



Membership Benefits

- Monthly Newsletters
- Access to Members Only Section of Website
- Networking Opportunities
- Yearly Conferences
- Online Message Boards
- Weekly Nanny Chats
- Mentoring Program
- Use of APN's Seal
- Education Opportunities
- Leadership Opportunities
- Recognition as a Professional in the field
- Opportunity to meet new friends
- Affordable Yearly Dues
- Nationwide Support Groups



Types of Membership

The Association of Professional Nannies is an organization run by nannies for nannies. We welcome all nannies, employers, and supporting businesses to join. Memberships are available with the following dues:

Nannies \$35/year

Student Nannies \$25/year (minimum of ten credit hours per semester)

Employers \$75/year (Non-Voting)

Supporting Businesses \$175/year (Non-Voting)

Association of Professional Nannies

The Association of Professional Nannies (APN) is an organization of nannies who have made a conscious choice to be "Career Nannies". Our mission is to promote and achieve professionalism in the nanny industry, education in areas related to childhood development, and expertise in our chosen field.

As nannies, we are united in our common goal of providing the very best care for the children entrusted to us. We will strive to create an atmosphere that is safe, loving, nurturing, and educational for our charges while supporting our employers in their role as parents.

We believe that high-quality childcare is a long-term investment in the lives of children. The quality of care children receive has a profound impact on their lives, not just as children, but also as adults. The nannies of APN are stepping up to the task by establishing themselves as professionals, with children being the heart of their careers.

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National Nanny Recognition Week

September 21-27, 2008

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This is the 10th Anniversary of National Nanny Recognition Week. It is a week during which families, businesses, and the media will be encouraged to focus on the positive aspects of the nanny profession, the important role nannies play in the lives of families and the wonderful contribution they make in the lives of the children they care for.

National Nanny Recognition Week will start on Sunday, September 21, with nannies, families, nanny agencies, educators, and nanny support groups participating in celebrations across the United States.

APN would also like to encourage individual nanny support groups, nanny agencies, families, playgroups and any group associated with nannies to come together to celebrate the wonderful profession of being a nanny.



Need some ideas for NNRW Celebrations or Activities?

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

Get the members of your support group involved in a community service project that will help the nannies to SHINE in your community. While this may not be the thought that you had on how to recognize the nanny, during what is supposed to be our week, let me assure you that some positive press for community service, will help us all, even beyond your community.

Please remember that if you choose a community service project, make sure that you notify the press. You will not get any press, much less POSITIVE, if you don't let the press know what you are doing.

Some suggestions for community service:

- *Park Clean-up
- *Make A Wish Foundation
- *Volunteering at a local children's hospital
- *Habitat for Humanity
- *A shelter for abused women and children
- *Meals on Wheels

HONORING THE NANNY:

We all want this day to be about the hard work that we do on a daily basis all year. There is nothing wrong with you wanting to honor yourself, and your fellow nannies.

- *Have a banquet to honor all of your support group members, and invite their bosses.
- *Have a picnic at a local park and invite all the nannies in your community and their families to come and celebrate.
- *Have a family day that would include your charges-- the zoo, park or a ball game.
- *Send out special notes to your members, letting them know that you appreciate their support of your group, and the nanny profession. Include any agency members that you might have as well.
- *Send out reminder notes to your members bosses so they will not forget to honor their nanny in their own way.
- *Host a luncheon
- *Send a yellow rose to a fellow nanny

HELPING CHILDREN:

Along the same lines of community activities, your local support group could get involved with helping children.

- *Start a reading group at a library or book store
- *Help Big Brothers Big Sisters
- *Have a carnival
- *Have a book drive for a local children's organization

Ways to Appreciate Your Nanny

Tell your friends good things about her knowing that she will hear them back ~Share your days off ~ Encourage the children to say thank you ~Treat your nanny to breakfast or a barbeque made by the family ~Tell her when she does something great ~Give her a card or framed photo of and by the children ~Investments ~Membership Fees to a local nanny support group, the Association of Professional Nannies, or other professional organization ~A gift of conference fees with paid professional days to attend events will increase her sense of pride in her work~ Tuition (or paid professional time off) for college courses or CPR training ~A special dinner at home or out perhaps even including one with some of her friends ~A raise ~An IRA~ A gift basket ~Gift certificates ~Movie tickets~Manicure/pedicure ~ A massage ~ Birthday off ~hotel stays~ Frequent flyer miles ~ gym membership

