

2020 GFWC-NC Top Ten Projects



ARTS & CULTURE

The Woman's Club of Raleigh - Happy Hookers is a group of members interested in needlework (knitting, crocheting, sewing, etc.) The group typically meets once a month to work on Arts & Culture CSP projects. In 2020, they continued to work on projects at home: (a) Masks - 200 masks were made and delivered to a clinic in southeast Raleigh; 800 masks were made for the women at the Helen Wright Center; 800 masks were made for several Raleigh churches; 100 masks were made for Women Recovery Bloom; 700 masks were made for family, friends and nurses who had been unable to procure any (b) Blankets - over 100 blankets were made to be used in hospitals, especially cancer centers (c) "Sit upons" and sleep mats were created from plarn (plastic bag yarn) for the homeless. **(50 Members, 4,800 Hours, \$85 Dollars Donated, \$16,000 In-kind)**

Wake Forest Woman's Club - Sensory Shake and Search Bottles - Providing appropriate sensory stimulation for patients suffering with Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia has been shown to decrease agitation and restlessness and improve sleep. Sensory bottles, bags or bins and blankets are great options. The Arts and Culture CSP set a goal of 70 sensory bottles to benefit the Brookdale and Hillside Assisted Living Homes for their Alzheimer's units and the Murdoch Development Center in Butner. The CSP collected plastic bottles, cleaned them, filled them with rice, added 6-10 small and interesting items, before affixing a 'Shake and Search' label with an inventory of the items. 110 bottles were assembled and delivered! **(7 Members, 28 Hours, \$17 In-kind)**

Perquimans County Woman's Club - Scarecrows - Members put together scarecrow kits and set up a tent at the local farmer's market to sell them. First, members looked for items they were discarding, from children's clothes to husband's flannels, gloves, hats, boots, etc. Then, they purchased additional items needed from thrift stores. A member donated peanut bags from her farm for the kits. The club gathered outside the community building to fill the bags with all the items needed to make a scarecrow, including hay and the lumber for a stake to hang them. The kits sold out and additional orders were taken. Members of the community who purchased the kits assembled the scarecrows and submitted pictures to be displayed on Facebook page and a winner was announced. **(5 members, 75 Hours, \$170 Dollars Donated, \$200 In-kind)**

Cary Woman's Club - Yard Signs to Celebrate Women's Right to Vote – The pandemic changed the club's plan for the centennial of the 19th Amendment with the Town of Cary. The Arts CSP Chairman, a talented artist, designed a yard sign with the Cary Woman's Club logo and the statement: "Cary Woman's Club Celebrates...Votes for Women; Women's Right to Vote Centennial 1920-2020 19th Amendment." On the other side of the sign: "Voting Matters Exercise YOUR right." They produced and displayed the signs in 19 members' yards and at the Pollinator Garden, The Page-Walker Arts and History Center and on Facebook. They plan to use the signs in the "picket line" to celebrate the 101st anniversary. **(26 Members, 25 Hours, \$120 In-kind)**

Burlington Woman's Club - Hispanic Heritage Month - Members completed a project to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, Sept. 15th to Oct. 15th, and educate members and the community on its significance. Labeled images of the flags of the 22 countries were printed and displayed in the windows of our Thrift Shop, and a half price sale was held in honor of the cultures, as well as Hispanic Americans who have influenced and enriched our society. A newsletter article explained the significance of the celebration, and members were challenged to identify six of the flags. **(4 Members, 15 Hours, \$10 In-kind)**

GFWC-South Brunswick Islands - Brunswick Arts Council (BAC) Partnership. The Arts CSP Chairman serves as a Community Representative and Treasurer on the BAC Board of Directors. The mission of this organization is to support, sustain, and cultivate the arts in Brunswick County. The Student Arts Education Division of the BAC works in partnership with the Board of Education. This year our Arts CSP partnered with BAC to secure judges for the various categories of the District 7 Arts Festival contests. The centerpieces for the Arts Festival, baskets of art supplies, were donated to the BAC for use in their after-school arts program. Additionally, the CSP partnered with the BAC Scholarship Committee to provide a \$1,000 scholarship to a graduating senior pursuing a degree in the arts. **(53 members, 60 hours, \$500 donated, \$500 In-kind)**

GFWC of Holden Beach - Holidays Filled with Wonder was the concept for their project to teach clubwomen the art of card-making and thank local heroes. The beach card design was combined with 'What a Wonderful World' sheet music. The CSP wrote the card's sentiment: *"A season of hope, a celebration of gifts, and a time to be thankful. We wish you and your family a holiday filled with wonder! And thank you for your gift of service."* They met to cut, stamp, and fill 50 bags with all the items needed for a card, including glue dots. The bags were delivered to members, who constructed 50 uniform handmade cards through virtual instruction using a step-by-step PowerPoint presentation they created. Completed cards and baskets, decorated, and filled with treats, were delivered to town employees, EMTs, and Police & Fire Departments to thank them for their service and wish them holidays filled with wonder! **(30 Members, 126 Hours, \$325 Donations, \$523 In-kind)**

Wilmington Woman's Club - Poppin' In - You Are Loved - Throughout the year members of the club collected paper toilet tissue holders. In November they gathered at the clubhouse to decorate and fill the toilet tissue holders. 36 poppers were made with stickers on the outside that said, "YOU ARE LOVED." Each popper contained socks, a ladies' handkerchief, a comb, lotion, and a variety of candies including mini peppermint candy canes and candy kisses. The poppers were delivered to the Lake Shore Senior Housing Community, which provides housing for senior citizens living on marginal incomes. Oftentimes, the residents do not have family nearby to visit them, so visitors with "gifts" are much appreciated. **(6 Members, 22 Hours, \$82 Dollars Donated)**

Zebulon Woman's Club - Seasonal Downtown Decorating - The Zebulon Woman's Club volunteered to decorate the downtown area for each season of the year. For the fall season they added wreaths on storefronts and cornstalks on lamp posts at the intersection of Arendell Avenue and Horton Streets. At Christmas, wreaths were added to storefronts along with a town Christmas tree placed in a central location on Arendell Avenue with a virtual tree lighting ceremony for everyone to enjoy. Members also purchased wreaths for the Town Commissioner to place on the town entrance signs. **(18 Members, 24 Hours, \$100 In-Kind Donations)**

GFWC Fuquay-Varina Junior Woman's Club - Friend of the Arts Center - The club continued as a Friend of the Fuquay-Varina Arts Center, which included a \$1,000 donation. Through their programs more people of all ages have access to art classes. Arts Center Friends Scholarships advance arts education by helping to fund classes and workshops. 80% of contributions go towards increasing participation in the Arts. One club member sits on the Board of Directors of the Friends of the Arts Center. The January general meeting welcomed Jennifer Rankin, who gave a presentation about the new Fuquay-Varina Arts Center and programs for the continued partnership. **(20 members, 44 hours, \$1,000 donation)**

"Both culture and art are two wonderful ways of preserving a community's sense of place, forging a personal identity, and showing creativity." - unknown



CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH

The **Anderson Creek Club Woman's Club** has worked with the **Harnett Food Pantry** for 12 years. With the pandemic, the needs doubled. Club members support the Food Pantry by providing manpower, funding, fundraising, and food drive events. One member serves on the Food Pantry Board of Directors. Volunteers sort donated items, stock shelves and pack boxes of food for distribution. Club members also obtain donations of food and money from other community groups. The Anderson Creek Club Property Owners' Association and various clubs collect donations of food at their events. The Food Lion of Lillington donates a variety of items from bakery bread and cakes to rotisserie chicken. Instead of the usual "Yam Jam" Fundraiser, a truckload of yams was placed in the parking lot - free for anyone. Volunteers packed boxes of food that were distributed curbside. Boxes and bags of food were placed in the trunk or back seat, while the client remained in the car. **(5 Members, 272 Hours, \$500 Dollars Donated, \$273 In-kind)**

Beginning in 2010 the **Dolley Madison Woman's Club** created **Holiday Care Packages** for the Guilford County Juvenile Detention Center. The program has expanded to include a holiday tree, court approved clothing donations, gift cards to buy new clothes, and the holiday care packages. The Dolleys also collaborated with the Guilford Public Library to obtain books for each child to keep, for some, the first book of their own. The Dolleys created 40 care packages, each including: holiday candy, gloves, socks, scarves, toboggans, composition book, journal, pencils, toothbrush, toothpaste, holiday cards and stamps to write to their family. A fresh tree was delivered and was decorated by the children and staff members of the JDC. For many, it was the first time they had ever helped decorate a Christmas tree. **(18 Members, 71 Hours, \$790 Donations, \$250 In-kind)**

NC Sorosis partnered with a new program **Operation Baby Shower** to provide a shower for an expectant mom at Ft. Bragg, while her husband was deployed. The clubwomen donated \$200 to Operation Baby Shower, which provides high quality products for expectant moms and their babies. The program began as 'shower in a box' for four expectant moms whose partners were deployed and has expanded to express gratitude for the service of these families to our country. **(83 Members, 3 Hours, \$200 Donations)**

The **North Wilkesboro Woman's Club** provided a **Christmas Surprise for the Homeless**. The homeless in Wilkes County were moved to a temporary facility during the holiday season, which was no longer near the town, where food was more easily available. Clubwomen purchased fourteen \$5.00 McDonalds gift cards and delivered them to the new facility on Christmas Eve. The nearby church partnered with the clubwomen and volunteered to take the homeless to McDonalds for a warm Christmas morning breakfast. **(10 Members, 3 Hours, \$70 In-kind)**

Soup-to-Go - GFWC of Holden Beach partnered with the Brunswick County Homeless Coalition for a fundraiser. "Soup-to Go" took place during National Hunger and Homeless Awareness Week, the Saturday before Thanksgiving. The plan was to sell Soup-to-Go to community members, and to deliver extra food to the homeless. Clubwomen assisted with advance promotion of the event in their newsletter and on Facebook, printed an insert about GFWC of Holden Beach and solicited involvement and donations from the community. They prepared various soups and stews to be delivered to the distribution site in crock pots. Breads and rolls were also prepared and wrapped. Members also worked at the site assembling the packages and distributing them. They followed up Soup-to-Go with a partnership with StreetReach, and collected rain ponchos, toothbrushes, dog treats, clothing, personal care items, food products and food gift cards for the homeless. **(36 Members, 95 Hours, \$515 Donations, \$275 In-kind)**

