poverty**. The goal is to cut Wisconsin's child poverty rate in half in ten years. As vice president of ESTHER, Jones helped launch the campaign in the Fox Cities and frequently speaks to groups in the community.

A core team leader for **Stronger Together Fox Valley**, Jones has participated in setting up community workshops to help people learn strategies for more effective communication in the present polarized climate. She has facilitated "Community Conversations," events to discover areas of shared values in hopes to improve the well-being of the community.

As a member of the **ESTHER Transit Task Force**, Jones created a booklet and infographic to educate others, including legislators, on the importance for equitable funding for public transit. She planned advocacy efforts and gave testimony at a 2017 Joint Finance Budget hearing to further the cause. She supported a local press conference when a state coalition released a report on transportation access and equity.

Jones' many supporters in the nominating process for the Making Democracy Work Award shared these sentiments: "Nancy contributes her time and energy to community service with an attitude of generosity, courage, and optimism. She has a heart for justice for those who are marginalized and a passion to make change. Nancy's strength of character and integrity guide her."