



GFWC-NC Civic Engagement and Outreach CSP

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The Civic Engagement and Outreach Community Service Program

This CSP reminds us of our responsibility to undertake actions that will create a better quality of life and foster a sense of community— locally, nationally, and globally. The four “broad strokes” of this effort include:

- Citizenship
- Crime Prevention, Safety, and Disaster Preparedness
- The Needy, Hungry, and Homeless
- Military Personnel and Veterans



Resource Organizations





Citizenship

Projects:

- Historic preservation
- Copies of Constitution to new citizens (and your members)
- Financial workshops for women
- Encourage women to seek elective office
- GOTV
- Sponsor candidate forums before elections (Zebulon WC)
- Women's Historical Calendar featuring prominent women of the state, with members posing for photos of the women, for the calendar celebrating 19th Amendment Centennial (Laramie WC, WY)

President's Special Project - Sunflowers for Suffrage—celebrating 19th Amendment to U.S. Constitution and Women's Right to Vote

<https://gfwcnc.org/community-service/sunflowers-for-suffrage/> (Citizenship)



Continue to Celebrate Women's Suffrage in 2021

What Projects did you plan for celebrating Women's Suffrage?

Give a few examples and ask attendees to share their projects. Since we were unable to celebrate this year, make plans to celebrate 101 years of Women's Suffrage next year, during 2021!

- GFWC-NC held a virtual Equali-Tea in 2020. In 2021 a local in person tea would be great and could be a membership recruitment event.
- CWC planned for Aug. 2, but cancelled, movie: Iron Jawed Angels, Suffragists (dressed in white) Picket line with signs "Votes for Women", chalk drawing on side of theater for selfies, reception with candidates for office. Share this with your club and community.
- Campaign-type signs celebrating women's right to vote, and reverse side urging people to vote.
- Voter education and GOTV-writing cards to remind occasional voters of voting dates/locations, phone banks



Crime Prevention, Safety, and Disaster Preparedness

Projects:

- Safe Shelter Collaborative- related to youth trafficking to marry NC men-new statewide project through the Districts. *Legislative and Public Policy ZOOM, Dec. 8*
- Community programs on fire safety
- Information on what is needed in Hurricane kit; pack Disaster Preparedness kits
- Petition for stop signs or other items to improve street and pedestrian safety. (Burlington WC)
- Random Acts of Kindness for first responders (Murray WC, KY)
- Some Civic Engagement & Outreach CSP's handle GFWC Signature Project- Domestic & Sexual Violence Awareness and Prevention
<https://gfwcnc.org/community-service/special-projects/gfwc-special-project-domestic-violence/>
(Zoom: Nov. 30, 7 pm)

The Needy, Homeless and Hungry

Projects:

- Food drive (or gift cards) for food banks and homeless shelters
- Clothing drives (Note in the Pocket)
- Sew happy child print pillowcases for children in homeless shelters (so they carry their belongings in a pillowcase, not a garbage bag.)
- Donate socks (the most requested item) to homeless shelters, or nursing homes
- Virtual “Angel Tree” for needy or homeless families
- Host Chrysalis Club meetings at Women’s Prison (Dist. VI Clubs)
Cancelled due to COVID





Military Veterans and Personnel

Projects:

- Northcarolina.uso.org resources and phone numbers - Locations HQ in Morrisville, RDU Airport, and each military installation, provide snacks or ask what other assistance is needed
- Funding for holiday meals
- Work with VA to ID veterans who need household supplies and furniture
- Donate linens and toiletries for local Veterans Shelter (NC Sorosis)
- Send cookies (care packages) to servicemen/women (Henderson JWC)
- Support military families through MMIA (Military Missions in Action.org) (Fuquay Varina Junioresettes)
- Hometown Heroes Banners to display Memorial Day through Veterans Day - banners included a photo, name, and information on local citizens serving in the military (GFWC Hollidaysburg, PA)
- Year of Kindness (one program per month-soup, Valentine cards, Easter bags) to Homeless Veterans (Junior Cyberlinks Club, OH/Mary Stewart WC, Raleigh)
- Support for Fisher House Foundation that provides housing (think Ronald McDonald Houses) for families of veterans who are in the hospital.
- Install flags or wreaths at military cemeteries for Memorial Day or Christmas (Bloomington WC, MN)



Challenge Project: Support and aid women veterans in your community





Challenge Project

Weriseveterans.org

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Independence, Strengthening and Educating
Veterans.

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- Supplies for shelters for homeless women veterans
- Clothing and supplies for women in Veterans Hospitals for PTSD treatment (Bitterroot WC, ID)

Project Resources



- GFWC-NC Administration Book, Section 7 and Section 8
- GFWC-NC Resolutions, Admin Book, Appendix E, pps. 12-15
- Challenge Project, Women Veterans, GFWC-NC Admin Book, Section 7, p15
- CSP and Special Program Dates to Remember; GFWC-NC Admin Bok, Section 7, pages 12-14
- GFWC-NC Website Community Service Tab: www.gfwcnc.org
- GFWC Club Manual on the member portal: www.gfwc.org
- Top Ten Projects from Previous Years, for NC: <https://gfwcnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Top-Project-Handout-2019-1.pdf>
- Top Ten Projects for GFWC: <https://www.gfwc.org/membership/2019-gfwc-top-projects>



Planning Year Round

All year - Plan for projects with your committee that can be accomplished during the pandemic for the calendar year - GFWC-NC.org

Spring – Implement projects, and keep data for 2020 reports (*GFWC-NC Admin Book, Section 7, p. 9 for project worksheet*)

Fall - Implement fall projects; collect data from projects performed for the first half of the year. Begin writing reports for the first half of the year and gather the statistics from the fall and winter projects

Winter - Compile project data from the entire calendar year, write reports and award entries for the year

February 1 to Karen Throckmorton – Club CP&S forms for all Club statistics including Civic and Outreach projects, GFWC-NC Admin Book; pages 6 & 7

February 1 to Lois Nixon – All Civic Engagement & Outreach Award Entry forms (GFWC-NC Admin Book: page 10 – section 8

- ▶ *One Outstanding Club Award for a General, Junior and Juniorette Club (3 total awards)*
- ▶ *One Club Creativity Award amongst all clubs.*



Awards



General Federation of Women's Clubs of North Carolina
**2020-2022 Civic Engagement and Outreach Community
 Service Program Award Entry**



Junior Chairman

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Juniorette Chairman

DEADLINE: MIDNIGHT, ANNUALLY FEBRUARY 1ST
 Postmarked or Emailed
 Submit a copy of the completed Award Entry Form and Narratives to the appropriate Chairman

<u>Club Name</u>		<u>General/Junior/Juniorette</u>	
<u>Address/City</u>		<u>Total # Club Members</u>	<u>District</u>
<u>Club President's Name</u>	<u>Phone #</u>	<u>Email Address</u>	

<u>Up to 5 Projects</u>	<u># Programs & Projects</u>	<u>Volunteer Hours</u>	<u>Dollars Donated</u>	<u>In-Kind Donations</u>	<u># Members Participating</u>	<u>Affiliate Organization</u>
<u>TOTALS</u>						

Choose one of your **five** entries to be judged for the Creativity Award.

MOST CREATIVE: _____



Make a Difference!

“

Never doubt that a small group
of thoughtful, committed citizens
can change the world.

Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.

— *Margaret Mead*

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