Greensboro Woman's Club - Sunflowers for Suffrage - The club noted the 19th Amendment Centennial on their Facebook page and members attended the GFWC-NC online Equal-i-tea. They published articles on historic suffragists, hung a banner on their clubhouse, proclaiming: "The Greensboro Woman's Club Celebrates the 100th Anniversary of the Women's Right to Vote. Make Sure You Vote on Nov. 3rd" Greensboro clubwomen also hosted the District 4 Fall meeting with the theme "Votes for Women", with decorations including suffrage signs, sunflowers and photos of suffragists; and the hostesses dressed in white 1920's vintage clothing. They also published a history of the Greensboro Woman's Club since its beginnings in 1909 coincided with the latter years of the suffrage movement. **(9 Members, 47 Hours, \$125 In-kind)**

GFWC-South Brunswick Islands woman's club believes in **Military Assistance and Recognition**. Their project included 7 programs. The club's Sewing Committee, in partnership with Creative Spirit, made 18 patriotic pillowcases and five blankets by hand for the veterans in care at Lower Cape Fear LifeCare. Five crocheted hats, 13 scarves and 12 headband/ear warmers were made and donated as mementos for their loved ones to take home with them to let them know someone cares in their time of sorrow. In addition, as part of several projects for veterans, the clubwomen provided "comfort kit" items to military patients at the VA Medical Center, and provided support for the Wounded Warrior program, USO, and the Mulberry Park Veterans Memorial Garden. **(53 Members, 132 Hours, \$1,650 Donations, \$775 In-kind)**

The **Mary Stewart Woman's Club** researched **Ladies of Liberty**, a part of Soldiers Angels, an organization that supports service members, for the challenge project to aid women veterans. The Ladies of Liberty program sends care packages to deployed female service members. Clubwomen chose several service members and the club divided into groups to fulfill their requests. Members bought snacks, medicines, personal health, and hygiene items, and filled USPS military boxes to ship overseas. The project was so rewarding that later in the year, some club members decided to do the project again. The service member chosen at that time had requested that she wanted to share the contents of the box with her 24 fellow service members. Mary Stewart Woman's Club fulfilled her request which benefited 29 female service members. **(10 Members, 38 Hours, \$848 In-kind)**

A partnership between two of the smallest clubs, **GFWC Triad Woman's Club** and **Winston Salem Jr. Woman's Club**, increased their impact by working together. **Help Heal Veterans** was their focus project because of the organization's work with injured and recuperating veterans to improve fine motor skills, cognitive functioning, manage stress and substance abuse, and cope with symptoms of PTSD and TBI. Clubwomen brought 135 assorted special occasion cards to a joint meeting, wrote notes, signed them and sent them to the "Cards for Veterans Charity Drive." **(4 Members, 3 Hours, \$25 In-kind)**

The **Wilmington Woman's Club**, in keeping with the focus on women veterans and service members, adopted **Fox Company** which included the daughter of a WWC member. Fox Company deployed to an undisclosed desert area and arrived without their personal belongs. Clubwomen made a quick donation to the USO-NC to cover immediate needs. Clubwomen then initiated an ongoing letter and card writing program to those serving in Fox Company and wrote 159 notes for Valentine's Day and St. Patrick's Day. The highlight for Fox Company was the arrival in March, in the middle of a desert, of 50 boxes of Girl Scout cookies, which they relished, ignored by the camels lurking in the background! **(26 Members, 37 Hours, \$625 Donations, \$144 In-kind)**

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world: indeed, it's the only thing that ever has. – Margaret Mead



EDUCATION & LIBRARIES

Charlotte Woman's Club - Classroom Central - Sadly, about 127,000 children in the Charlotte region lack the basic school supplies they need to be successful in school. Classroom Central equips students in need to effectively learn by collecting and distributing free school supplies. They serve teachers and students in nearly 200 schools across six school districts. The club partnered with Classroom Central with a \$5,000 grant to supply backpacks and supplies to 142 students at a Title 1 school. Title 1 schools have a large concentration of low-income students, and Classroom Central turns each dollar donated into \$9 worth of school supplies! The club held a virtual supply drive. Members purchased school supplies via the Amazon wish list or on their own. They surpassed their goals for this project. **(25 Members, 47 Hours, \$5,000 Dollars Donated, \$1,603 In-kind)**

North Wilkesboro Woman's Club - Easter Activities for Children - Easter Week is traditionally a special week for the children in North Wilkesboro. Spring is in bloom and it is a chance to be outdoors. To fill the void during the pandemic, driveways were set up with sidewalk chalk so children could write their ABC's, 123's, or draw. The Club President's driveway was the first stop for the activity. The children were elated to be able to draw and see their friends. Children filled their baskets with Easter candies provided by the Clubwomen. During Easter week 300 "free lunches" were donated by the local elementary school daily. A North Wilkesboro clubwoman persuaded her grandson, Assistant Principal at the school, to wear the Easter Bunny suit the club donated while they were handing out 300 lunches each day. The children, many of whom rely on school lunches, were brought by the school each day to pick them up. It lifted the spirits of the children to see the Easter Bunny. Some of the children could be heard saying as they were leaving "I got to talk to the Easter Bunny today!" **(7 members, 15 Hours, \$251.00 In-kind)**

Junior Woman's Club of Raleigh - Note in the Pocket - Note in the Pocket, a local non-profit organization, serves children in need of suitable clothing for school. During the pandemic Stay at Home order, supplies from donors dwindled, but the demand continued. The Junior Woman's Club of Raleigh in partnership with Note in the Pocket, collected 74 pairs of jeans and wrote 50 notes of love to be given for distribution to school children in need in Wake County. **(23 Members, 30 Hours, \$1,000 Dollars Donated)**

GFWC of Holden Beach - STEM for Special Needs Students and Teacher Appreciation. The Education & Libraries CSP's goal is to promote education and support for school staff and teachers, especially the teachers of EC classes at their adopted schools. They reached out to understand their additional needs. They donated kits which included tangrams, STEM lab kits, a learning advantage geometry template, a magnetic pattern blocks set, Dowling Magnets Foam Fun, and a book of 52 hands-on projects to promote STEM study. The STEM kits were delivered, along with some holiday goodies and a book for each of the EC teachers and their assistants. Teachers of both adopted schools, Cedar Grove Middle School and Supply Elementary School, were given handmade cards and goodies during the holidays. **(8 Members, 29 Hours, \$291 In-kind)**

Fuquay-Varina Juniette Club - Virtual Storytime - In keeping with the theme of virtual life, the club created a social media outlet to promote literacy and storytelling. Members planned and executed the creation of a new Storytime Facebook page. The Juniettes read aloud via video and shared the book with all the members of the group. The books chosen corresponded with current events and holidays. Several clubwomen and their families enjoyed the virtual readings. An added benefit was the Juniettes were able to work on public speaking skills. **(12 Members, 16 Hours)**

Outer Banks Woman's Club - Dr. Seuss Birthday Bash - The Outer Banks Woman's Club hosted its second annual Dr. Seuss birthday party at a local frozen yogurt shop in honor of Read Across America. One of the members dressed up as the "Cat in the Hat" and the children enjoyed meeting and taking pictures with her. Some members showed off their artistic skills by painting the children's faces with beloved Seuss characters. They had a banner on which the children could write birthday wishes to Dr. Seuss and a guessing game where the children estimated the number of goldfish crackers in a jar in honor of the classic Dr. Seuss book, One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish. Children with estimations close to the actual number won a set of Dr. Seuss books. The participants enjoyed the homemade Dr. Seuss themed birthday cake and sang "Happy Birthday." Over 100 parents and children attended. They received a take-home bag of Dr. Seuss themed items. **(15 Members, 40 Hours, \$275 In-kind)**

The Woman's Club of Raleigh - Little Free Community Library - This club expanded their Little Free Community Library in 2020. One of the CSP co-chairs, with the help of her talented husband, built and installed at the front of the WCR Clubhouse, a beautiful "little library" with an attached bench so that potential patrons of the library could peruse the books before making their choice. The people living and working in the community are encouraged to "take a book or give/return a book". The books, other than those given by community members, are contributed by WCR members. This Little Free Community Library is a beautiful addition to the clubhouse grounds and provides beneficial and educational service for the neighborhood. **(33 Hours, \$434 In-kind)**

Wilmington Woman's Club - Salvation Army Books for Tots - Anticipating the Christmas season, members purchased and delivered 71 books to the Salvation Army for distribution. The purpose of the collection was to provide each child between birth and age five with at least one new book in their gift bag from the Salvation Army. The purchased books were age appropriate as described by a member of the club who is also an early childhood specialist. Children received a holiday gift and an introduction to a lifetime of reading. **(9 Members, 10 Hours, \$162 In-kind)**

A.L. Brown Juniorette Club - Adopt a Class - The club adopted two Exceptional Children classes at Jackson Park Elementary School to help those with special needs. They provided monthly treats, books, and items needed by the teachers. The club made a \$200 donation to each teacher and \$25 to their three assistants to help with purchases of supplies. They bought Christmas presents for each of the students. Students were also given money to purchase books at their school's book fair. August-December, the members signed up individually to complete phases of projects and then collected them at a school's office. A Kannapolis Woman's Club member picks them up and delivers them to Jackson Park. **(20 Members, 200 Hours, \$475 Dollars Donated, \$475 In-kind)**

The Woman's Club of Clayton - Jumpstart Read Across America - The book, Evelyn Del Rey is Moving Away, was chosen for READ ACROSS AMERICA that takes place on October 29. The Education & Libraries CSP provided the first-grade teachers with copies of this book and thanked them for agreeing to read this book to all the first graders at Cooper Academy. In years past, members have read to first grade students in person. The principal of Cooper Academy decided to have the book read to all the classes, grades 1-5, so instead of the normal number of students, they were able to reach 638 kids! Books were provided in English, as well as Spanish for students who are participating in Spanish Inclusion. Books were also provided to Holy Cross Lutheran Church preschool classes and the local library. **(2 Members, 10 Hours, \$68 In-kind)**

"Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself." - John Dewey



ESO - ALPHA ETA CHAPTER

The Woman's Club of Clayton - In honor of the one hundredth anniversary of the 19th Amendment the **October newsletter** shared some history and featured reviews of two books about the women of the suffrage movement which were read and reported on by ESO members: Elizabeth Cody Stanton and Susan B. Anthony; a Friendship that Changed the World by Penny Coleman and Sisters by Jean H. Baker. Also, information about the Suffragist Memorial at the site of the imprisonment of the suffragettes who marched in 1917 in Washington, DC and protested in front of the White House was included. This memorial features a statue of GFWC Clubwoman, Carrie Chapman Catt, who succeeded Susan B. Anthony as President of the National American Woman Suffrage Association in 1900. The article educated members and encouraged them to read more about the women of the suffrage movement and Suffragist Memorial. **(14 Members, 5 Hours)**

The Woman's Club of Clayton - Sunflower bookmarks were made in recognition of the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment giving women the right to vote. Because the sunflower is a symbol for suffrage, each colorful bookmark featured the picture of a sunflower and a statement about the amendment and the note that the bookmark is a gift of Epsilon Sigma Omicron of the Woman's Club of Clayton. Bookmarks were presented to club members, providing a daily reminder of what women suffered to gain the right to vote. **(14 Members, 10 Hours)**

The Woman's Club of Clayton renewed their membership with the local **Friends of the Library**, a non-profit that originated in 1976 for the purpose of raising funds for a stand-alone library in Clayton. ESO members helped raise funds for materials and programs that the library identified as needs not included in their budget. They promoted the enjoyment of reading through book sales, special events, purchases such as iPad, summer reading programs, staff appreciation, mothers and daughters story time, children's story time, and many others. Their participation benefited their community, encouraged use of the library and proved to be a beneficial partnership. **(14 Members, 14 Hours, \$50 In-Kind)**

GFWC of Holden Beach - Promotion of interest and participation in ESO was the focus of the articles written for the *Communique*, the monthly Club newsletter, by the ESO Chairman. She promoted GFWC's new focus, the ESO Facebook book club, and programs to encourage members to report, resulting in an increase in numbers of reported books not seen in several years. Six ESO members encouraged others to read by each purchasing one of a three-part series written by the guest speaker at their Spring District Arts Festival so that they could trade among themselves enabling all to read the complete series. This chairman's project benefited their entire club. Six members of this seven-member club read and reported on 571 books. **(7 Members, 12 Hours)**

The Woman's Club of Clayton - Monthly Meetings. They met 9 times, the first Monday of every month, to report on books, read, and discuss any projects that the group might want to consider. The chairman maintains a list of all book reports from ESO members. Even though the pandemic limited the spring meetings, members were able to read voraciously and report on some of the books at the meetings. Club members benefited through fellowship and discussion about the shared books. 14 members represent 20% of the club's membership. **(14 Members, 180 Hours)**

"A reader lives a thousand lives before he dies... The man who never reads lives only one." - George R.R. Martin



ENVIRONMENT

The Woman's Club of Clayton - Candyland at the Garden – The club developed public interest in the Main Street Community Garden over the past few years. They transformed the garden during the holidays into the children's board game, Candyland. Children would be able to play the game from October 30th until the year end. Preparations for this herculean effort began in January and the premise was to have life size decorations representative of the spaces and locations on the board game such as Candy Cane Forest and Gumdrop Mountain and characters such as King Kandy, Queen Frostine, and Candy Castle. Guests were given dice for the game. At the conclusion of playing the game, children could go to the Candy Castle and select candy to take home. Two Saturday evenings in December, Mrs. Claus greeted visitors and children were able to leave notes for Santa. The notes were answered by club members. Candyland received the town's holiday award for "Most Creative, Non-Retail" and had over 3,000 visitors! **(69 Members, 1,512 Hours, \$2,146 In-kind)**

Wake Forest Woman's Club - Collecting Bra Fasteners - Carolina Waterfowl Rescue (CWR) is non-profit 501c3 wildlife rescue organization located in Charlotte. CWR is run by federally licensed wildlife rehabilitators who provide sanctuary, rescue, and rehabilitation for wildlife, farmed, and exotic animals. The CSP promoted the collection of bra hook and eye closures when it learned that the NC Waterfowl Rescue uses such closures in turtle rehabilitation. The closures are attached to the turtles' injured shells and remain in place until the shell is healed. The turtle is then released back into its natural habitat. **(15 Members, 4 Hours, \$75 Dollars Donated, \$17 In-kind)**

Greensboro Woman's Club - Wine Cork Recycling - The club believes that keeping waste out of landfills and donating funds toward forest and ocean conservation is a worthy goal. Members of the Environment CSP became aware of Cork Club, a sustainability initiative funded by Widget Co, Inc. This organization donates up to 2 cents for each natural wine cork received to help forest and ocean conservation. They also recycle every synthetic cork they receive. Shipments to Cork Club must include a minimum of 500 corks. Twenty-seven members spent 78 hours, collecting, counting, packing, and shipping over 33,864 corks! They collected from restaurants, bars, family, and our members to amass over 338 pounds of corks. **(27 Members, 78 hours)**

North Wilkesboro Woman's Club - "VICTORY GARDENS" - A new Renaissance has Sprouted. Clubwomen prepared small areas around or in their homes to plant a variety of plants, herbs, vegetables such as tomatoes, green onions, okra, green beans, and squash, and a variety of peppers such as green bell peppers and jalapeno peppers. A few homes had either existing strawberry plants and/or blueberry bushes. The "gardens" were in such places as patios, decks, window boxes, flowerpots, and in small backyard spaces. Marigolds were planted nearby to help repel insects so not use commercial pesticides. The herbs, seasonal vegetables, and seasonal fruits were shared with family, neighbors, and those in need. This project promoted good healthy recreation and fun for the clubwomen and their families. **(5 Members, 181 Hours, \$459 In-kind)**

Wilmington Woman's Club - Recycling and Reusing to Assist Special Needs Children - With emphasis on recycling and reusing anything and everything, the members of the Wilmington Woman's Club decided to collect bottle tops of every size imaginable! Members collected bottle caps, and the caps were given to the Child Development Center, a 501c3 that specializes in serving children with moderate-to-severe special needs including autism, Down syndrome, developmental delays, hearing, speech, or vision impairments, and mobility impairments. The children range from birth to kindergarten. The teachers use the bottle tops for art and math projects, identifying colors, and providing stacking and building activities. **(13 Members, 48 Hours)**

Fuquay-Varina Woman's Club - Environmental Protection Activities (EPA) - By consolidating many individual environmental activities into one project survey, our committee was able to greatly increase member participation and reporting. Throughout the year, members were encouraged to recycle, protect wildlife and domestic animals, conserve natural resources, and enjoy the natural environment all around them. In newsletters and at monthly meetings, members were given tips and pertinent information on these topics and how they could help. At the end of the year, a hand-delivered survey was distributed by committee members to all club members to complete and return. Forty members responded to the survey. They plan to make this an ongoing project each year. By educating, suggesting, and surveying members about their contributions to increase their enjoyment and the protection of our natural world, they could see all they accomplished together. **(40 Members, 5,625 Hours, \$15,725 Dollars Donated, \$46,467 In-kind)**

GFWC-South Brunswick Islands - Museum of Coastal Carolina-Sea Turtle Protection. Brunswick County is a beautiful coastal community in North Carolina. It is also home to the Museum of Coastal Carolina, located on the barrier island of Ocean Isle Beach. While the museum offers an education on all native marine life through displays and touch-tanks, there is a particular focus on sea turtles. GFWC-SBI members, many who are residents of the island, partner with the museum between May and late September on turtle watch when females dig their nests and lay their eggs, and to protect nests and hatchlings from predators, which is vital to survival of the species. Members donate both money and time. **(7 Members, 120 Hours, \$1,475 Donated)**

Cary Woman's Club - Adoption of Lemur. The club renewed their adoption of a Grey Mouse Lemur, Thistle, who lives at the Duke Lemur Center. She is part of the breeding program there and participates in research on Alzheimer's Disease. All the research is noninvasive and involves observations of the lemurs to see how aging affects them, since they are close relatives of humans. They receive quarterly reports and photos of Thistle from the Duke Lemur Center, which are shared with our members. We call Thistle the tiniest member of the club (she weighs about 3 ounces) and she (her photo) attends all the club meetings. No one was able to visit the Lemur Center this year, as it was closed to the public due to the pandemic. **(28 Members, \$50 In-kind)**

Wake Forest High School Junioresettes' - Braided Dog Pull Toys – Recycling donated T-shirts into braided dog pull toys for a local animal shelter was the project selected and introduced during the club's November general meeting. The Junioresettes followed written instructions to cut long strips from old T-shirts, tightly braid the toys, and drop them off on an advisors' front porch for delivery to the founder of the local charity, From Ewe to You. Hannah Moyles, Founder of From Ewe to You, was a guest speaker during the December general meeting. She collects various types of items for donations and makes rounds three or four times each year to deliver them. A Junioresette advisor dropped off the dog toys. Hannah plans to deliver the 45 dog toys provided by the Junioresettes to the Wake County SPCA. **(10 Members, 40 Hours, \$43 In-kind)**

Wake Forest Woman's Club - Great Backyard Bird Count - The Environment CSP invited club members to participate in the Audubon Society/Cornell Lab of Ornithology Great American Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) for 2020. Members who participated counted the birds they saw in their own backyards and if possible, identified them by species and then submitted them to the CSP chair for tabulation and submission to Cornell. Each checklist submitted helps researchers at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and the National Audubon Society learn more about how birds are doing, and how to protect them and the environment. **(6 Members, 6 Hours)**

“Keep close to Nature's heart... and break clear away, once in a while, and climb a mountain or spend a week in the woods. Wash your spirit clean.” - John Muir



HEALTH & WELLNESS

GFWC-NC Statesville Woman's Club - Angels for Advent – The club set a goal to collect 1,000 food items at Christmas time for a local food bank, while boosting the spirits of the membership. This project, called Angels for Advent, is a reverse advent calendar. Instead of taking something for each day of Advent, (December 1-24), the members put a food item in a box each day. At the end of Advent, each member who participated had a box of 24 different food items. They donated the food to a local food bank, Yokefellows. The club members collected 635 items and the club added over 400 items focused on holiday meal foods. The second goal was to help replenish a local food bank that people in need can walk to, Yokefellows. Those served by Yokefellows are among the neediest in Statesville. Those who receive the food donations came away with the belief that someone cares about them, according to the Executive Director of Yokefellows. This project gave the members a sense of community. **(21 Members, 99 Hours, \$425 Donations, \$1,510 In-kind)**

Burlington Woman's Club - Disease Care & Prevention – The club found many ways to help keep members of the community safe and well while maintaining healthy lifestyles. Face Masks - 2,400 were sewn. Members who do not sew made deliveries and collected supplies. 981 masks were made in response to an Alamance County Health Department request. 245 were delivered to the Methodist Home for Children. Masks were dropped off on neighbors' doorsteps with a note and wishes that their families stay healthy. As the weeks crept by and masks were still in demand, members realized they were taking part in a mission – so masks were stitched carefully and with a prayer. The March newsletter presented facts about the virus, its symptoms, dangers, and prevention. Posts on Facebook and signs in the windows of the Thrift Shop carried the message to the public. Focus on other health issues continued: flu shots, healthy eating, exercise, and continuing annual mammograms. Donations were made to Open Door Clinic, Doctors Without Borders, and Shot@Life. **(11 Projects, 50 Members, 684 Hours, \$1,200 Donated, \$2,400 In-kind)**

Burlington Junior Woman's Club - Woman2Woman Project - Feminine hygiene products were provided to middle school aged girls where these items were not available on school's campuses. Lavender soap was also given to women incarcerated at the Orange County Correctional Center. Being prepared for the first menstrual cycle makes all the difference in an adolescent girl's self-esteem. Feeling the kindness of others can be just the thing to help empower you and make you feel more feminine. **(9 Members, 9 Hours, \$365 Dollars Donated, \$25 In-kind)**

Wake Forest Woman's Club - From Ewe to You - The club works with a local non-profit by donating crocheted or knitted blankets, scarves, booties, and hats to adults in shelters and premature babies in local hospitals. Experienced members helped others learn the yarn crafting techniques. Approximately 200 handmade items were donated. They have expanded their efforts to include food, clothing, and personal items collected. The charity partners with many community organizations on various projects with the same intent of bettering the community. **(22 Members, 1,935 Hours, \$413 In-kind)**

GFWC Fuquay-Varina Junior Woman's Club planned and executed 5 successful **Community Blood Drives** throughout 2020 during the COVID-19 pandemic in partnership with the American Red Cross. Collectively, their events reached over 13,500 people through their social media campaign where through their efforts, they provided 250 units of blood and 20 Power Red donations (equivalent to two donations each) to the American Red Cross. **(5 Projects, 13 Members, 128 Hours)**

GFWC-South Brunswick Islands held their **11th Annual SOUPerBowl** to help feed the food insecure in the community. 100% of the proceeds raised, which included Friday lunch deliveries to area schools and businesses, were donated to the local community to help feed the food insecure. Their efforts were supported by nine area businesses through sponsorships totaling \$2,300. Tickets to the event included handmade keepsake pottery bowls donated by local artisans, in addition to a soup lunch complete with bread, dessert and drink, also donated by area caterers and restaurants. Leftover desserts were donated to the staff of Shallotte Middle School. South Brunswick Interchurch Council Food Pantry, Brunswick Family Assistance and WINGS Ministry Backpacks Full of Blessings (backpack program) were each presented with a check for \$3,849 to be used specifically for feeding the hungry in the community. **(53 Members, 400 Hours, \$11,547 Donated, \$6,500 In-kind)**

The **Junior Woman's Club of Raleigh** hosted two project events, one where club women packaged 500 gala invitations and 400 candles to be used as gala event favors at their biggest fundraiser of the year and another event, where members made no-sew blankets from donated fleece fabric to be gifted to clients of the Helene Foundation, an organization that provides immediate support to mothers fighting cancer to positively impact their families. The members were able to develop a systematic manner for constructing the no-sew blankets. The initial goal was to produce 20 finished pieces, but they were able to successfully complete 25 pieces for the Helene Foundation. **(25 Members, 65 Hours, \$400 In-kind)**

The Woman's Club of Raleigh - Homeless Hotel – In partnership with Triangle Family Services, the Health & Wellness CSP organized a Clothing / Needed Necessities drive for the Homeless Hotel, opened when shelters closed due to COVID. The homeless residents did not have necessities needed such as underwear, socks, coats, gloves, games, books, and toiletries. There are 100 men and women residing at the hotel. “Motel Connect” for the Homeless is a project in collaboration with the “Reach Program” sponsored by the NC Food Bank. Volunteers from the Woman's Club of Raleigh pick up boxes of healthy food and produce weekly from the Food Bank and take them to the 18 motels in Raleigh that are now housing homeless families. WCR has 7 routes with two volunteers per route doing the deliveries together. WCR has also collected food and toys/art supplies for the children. Another element of this project is that WCR has collected electric skillet for basic cooking. **(236 Members, 734 Hours, \$210 Dollars Donated \$210, \$3,750 In-kind)**

The **Greensboro Woman's Club** responded to the GFWC-NC President's Special Project focus area: **Elevating Women and Girls**. The Greensboro Pregnancy Care Center offers free medical services to women including STD testing and treatment, pregnancy tests and ultrasounds. Forty-four members donated diapers, bottles, bibs, towels, washcloths, etc. for a total in-kind donation of \$881. At the January General meeting 60 members had the opportunity to hear a representative from the Pregnancy Network speak about their work. Greensboro Woman's Club members recognize that many girls and women in underdeveloped countries lack access to basic feminine hygiene products so 49 members donated materials for the Days for Girls program. Days for Girls is a global movement that prepares and distributes sustainable menstrual health solutions to girls and women. **(64 members, 70 hours, \$1,958 In-kind)**

Henderson Junior Woman's Club encouraged members to participate in **Self-Healthcare** awareness by promoting dental hygiene and self-check exams for breast and thyroid. In addition to annual examinations, they encouraged walking, water consumption, and daily squats. Members were part of a social media challenge and were also able to get and stay healthy at home during the COVID-19 pandemic. **(8 Members, 98 Hours, \$1,615 In-kind)**

“Health is state of body. Wellness is a state of being” - J. Stanford



JUNIORS' SPECIAL PROGRAM: Advocates for Children

GFWC-South Brunswick Islands - Project: March of Dimes (MOD). This Affiliate Organization is a favorite partner for GFWC-SBI, with one club member serving as Brunswick County MOD Representative. The Project included multiple ventures intended to increase public education of MOD services: (1) Attended the 2020 Walk Kick-off Rally, Myrtle Beach; (2) Hosted Michelle Bessett, Development Manager for MOD of Horry & Georgetown Counties, as guest speaker at the February Club Meeting. Donation of \$500 made; (3) Raised \$1,500 through walk donations, sales of individual candy bars, and a raffle for a 5 lb. chocolate bar at the GFWC-NC District 7 Spring Meeting; (4) GFWC-SBI club members walked 3 miles each on their own to support 2020 March for Babies Walk canceled due to Covid-19; (5) Sewing Committee completed 19 no-sew fleece blankets with a children theme, which were donated to March of Dimes Blanket Challenge program for national headquarters to be used in "Operation Shower" and locally to NICU at Conway Medical Center. Members gathered for a photo dedicating the blankets to Michelle Bessett of MOD on April 29th; (6) Two club members filmed a 30-second testimonial commercial for the March of Dimes national campaign. **(53 Members, 62 Hours, \$2,000 Donated, \$380 In-kind)**

Mary Stewart Woman's Club held a "Little Red Wagon" pool party during the summer to raise money for the purchase of a little red wagon, the most preferred mode of transportation for the younger patients at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The cost of admission to the pool party was a donation to the project. The club president purchased a tabletop Little Red Wagon that was displayed as the centerpiece at the party and members placed their donations in it. Contributions far exceeded their expectations, so the extra funds were donated for a celebration party for a child following their last chemotherapy treatment. **(10 Members, 10 Hours, \$200 Donated)**

GFWC Fuquay-Varina Junior Woman's Club - Read and Feed of North Carolina's mission is to strengthen literacy skills among under-served elementary school children and provide meals in a nurturing neighborhood environment. 78% of children who attend Read and Feed have improved reading, attitude, and/or confidence. With pandemic restrictions, Read and Feed used the Virtual Book Club initiative to provide resources to underserved children. Each month, participants received a featured book to add to their home library. Children could tune into the Read and Feed YouTube Channel to hear and follow a special guest, who was reading the book they received. Throughout that month, volunteers asked questions related to the book, and every child who demonstrated comprehension earned a prize. This initiative was shared on social media with posts about Read and Feed initiatives, reaching 4,300 people. **(6 Members, 10 Hours, \$579 Donated)**

Henderson Junior Woman's Club - Thanksgiving Meal Bags were provided to children and families of Granville County Child Support and Social Services. Members collected food items, including items for a Thanksgiving meal, and filled 40 bags for distribution. **(5 Members, 8 Hours, \$150 In-Kind)**

North Wilkesboro - Coats for Kids Annual Coat Drive: There are almost 9,000 children in the area school system and one of the biggest needs each year is winter coats for all ages and sizes. Members partnered with the Child Abuse Prevention Team of Wilkes, school social workers, Ministries of h.o.p.e. and the Lutheran Church of the Atonement to collect used coats from family and friends and purchase new coats. Local dry cleaners donated time and costs to clean used coats, which were distributed. Leftover coats, hats, gloves, and scarves were available free to anyone on a coatrack outside the Child Abuse Prevention Team offices. Our small club collected 57 used coats, 16 hats and 23 pairs of gloves. **(10 Members, 18 Hours, \$270 Donations, \$250 In-kind)**

GFWC of Holden Beach - WAVES4. K.I.D.S. GFWC-HB partnered with The Southern Charm Company, a local boutique, to sponsor shopping days giving 10% off to shoppers and 10% of the total sales to a GFWC-HB selected local charity. They selected WAVES4K.I.D.S, a non-profit, all-volunteer organization, who provides financial support and essential services to satisfy the unmet needs of children in the county. They assist with medical devices, tutoring, paying daycare registration fees, parental support, offering art, music, singing and dancing lessons, car seats, clothing, diapers, and other needs. GFWC-HB developed and printed two information sheets for each purchaser. The funds generated and the educational outreach to both the children and the caregivers cannot be overstated. **(15 Members, 47 Hours, \$800 Donated, \$79 In-kind)**

The Woman's Club of Clayton - Harmony Playground at East Clayton Community Park, opened in 2020, was designed to be a one-of-a-kind inclusion play destination, enabling the 4,000 area children of all abilities to play together in an educational, and supportive environment. In recognition of the \$15,000 donation over a 3-year period, the Woman's Club of Clayton was represented at the ribbon cutting. The Town of Clayton, in partnership with the Clayton Community Recreational Foundation and numerous community partners large and small, worked tirelessly to build the inclusive playground. All major donors, including The Woman's Club of Clayton, are recognized in a wall sculpture at the playground. **(4 Hours, 69 Members, \$5,000 Donation)**

H.O.P.E. of Winston-Salem (Helping Our People Eat) uses community-wide volunteer support to prepare and bring nutritious weekend meals to Forsyth County's 40,000 at-risk for hunger children. Grocery stores and local farmers donated the needed items. Lunches are packed, placed into coolers, and delivered to children in the Winston-Salem city limits. In August and November, members of the **GFWC Triad Woman's Club** and **Winston-Salem Junior Woman's Club** packed over 500 bagged lunches, consisting of a sandwich, fruit, and healthy dessert, to feed at least 500 children, and 100 bags of raw vegetables for parents for cooking. **(3 Members, 12 Hours)**

North Wilkesboro Woman's Club - Nichols for Kids: Sandy Nichols was a school social worker in the Wilkes County School system for many years. The Nichols for Kids foundation honors her memory by helping students with clothing, shoes, toiletries, school supplies, eye exams, and other needs. The club project funded the purchase of backpacks filled with feminine hygiene products, shampoo, deodorant, brushes, razors, and shaving cream. When the club learned that some students do not have indoor water for showers, arrangements were made at five high schools for them to get a shower and have their personal hygiene stored at the schools. Their attendance and confidence at school improved. The club continues to support this program by donating the needed items for these students. **(10 Members, 12 Hours, \$190 Donations, \$65 In-kind)**

Storehouse for Jesus is an independent, non-profit, Christian ministry helping those in need and reaching people with the gospel of Jesus Christ. The vision is to make a difference in the lives God sends to us by providing for their spiritual, physical & health needs, while encouraging everyone touched by the ministry to walk closer with Jesus Christ. They provide volunteer opportunities for individuals, students, clubs, civic organizations, and the community through the judicial system. In the fall, the **GFWC Triad Woman's Club**, in conjunction with the **Winston-Salem Junior Woman's Club**, collected birthday party supplies, cake mixes and frosting, and birthday gifts for the children's Birthday Closet. **(4 Members, 5 Hours, \$265 In-kind)**

"Children are our most valuable natural resource." – Herbert Hoover



SIGNATURE PROGRAM: Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness and Prevention

GFWC of Holden Beach - Blooming for a Cause Charity Gala - The 12th Annual “Blooming for a Cause” Charity Gala, scheduled for April 4th to benefit a shelter for victims of domestic violence and abuse, and an emergency teen shelter, was cancelled. Members realized that during a pandemic with shelter in place regulations, incidents of domestic violence were likely to increase and funding for programs to decrease, so they decided to find a way to turn this non-event into a fundraiser. The invitations and sponsorship letters had been mailed to 750 organizations and individuals who donated to and attended previous Galas. The first step was to inform them the Gala was cancelled. An ad was designed and published in the local newspaper, on the website and Facebook page. The next step was to contact ticket holders and donors through personal touch, a phone call, to give them the opportunity to donate or get a refund. The result was \$5,130 in ticket revenue, \$13,150 in sponsor donations, and 114 items donated (gift certificates, jewelry, baskets, purses, etc.) for fundraising. The club continued with the Wine and Spirits raffle portion of the gala, collecting over 30 bottles of wine and spirits (value \$717) from donors. Wine corks were numbered and used in lieu of raffle tickets. Wine raffle revenue: \$1400. Total result: \$13,000 donated to Hope Harbor Home and Providence Home! **(36 members, 1,108 hours, \$19,680 Donated, \$26,867 In-kind)**

Cary Woman’s Club - InterAct is a private, non-profit agency that provides safety, support and awareness to victims and survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. Located in Raleigh, InterAct’s mission is to support the community through volunteer service and community partnerships. The Cary Woman’s Club has supported this program for several years by making gift baskets for the Moms for their annual Holiday Bazaar. This year, however, because of COVID restrictions, the bazaar was cancelled. In its place, InterAct employees made boxes for the women which contained gift cards and several items. The club collected \$275 worth of gift cards and \$850 for this project. In addition, the club decided to donate \$1,000 from its funds to InterAct. Since we were not able to have our normal Holiday luncheon, many members donated the money they would have spent on a ticket to the event to InterAct. **(28 Members, 10 Hours, \$2,125 Donated)**

North Wilkesboro Woman’s Club partners with **The Child Abuse Prevention Team of Wilkes**. They have learned that there is an important need for diapers in the county. Many families are faced with whether to pay rent, buy food, or medicines or buy diapers. Diapers usually wind up at the bottom of the list but are needed to keep a baby happy and dry, instead of crying and uncomfortable, which can lead to abusive situations. Diapers and wipes are collected at every meeting and friends and family are invited to participate. As parents come in to ask for diapers, they can be recruited to take free parenting classes that can help relieve them of the some of the stresses and strains of parenthood. **(10 Members, 24 Hours, \$725 Donations)**

GFWC of Holden Beach - Break the Silence (BTSADV) is a national nonprofit organization powerfully led by survivors-volunteers who help serve victims, survivors, and families affected by domestic violence. Through the power of social media, a community of survivors was created to foster strength, healing, and empowerment. The club decided to launch a Fall Awareness Campaign since incidents of Domestic Violence were on the rise. They wrote and published articles for the Club Communique from September through December. For the Break the Silence campaign finale in support of the BTSADV and survivors, members scheduled a special time at the club meeting to make as much noise as possible using whatever items they had; party noisemakers, pots and pans, and utensils, while others banged on their desks. It was filmed and sent to GFWC Headquarters to be posted. The video was also posted on Facebook, in the Communique, and on the Web as a YouTube Video to encourage everyone to Break the Silence! **(25 Members, 37 Hours)**

A.L. Brown Juniorette Club - Teen Domestic Violence Awareness Month – In February, the club focused on Break the Cycle website for Teen Dating Violence prevention. They made posters at the club meeting and displayed them throughout the school. They also promoted Feb 4 – It’s Time to Talk Day; Feb 13 - Wear Orange to help spread awareness of dating violence through #teenDVmonth and #RespectWeek2019; February 14 – Thunderclap for National Respect www.loveisrespect.org **(20 Members, 10 Hours)**

GFWC Hickory Woman’s Club - Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness - The club invited Melissa Kerekes, Advocacy Coordinator from The Family Guidance Center (FGC) of Catawba County, to inform them about domestic and sexual abuse and violence against women in our county area. As expected, domestic violence is high in our community. Melissa suggested ways we could help the existing program at Family Guidance, such as making contributions to their thrift shop, donating new items for clients’ use, and, of course, giving financially. The “Fill A Bag” project for victims of sexual abuse was a program that piqued their interest. The bags are used when a victim is at a hospital or police department and must give up clothing to the rape kit. The club voted to give a monetary donation to the Family Guidance Center for the Fill A Bag project. Throughout the year, club members donated to Family Guidance Center’s Purple Ribbon Funds, which went directly to the Family Guidance Center. **(21 Members, 11 Hours, \$150 Donated, \$550 In-kind)**

Junior Woman’s Club of Raleigh - Safe Shelter Collaborative is an organization that provides support to people seeking urgent shelter from domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking. This national collaboration seeks individuals and groups to support survivors who are in immediate danger by funding a night’s lodging in a hotel. The SafeNight app is available for download on iPad and android devices so members of the community can pledge money to help cover the typical cost of a one-night hotel stay, which averages \$75. At the October meeting, the members were educated on the Safe Shelter Collaborative and encouraged to download the SafeNight App to receive notifications when emergency lodging is needed so that members can contribute to the cost of the hotel room, an affordable way to make a difference. **(23 Members, 2Hours)**

GFWC Fuquay-Varina Junior Woman’s Club - InterAct of Wake County - At the October general meeting the club welcomed a speaker, Sharice Potts, from InterAct, which serves 60,000 members who are victims of domestic and sexual abuse. They offer crisis lines 24/7, online chats, Lethality Assessment Protocol (LAP), a 12-question survey to determine the danger the victims could be in, emergency shelter, electronic filing paperwork for protective orders, court advocacy, in-house legal partners. These programs help rebuild the lives of victims through support groups, counseling, and economic empowerment. Due to Covid 19 the ways the club could support them were different. Gift cards were identified as a need by InterAct. The club was able to donate \$350 of Charity Ball proceeds to InterAct for gift cards. Clubwomen wore purple to the October club meeting in support of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. **(31 Members, 10 Hours, \$350 Dollars Donated)**

A.L. Brown Juniorette Club - Human Trafficking Awareness - Club members received information about Human Trafficking Awareness and tips to bring awareness about the dangers and signs of human trafficking. The club made a donation to Age Ministries in January in honor of Human Trafficking Awareness Month. **(20 members, 10 Hours, \$100 Dollars Donated)**

GFWC of Holden Beach - Partnership with Hope Harbor Home As a result of their commitment to the organization, two members sit on the Board of Directors of Hope Harbor Home, a shelter for victims of domestic violence. They attend monthly executive committee and safety meetings in addition to special meetings when called. **(2 Members, 100 Hours, \$800 In-kind)**

“Sexual, racial, gender violence and other forms of discrimination and violence in a culture cannot be eliminated without changing culture.” - Charlotte Bunch



COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC RELATIONS

The Greensboro Woman's Club - Traditional Media - In September, an article, detailing multiple projects completed by the club and a picture of board members posing with the club banner, appeared in the Greensboro News and Record, with a circulation of 81,000. The banner said, "The Greensboro Woman's Club Celebrated the 100th Anniversary of Women's Right to Vote. Make Sure You Vote on Nov. 3rd." Spectrum News North Carolina. After the November 2020, election a reporter for Spectrum News North Carolina, which provides 24-hour news and features seven days a week through their cable channels, contacted the Greensboro Woman's Club through their webpage. The reporter requested an interview to discuss the significance of the record number of women in the new Biden-Harris administration. Several club members discussed, and one member was interviewed for the segment. It was stressed that the Greensboro Woman's Club and GFWC are non-political organizations, but there was strong appreciation for the incoming women and faith that they would make a difference. The segment emphasized that club membership covers a wide age range and fosters mutual respect and sharing of knowledge. **(80 Members, 15 Hours)**

Outer Banks Woman's Club - Technology Training Goals: To improve communications with focus on external communications and to leverage technology to work smarter, not harder as an organization. The club revised their bylaws to include Community Service Program Chairmen on the Executive Board. This created a challenge because most of the board members were new to the leadership team and many were not tech savvy. The club decided to leverage the technology platforms in place and prepare the new board for success. The Communications and Publicity Chairman developed and led training sessions for all board members on OneDrive, SignUpGenius, facilitating Zoom meetings, creating e-mail distribution lists, and other topics. One training session was scheduled each week during the summer months, and training was completed via Zoom. All training sessions were recorded and saved in a training folder to be used for new member orientation and refresher training. **(44 Members, 80 Hours)**

Charlotte Woman's Club - Handwritten Notes are a rare commodity. In this weird world where tweets, emails and text messages are prevalent, opening the mail and seeing a handwritten note is a gift. The Club President sent each member a hand-written note welcoming her to a new club year and thanking her for being a part of our organization. In December, she sent every member a holiday card to wish her well and in return, many of the club members sent cards to each other. Sympathy cards and notes of congratulations were sent to members. The most impactful note writing effort was done in cooperation with Teal Diva. This organization provides support for women fighting ovarian cancer. Each member wrote a note of encouragement to six women; 150 hand-written notes, sealed in envelopes with postage, were mailed with love. The art of writing a letter is not dead. It is, in fact, magical when you provide a personal touch. **(25 Members, 35 Hours, \$156 In-kind)**

GFWC of Holden Beach - Community Visibility - Printed Thank You cards (blank inside), are used for handwritten notes to 300+ donors and sponsors of the Annual Charity Gala and throughout the year. Club business cards are used for fundraising and club activities. **(36 Member, 60 Hours)**

Outer Banks Woman's Club - Website Redesign - The Club Communication and Public Relations Committee Chairman redesigned the club website to make it mobile friendly, simplified, and revitalized. The goal was to make it easy for anyone in the community to quickly understand who we are, what we do, and how to learn more about the club. The site address is www.gfwc-obwc.com or Google Outer Banks Woman's Club in any search engine. **(44 Members, 40 Hours)**

Wake Forest Woman's Club (WFWC) - Social Media Expansion - Communication efforts for the club in 2020, began with three separate established Standing Committees: Press Book, Publicity, and Yearbook. These committees were combined into the Communications Committee, which explored expanding the club's social media presence, primarily on Facebook. New initiatives included encouraging members to comment and share posts. CSP Chairmen also provided informative Facebook posts with photos of club activities. The Scrapbook Editor created 77 digitally formatted and informative scrapbook pages, utilizing photos provided by the Photographer and CSPs. Members provided short narratives describing activities. Each digital scrapbook page was posted in a timely manner. These eye-catching posts were informative and fun, bringing new followers, 500 currently. Posts regarding events, activities, and inspirational articles were shared. **(47 Members, 112 Hours)**

The Woman's Club of Clayton - Yearbook was significantly modified and made available online on the Member Resources page, which is password protected. New members were provided the password and encouraged to review the Yearbook to understand how the club operates and learn about Federation. When changes occurred, the information was included in the club newsletter. Members were encouraged to use the online copy to guarantee correct and up to date information. There are spreadsheets: active members, members by CSP, and Honorary members. The Yearbook includes club history, past and present leadership information, club goals and objectives, meeting information and dates, governance, GFWC organizational structure and Community Service Programs. **(69 Members, 30 Hours)**

Greensboro Woman's Club - Social Media - In 2020, the Facebook page had 57 posts and 45 shared posts from GFWC and GFWC-NC, highlighting inspirational women and "She Changed the World." The reach for all posts was 42,212 with an average of 413 people. The most active post highlighted the Club's Environment CSP collection of corks for Cork Club. It reached 5,389, with 1,087 engagements, and 38 shares. The second most active publicized the Public Issues CSP collection and distribution of "Grab and Go Snacks" for 250 EMS operators and 92 911 operators. It reached 1732, with 508 engagements. The most active post was the club's Ways and Means Committee launch of the "Tasteful Traditions" GFWC cookbook. This post reached 2,360 with 361 engagements and 28 shares, which helped with sales of the cookbook. Projects are linked to @GFWC, @GFWC-NC, and @GFWC-NC District 4. Each CSP has a hashtag. **(80 Members, 80 Hours)**

Charlotte Woman's Club - Zoom: In late February, our world was rocked. This was uncharted territory, but the club immediately turned to Zoom to stay connected. We zoomed monthly business meetings, committee meetings, membership events, and even socials. The first thing we did was offer basic etiquette tips to our members for Zoom meetings. We used to offer quarterly lunch meetings at restaurants in Uptown Charlotte and would open the invitation to any potential member or current member. Lunches stopped, but we pivoted! Charlotte Woman's Club had new, current, and prospective members join for casual conversation and lunch by Zoom. The most difficult to adapt but the most successful were the membership socials! The Charlotte Woman's Club held Happy Hours, Trivia Nights, and Holiday Socials by Zoom. **(25 Members, 15 Hours)**

The Woman's Club of Clayton - Flyers about special events are essential for drawing attention to an event and serve as a one-page source of information including who, what, when, where, how. The flyers were printed and given to members for distribution, included in the club newsletter, posted on the website and Facebook, and sent to local online/print media. Members went door to door to businesses throughout the community and requested that flyers be posted in windows or other places within the business. Flyers were developed by club members to keep the cost down but with a goal of making each flyer eye-catching. **(69 Members, 20 Hours, \$60 Dollars Spent)**

"If you just communicate, you can get by. But if you communicate skillfully, you can work miracles." – Jim Rohn



FUNDRAISING & DEVELOPMENT

Woman's Club of Mt. Airy - GFWC Embroidered Face Masks. The 2,700 plain face masks made by members from assorted donated fabric were provided to Hospice, nursing homes, teachers, and throughout the community. In lieu of payment, recipients were asked to donate food to the local school system's feeding program for food insecure families. Following this success, two styles of face masks were designed and made in Federation blue or red, each with the GFWC logo embroidered by one of the members. They found a way to make *'lemonade out of lemons!'* Workers solicited sales from members and posted pictures on personal Facebook pages. The response from GFWC sisters was immediate. 720 face masks were packaged and mailed to clubwomen nationwide, with an invoice and a note of thanks. The fabric, elastic, embroidery, and shipping were donated by a club member. Members worked from home. One member did the bookkeeping and addressed shipping labels; two members cut elastic and fabric; and another embroidered the GFWC logo and assembled the face masks. A member's husband delivered supplies, collected items, and helped ship the finished products. Proceeds provided food items for families in need and funded the club's student scholarship. **(4 Members, 1,800 Hours, \$3,600 Raised, \$6,840 In-kind)**

Bourbon, Baskets and Buck\$ Online Reverse Raffle: GFWC-South Brunswick Islands held their Bourbon, Baskets, and Buck\$ Reverse Raffle Fund'Racer' (Kentucky Derby-style) on September 5, 2020. This event, replacing the club's signature event Juleps and Jazz, was held online via Facebook Live. All club members participated by selling \$50 tickets (300 were sold), donating or soliciting items for the prize baskets, or working at the event. Eight club members gathered on-site at the Mulberry Community Center. This was a partnership with the Town of Shallotte to use this facility for the event. Local businesses supported the Reverse Raffle through monetary donations or with prizes. The event was promoted on the club's website, Facebook page, and the local newspaper. The online event was a success with twelve cash prizes totaling \$1,200, 36 basket prizes with a minimum value of \$50 each, and a grand prize valued at over \$1,000 awarded to the winners. **(53 Members, 160 Hours, \$18,050 Raised, \$3,700 In-kind Donations)**

Summer Sizzle Raffle: The **Outer Banks Woman's Club** replaced their signature fundraiser with a contactless Summer Sizzle Raffle. Nine club members served as Team Leads and each worked with 4 – 5 members to deliver and sell raffle tickets, collect ticket stubs and money from sales over a three-week period in July 2020. Weekly drawings were held over a six-week period and winners were notified by the club member who sold the winning ticket. The weekly drawings were filmed, published, and highlighted a different Community Service Program. These videos were filmed on location at various non-profit organizations supported by the Outer Banks Woman's Club. Videos were shared via email and Facebook. 300 tickets were sold for \$20 each. Five weekly prizes of \$100 were awarded. The 6th weekly drawing a grand prize of \$500 was awarded to one lucky recipient. **(43 Members, 120 Hours, \$4,932 Raised)**

Pocket Tree Fundraiser for Note in the Pocket: The **Cary Woman's Club** partnered with a local non-profit, "Note in the Pocket", that provides two weeks of school clothing to students who are homeless or have lost their housing and do not attend school due to lack of appropriate clothing. Note in the Pocket teams with public school counselors to identify the students in need and provided clothing for over 5,000 children in 2020. The club participated in the Cary Giving Tree project at Christmas and dedicated their tree to support Note in the Pocket. They hung a total of **152** "Pocket" decorations on the tree, each listing the website URL on the backside so that citizens could take pockets home and donate to the cause. This effort generated over \$2,000 in donations to Note in the Pocket! **(28 Members, 37 Hours, \$2,177 Raised, \$22 In-kind Donations)**

Gingerbread House Competition and Fundraiser: GFWC Fuquay-Varina Junior Woman's Club held the inaugural Fuquay-Varina Gingerbread House Competition and Fundraiser in partnership with the Fuquay-Varina Arts Center. Members from Fuquay-Varina were invited to participate. Entries were on display in the Arts Center, December 7th – 19th, and visitors voted for the People's Choice Award Winner. All entries were posted on the club's social media accounts and followers could vote for the Virtual People's Choice Award. A Gingerbread kit donated by the local Michael's store was provided to each registrant. The competition was an overwhelming success with 49 entries. The social media posts sharing the event and the virtual People's Choice competition reached over 16,400 people. The club raised \$5,154 after a local business matched their efforts. **(15 Members, 40 Hours, \$5,154 Raised)**

Thrift Shop: The Burlington Woman's Club Thrift Shop, established over 50 years ago, serves as the sole fundraising source. Forced to close for three months in 2020, the Shop underwent a necessary updating and rearranging to comply with restrictions imposed. With all measures in place and a scaled back support team of 13 volunteers, the Burlington Woman's Club overcame obstacles and generated over \$22,000. **(40 Members, 4,535 Hours, \$22,398 Raised)**

The Sedgefield Woman's Club - Spirit of Giving Campaign: In lieu of the annual Christmas Luncheon fundraiser, members hosted an online Silent Auction and 50/50 Raffle via the OneCause virtual fundraising platform. The Fundraising Committee rallied together and developed 37 packages for the Silent Auction, including donations from 36 local businesses. The auction site was launched on November 16th; bidding began on November the 23rd and closed on December 4th at noon. An in-person luncheon with 15 in attendance was the culmination of the event, where the 50/50 raffle winner was announced. **(63 Members, 500 Hours, \$16,000 Raised)**

COVID 'FUN'draisers: The Woman's Club of Clayton 'Fun'draisers was a five-fold package which generated \$8,730. Toilet paper-pumpkins were made from inexpensive toilet paper rolls, each wrapped in cloth and decorated in fall décor and sold for \$5.00 each, generating \$310. Love Offerings made by club members totaled \$3,273. To honor Women's Suffrage, hand-painted sunflowers on glasses, coffee mugs, and vases were sold, raising \$933. The club partnered with the American Legion to host a barbeque pork butt event netting \$2,898. The final event was Pie in the Sky, a pre-Thanksgiving event, where club members pre-sold four types of pies at \$20 each. 86 pies were sold and baked by club members with net earnings of \$1,316. **(69 Members, 1,005 Hours, \$8,730 Raised, \$2,320 In-kind)**

Yearbook Sponsorships: The Woman's Club of Raleigh dedicated a section of their 176-page yearbook for members and community partners to support their club, and for The Woman's Club of Raleigh to honor those that have supported them in the past. They included a new 4-color option on six divider pages of the yearbook. In 2020, the packet consisted of a cover letter, contract, W-9 that includes the EIN and the Annual Impact Report. **(18 Members, 400 Hours, \$6,050 Raised)**

Fundraising for the Food Bank: In December, **The Woman's Club of Raleigh** asked members to donate the amount they would have spent on the luncheons at the general meetings of the club that were cancelled, resulting in a donation to the Food Bank of \$5,000.00. The club learned that donations made to the Food Bank during the month of December were matched, turning the club donation into \$10,000, resulting in 100,000 meals provided for the hungry. **(236 Members, 236 Hours, \$5,000 Raised)**

"I have found that among its other benefits, giving liberates the soul of the giver." Maya Angelou



LEADERSHIP

Charlotte Woman's Club - Valuing Club History - The Charlotte Woman's Club is the oldest civic organization in Charlotte. Organized in 1899 as the Study Club for Mothers, the group enlarged its membership and civic activities in 1902 and became the Charlotte Woman's Club. Their history has been involved in numerous civic activities. The Club established the city's first kindergarten, staffed the bus and Southern Railway stations during both World Wars, and organized the YWCA, PTA, and Traveler's Aid in Charlotte. It is no wonder preserving this impressive and important history is significant to the club. When the club house was sold, they knew they wanted to save historic publications, photos, and artifacts. They rented a storage unit to house these items and keep them safe and preserved for future generations. **(25 members, 2 Hours, \$696 Dollars Spent)**

The Woman's Club of Clayton - Fraud Management – Unfortunately, the club was the victim of a terrible scam over the summer. This event was extremely challenging for the club and leadership. It started to become divisive, but the Club President, with the help of the officers, was able to answer the rhetoric with truth and move the club forward. Although it was not something anyone expected, they took a negative experience and turned it into a learning experience. They implemented changes to financial procedures and their line of communication. They acquired information about scams and fraud and shared with the membership in our newsletter. **(69 Members, 76 Hours, \$4,721 Dollars Spent)**

GFWC of Holden Beach - Don't Let Sleeping Dogs Lie - Leadership at its Best! This club does not “let sleeping dogs lie!” The club, chartered in 2007, is fortunate to have in membership all former club presidents plus three former state presidents as active members. The blending of the knowledge and history from Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, and North Carolina provides leadership support. The *Past Presidents Committee* was formed to keep them busy and was charged with supporting projects that benefit club goals. The first project was to work with the club's Membership Vice President to focus on membership retention. To help maintain the connection with members, the committee made personal phone calls to all members who had not yet paid club dues and reemphasized their value to the club. The committee budgeted \$200 for projects and the seven past club presidents who all have GFWC-NC Honorary Life Memberships donated \$50 each to the ventures of the group. **(8 Members, 41 Hours, \$450 Dollars Spent)**

Junior Woman's Club of Raleigh - Mid-Year Organizational Board Leadership Seminar In the spring of 2011, the Junior Woman's Club of Raleigh concluded that they could improve with emphasis on leadership development by providing formal leadership training to club members. Since that time, they have maintained an active Leadership Committee which provides meetings, workshops, and training to develop necessary traits of strong leaders in the club and community. In 2020, recognizing the need to adapt to new challenges, a Mid-Year Organizational Board Leadership Seminar was held to plan for the remainder of the club year using talking prompts such as “where have we been?” and “where are we going?” to lead discussion and guide towards a strong and effective future. **(7 Members, 14 Hours)**

Mary Stewart Woman's Club - Leadership at all Levels – As a newly formed club in 2016, Mary Stewart Woman's Club is proud to hold many leadership positions. In 2020, ten of the club members held multiple leadership positions within Mary Stewart Woman's Club, GFWC-NC District VI, and GFWC-NC. **(10 Members, 580 Hours)**

GFWC-South Brunswick Islands - New Member Orientation. Eight executive board members hosted and attended a new member orientation for 5 new members. New members were guided through a tutorial of the club website, including bylaws, committees and CSPs, and spent one-on-one time with the executive board in a Q&A session. The orientation was followed by a social. **(13 Members, 28 Hours, \$35 Dollars Spent, \$150 In-kind)**

Charlotte Woman's Club - Community Leadership. Members of the club believe in the importance of supporting the community, not only through their club work, but through other avenues as well. Even though some are holding down full-time jobs and/or are dedicated to being a parent, many still find time to be civic leaders. Ten members have dedicated their time to other organizations, serving in seventeen different positions and volunteering nearly 700 hours! While some are Trustees on Boards, others are on PTA's or committees at their church. These women are faithfully dedicated to the ideals of family and community. **(10 Members, 699 Hours)**

The Woman's Club of Clayton - Incoming Officers Meeting. The new officers were elected at the March meeting. The April meeting was cancelled. The May Business Meeting was held by Zoom and new officers were inducted. Immediately afterwards they met at the clubhouse and did an in-person ceremony with just the incoming officers, the Immediate Past President, and the official induction officer, so that we would be under the limit for indoor gatherings. They were able to meet a few times before being inducted to create an action plan for the new administration. As a result of these meetings, they were able to hit the ground running and make a smooth transition. The new CSP groups, appointed committee chairmen and special area chairmen, were ready to go. They developed the calendar of CSP duties, a Treasurer and CSP Chairman training, written procedures for CSP Chairmen, yearbook updates, worked on fundraising events and bylaw changes, and decided what the regular meetings would look like for the new year – all before the first meeting of the year! **(6 Members, 52 Hours, \$50 Dollars Spent)**

GFWC of Holden Beach - Train the Chairmen Project. Reporting is an important part of a chairman's duties. This year with the change in the format for State Reports, coupled with the appointment of some first-time chairmen, it was decided that a training session was needed. Our Dean of Chairmen is the First Vice President, who arranged a meeting and invited the Report Writing Team, Chairmen, President-elect, and President. The agenda included an explanation of the award entry process, why it is necessary to report, how the statistics are developed, where to find information, what is counted and where to send the report. Members were provided flyers, copies of forms and information helpful to the process. **(8 Members, 18 Hours, \$100 Dollars Spent)**

Junior Woman's Club of Raleigh - Emphasis on Easing Leadership Transitions. To further improve job satisfaction, increase effectiveness of leadership and to aid in transitioning leadership, strong emphasis was placed on moving all documentation and forms to shared drives such as Google and Dropbox. With this change, any member can access any form or report needed without having to wait for the information to be sent. In addition, existing officers have formulated timelines and task lists to help with the transition of leadership in the future. Recognizing that transitions cannot be completed electronically alone, at the end of the year, the president asked that all transitioning positions meet with their new counterpart. These individualized meetings provided an opportunity for sharing information specific to each CSP or committee and allowed for assessment of the effectiveness of projects from the previous year. According to feedback received from the board, CSP and committee chairs these exchange meetings significantly helped prepare them for their new leadership role. **(11 Members, 36 Hours)**

“Who you are comes before what you do. Leadership is being before doing.” - John Maxwell



LEGISLATION & PUBLIC POLICY

GFWC of Holden Beach - Make your Opinion Matter. To ensure members' voices were an instrument of influence and change, the club encouraged enrollment in the GFWC Legislative Action Center (LAC). The steps to enrollment were included in every club report and article for the monthly newsletter. Calls for legislative action were placed on the club Facebook page for extended coverage. Members were encouraged to visit the GFWC Legislative Action Center site to remain updated and act on any GFWC LAC Alerts received or other issues of interest. The chairman maintained a log of issues and actions taken. 95 legislative contacts were made. **(36 Members, 120 Hours)**

The Women's Club of Raleigh - In March, twenty-two members visited Washington, DC. They toured the Capitol and visited the offices of each member of North Carolina's Congressional Delegation. A packet of information about Resolutions of GFWC, GFWC-NC and The Woman's Club of Raleigh was provided. They watched from the House Gallery as Representatives voted and passed a bill to benefit veterans, and from the Senate Gallery as Senators voted and adopted a \$9 billion dollar appropriation bill to combat the Coronavirus. The club has a long history of grassroots involvement and activism in the legislative process. It is understood that there is strength in numbers and that our club alone can only do so much, but when we work together, we can bring about change. Members were encouraged to join GFWC's Legislative Action Center. **(25 members, 25 Hours)**

GFWC of Holden Beach - Work the Polls. Next to casting a ballot, serving as a poll worker is the most important thing a citizen can do to help democracy thrive. Poll workers play a crucial role in ensuring the strength and integrity of the voting process. They are the lifeblood of well-run polling places and help secure our rights as U.S. citizens. Members supported the community by becoming poll workers during the Primary and General Elections. **(36 Members, 170 Hours)**

To celebrate the **100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution**, the **Mary Stewart Woman's Club** held a tea party on the evening of August 18, 2020, the date of the historic vote in 1920. Members donned suffragette - themed apparel, decorated hats, sashes, and buttons. Each attendee selected a card randomly and read aloud the included name and information regarding an important woman and the contributions toward and sacrifices associated with her fight for the passage of the 19th Amendment. A brief discussion about each woman was held as we understood the passion and commitment of the women of the suffrage movement. Remote voting applications were shared to encourage registering to vote via mail for the general election. Each participant received a bookmark with 100th Anniversary and GFWC-NC clipart and a coated paperclip with yellow, white, and purple ribbon made by a club member. The program was a reminder of the long-fought struggle women made to obtain the right to vote and emphasized the importance of exercising that right. **(6 Members, 11 hours; \$50 In-Kind Donations)**

GFWC of Holden Beach - Communication with Members - The club's Legislation & Public Policy Chairman prepared reports for monthly meetings and articles for The Communique, a digitally delivered monthly newsletter sent to all members, addressing information on state legislative concerns and from the GFWC Legislative Action Center and the Weekly Legislative Updates from the Women's Congressional Policy Institute. She participated and shared the information learned at the GFWC Summer Legislative/Public Policy Webinar. **(1 Member, 13 Hours)**

The best public policy is made when you are listening to people who are going to be impacted. – Elizabeth Dole

MEMBERSHIP



RECRUITMENT

- The **Junior Woman's Club of Raleigh** developed innovative methods for membership recruitment that included reaching out to women's groups on area college campuses, promoting the club at area apartment complexes, and developing branded material to increase name presence within the community. Additionally, the club posts monthly member spotlights on all social media platforms where members share how the club has impacted their lives. **(15 Members, 75 Hours)**
- The **Wake Forest Woman's Club** hosted a "Tell Me More" recruitment event at the Wake Forest Historical Museum. This event was open to the public and members invited guests to attend. The club set up displays featuring each Community Service Program's projects and activities as well as a digital slideshow of club and member activities. Committee members and club members were present and shared the club's story from their perspective hoping to draw interest in their club. **(20 Members, 78.5 Hours, \$160 Dollars Spent)**



RETENTION

- The **Greensboro Woman's Club** focused their efforts on caring for their members during the pandemic. With restrictions in place for social gathering they named a Teleconferencing Chairman to their board of directors to streamline all the Zoom meetings necessary for the club to function. She scheduled all the meetings, provided links, and was the point person for technology support for members. Monthly meetings have been held virtually and have had high attendance, helping the club maintain its number of service projects as well as fundraising efforts. **(78 Members, 126 Hours)**
- The **GFWC of Holden Beach** woman's club shows its heart to members during their time of need, especially during the pandemic when it is most difficult. We have lost the ability to put our arms around a member in need, to support a member who has lost a spouse or family member, to just be there for our members when they need it most. This club found a way to continue to support their members in a way that was socially distanced but still gave their members the love and care they needed. They provided meals, sent loving cards, and donated money in support of their members to show their support even during the most difficult times. **(36 Members, 100 Hours, \$1850 Dollars Spent)**
- **The Woman's Club of Clayton** works hard to keep their members engaged and active despite the effects of the pandemic last year. They felt the importance of staying in touch and in communication with each member and hosted a weekly Zoom social meeting. Each Friday the link was available for any member to log on and connect with other members in a way to keep up with the club activities and served as a lifeline for members who were more isolated. Their Recording Secretary served as their point person for setting up the meetings and she provided technical support to members needing help. As the year progressed the meetings were reduced to twice a month to still offer the club connection for all members. **(69 Members, 279 Hours)**



MENTORING

- The **Wilmington Woman's Club** held a New Member Orientation in February 2020, just prior to the start of the pandemic. Several members, new members, and prospective members were in attendance. This orientation was well planned and gave a thorough overview of all areas of GFWC internationally from its early roots in 1868 through the current day. Additionally, current members shared the benefits of belonging to the Federation on all levels from the club to the district to the state and then international. A New Member Brochure providing historical information, benefits of belonging, and membership requirements was given to new members and prospective members. **(16 Members, 74 Hours)**
- The **GFWC Triad Woman's Club** embraces their new members by providing them with the tools they need to succeed in their club and as a member of the GFWC. The club makes available at each meeting a Membership Packet that includes information on club, state, and the international federation. Making this information readily available at meetings gives new and prospective members the ability to see and understand all aspects of federation life and understanding from the beginning how wonderful it is! **(5 Members, 10 Hours, \$230 Dollars Spent)**



RECOGNITION

- The **GFWC Fuquay-Varina Junior Woman's Club** hosted their annual end of year banquet outdoors to enable their members and prospective members to come together safely, if they wanted to, and celebrate their members' and club's accomplishments over the past year. The event was catered with boxed meals for safety. The club offered a Zoom link for anyone not comfortable gathering and delivered boxed meals to those members. **(22 Members, 62 Hours)**
- The **Charlotte Woman's Club** believes in celebrating service and honoring their members all year long, especially their leaders and those with many years of federated club work. They acknowledge members' years of service with GFWC Membership Pins and honor members with GFWC-NC Honorary Lifetime Memberships. Each year the club recognizes these special memberships, currently eight members have this status. The club celebrates the incoming officers with an installation ceremony recognizing their commitment and dedication to the upcoming year. Additionally, the club honors the current President at the end of her administration with a gift and a Past President's Pin. **(25 Members, 9 Hours)**
- **GFWC of Holden Beach** created and implemented a special recognition called Gem of the Month. An enormously oversized plastic diamond ring on a ribbon is given to a member each month. The following month the recipient selects another member who has done something special for her or the club. **(9 Members, 9 Hours)**

Teamwork divides the task and doubles the success. - Anonymous



WOMEN'S HISTORY AND RESOURCE CENTER

GFWC Holden Beach - Suffragettes Presentation - The club's past presidents, still in active membership, and three former state presidents who served in Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, and North Carolina, make up the Past Presidents' Committee. The Past President's Committee organized a project to focus on the GFWC-NC President's Special Project: Sunflowers for Suffrage. The goal was to make it fun and informative since they could not be together in person. These members dressed as suffragettes in white with hats and purple and gold accents for the club's zoom meeting. The Club President introduced them as special 'guests' and the members enjoyed seeing the 'guests' in all their finery. The committee chairman presented an oral history of the work of the suffragettes. Photos of the meeting were posted on Facebook and shared on GFWC-NC's Facebook Page. Members also shared the posts to promote the event. **(36 Members, 22 Hours)**

Greensboro Woman's Club - Know your Federation – The club recognizes the history and importance of Federation, so they created a board position of Federation Liaison and introduced it in 2020. This member gives a Federation report at each board and general meeting and writes a monthly column in the newsletter, entitled "Federation Corner." Featured information:

- An article about GFWC and the purpose of the Women's History and Resource Center.
- Information about GFWC's affiliate organization March of Dimes and its #BlanketChange.
- Information about the virtual open house at GFWC Headquarters and how to view it.
- Promotion of GFWC's campaign for the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act.
- An article about GFWC members who took part in the 1913 Women's Suffrage Procession in DC.
- An article about the Equal Rights Amendment and GFWC's resolution of its support.
- Details of the GFWC-NC President's Special Project "She Elevates the World."
- Information about the GFWC-NC Program Chairmen's Zoom presentations and links to each.
- Announcement of the Greensboro Woman's Club's hosting of GFWC-NC District 4 Fall Meeting.

(2 Members, 12 hours)

Mary Stewart Woman's Club - Zoom Federation Day Celebration - Through the lens of COVID 19, Federation Day looked a little different, so the traditional celebration was not possible. Mary Stewart Woman's Club decided to celebrate at their first virtual meeting held in April. They decided celebrating the accomplishments of what federated women's clubs accomplish together would be the theme. The members decided to celebrate by each member sharing what is special about federation for them personally. The club members have served GFWC in many positions at many levels, so they each shared their favorite accomplishments, service projects, and stories of federation friends. The Federation Day celebration affirmed that kindness and caring begins in our clubs. The simple act of sharing became a celebration, and members were grateful. **(10 members, 10 Hours)**

Burlington Junior Woman's Club - Suffrage Sunday - The Suffrage Sunday posts were the combined idea of members of the Burlington Junior Woman's Club, Greater Alamance Woman's Club, and the Burlington Woman's Club. Two club women conducted research to provide a more accurate depiction of the Women's Suffrage Movement. A letter was penned to discuss the information found. This information (as well as those organizations and Women of Color who were vital to the Suffrage Movement) was highlighted in a social media campaign and the creation of a social media toolkit. **(7 members, 10 hours)**

GFWC of Holden Beach - Proclamation by Town Commissioners. Using the Resolution developed by the 2018-2020 GFWC Resolutions Chairman for the 100th Anniversary Celebration of the Passage of the 19th Amendment, the club presented one to the Mayor of Holden Beach. The Resolution, recognizing the importance of the adoption of the 19th Amendment and the activities of GFWC of Holden Beach, was adopted by the Holden Beach Town Commissioners by proclamation and presented to the Club President in September. A picture and article were published in the local newspaper and posted on Facebook. **(1 Member, 8 Hours)**

Wilmington Woman's Club - "Re-treeing" Oakdale Cemetery - As part of the GFWC-NC Grand Project for Arbor Day, the members of the club decided planting trees would be their 2020 Federation Day project. They began saving their loose change in January with plans to plant a tree in April at Oakdale Cemetery. The 65-acre cemetery, established in 1852 as North Carolina's First Rural Cemetery, is now within the city limits. During Hurricane Florence, there was severe damage to hundreds of trees and flower beds. When the superintendent of the cemetery was questioned about how the Wilmington Woman's Club could help the cemetery, he immediately suggested the purchase of a fast-growing oak sapling. With "money in hand," three trees were purchased and delivered. Hopefully, the trees will grow to maturity to enhance the beauty of the cemetery. The membership was happy to help preserve history. **(13 Members, 25 Hours, \$260 In-Kind)**

GFWC of Holden Beach - Federation Day - April 24th Blitz - To celebrate our birthday and the 100th Centennial of the women's right to vote, the club held a legislative blitz. Members also invited friends and family to call, write, and email US Senators and Representatives to urge the passage of Miranda's Law (S1787 and HR 2793) and the 3D Printed Gun Safety Act (S1831 and HR 3265). A flyer providing contact information for NC Senate and House members was distributed to every member by the GFWC-HB E-Alert system. Information included the steps for making telephone calls and writing emails with suggested scripts and messages. The blitz resulted in 50 contacts to legislators on April 24th. **(36 Members, 35 Hours)**

Greensboro Woman's Club owns and operates the **Weir-Jordan House**, which is on the National Register of Historic Places. It is used for club meetings and rented to the public for community functions. The club views the sustainability of the Weir-Jordan House as one of its most important projects. Operating income is generated through catering and rent. To meet the yearly budget of over \$50,000, the board seeks grants and oversees fundraising efforts. Every effort is made to preserve this historic home. It displays to the community the club's history and the scope of GFWC's history. The Board of Trustees faced a crisis with the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic, so they took immediate action to reduce expenses. During 2020, the board met monthly via Zoom to monitor these efforts. Before the pandemic, a local \$5,000 grant had been secured to repair one of the home's side porches. With it and the fundraising efforts from 2019, member donations, and careful fund management, the club was able to put forward the remaining \$6,500 necessary to totally fund the project. The result was a beautiful, safe porch which matches its twin on the other side of the house. **(15 Members, 480 Hours, \$13,900 Dollars)**

GFWC Holden Beach - April Newsletter Federation Focus. The club's newsletter, The Communique, is digitally developed and delivered to every member monthly. The April edition included an explanation of the significance of April 24th to GFWC and highlights of three North Carolina members and their accomplishments from the early years of GFWC-NC: Lucy Bramlette Patterson, Sallie Southall Cotten and Gertrude Dillis McKee. **(36 Members, 40 Hours)**

"Encourage member participation in diverse club and community projects developed to preserve the past, promote the present, and inspire the future. - GFWC