

GFWC-NC Civic Engagement and Outreach Community Service Program

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"Civic Engagement means working to make a difference in the civic life of our communities and developing the combination of knowledge, skills, values and motivation to make that difference. It means promoting the quality of life in a community through political and non-political processes."

- Preface of *Civic Responsibility and Education*, an authoritative book edited by Thomas Ehrlich and published by Oryx Press in 2000.

What is Civic Engagement and Outreach?

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Process of Civic Engagement

"Civic engagement is the process of connecting individuals in society with one another, to share common interests, and to work for the common good."

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| | How Do We Engage? |
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| 25 | Volunteering |
| | Advocacy |
| | Fundraising/donations |
| | Problem Solving |
| # <u>***</u> | Keeping an eye on our neighbor/ supporting small businesses. |
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GFWC Community Connection Initiative 2022-24 "A Little Thanks Goes A Long Way" Honoring Essential Workers

WHO ARE EXAMPLES OF ESSENTIAL WORKERS? Medical care providers,

first responders (LE, firemen, EMS), 911 dispatchers, civil service employees, farmers, utility workers, pharmacy providers, bank employees, delivery services, retail employees, sanitation employees, and military personnel are all examples.



To be involved is to care about your community and work with others to make it a more positive place to live, work, and socialize.

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WAYS WE CAN ADVOCATE FOR THEM

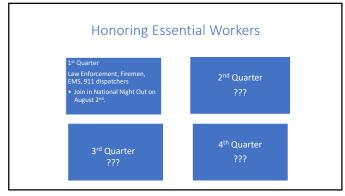
- Encourage participation in National Night Out on Tuesday, August 2, 2022
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 Support Fire Prevention Week October 9-15, 2022
 Present a Proclamation for "Essential Workers Week."
 Sponsor a 'business fair' for local businesses (collaborate with Chamber of Commerce)
 Deliver food to their place of business.
 Distribute care packages the first of every month.
 Classing "Chamber "Essential Workers" Keen Our Country Moving Forward" on car windows
- Display GFWC "Essential Workers Keep Our Country Moving Forward" on car windows and mailboxes.

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 Throw a neighborhood or community parade and showcase essential workers of all fields.

 Highlight an essential worker in your club's newsletter and partner with local PR to ensure that the community is aware of these individuals.

 Create signage for your Main Street to highlight the companies and/or individuals who are working to make your community a better place





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Civic Engagement and Outreach CSP Mission BE responsible to undertake ACTIONS that will create a better quality of life and foster a sense of community – locally, nationally, and globally. Focus areas: Citizenship Crime Prevention, Safety, and Disaster Preparedness The Needy, Hungry, and Homeless Military Personnel and Veterans Support and Aid Female Veterans

| | PROGRAM IDEAS |
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| | Conduct Community Conversation sessions to engage the larger community on key issues, identify positive solutions, and stimulate public policy initiatives. |
| | Sponsor a Candidates Forum for town officials and/or state representatives, with club members serving as hosts and moderators. Invite media to cover the event. |
| Citizenship | Invite a speaker from the League of Women Voters to provide information on voting rights and how to increase participation and educate voters. |
| | Honor and celebrate patriotic holidays by hosting or volunteering for events commemorating Presidents' Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Veterans Day, Constitution Day, and others. |
| | Consider purchasing or printing copies of the United States Constitution for distribution to middle school aged youth a school, athletic groups, after-school programs such as YMCA, Girls Clubs/Boys Clubs, etc. Consider Collaborating with civic groups to conduct citizenship composition contests for these youth. One organization that provides copies at a bulk rate is Freedom Factor. |
| | Encourage all members to sign up for the GFWC Legislative Action Center and communicate the issues in club publications, website and when appropriate on social media platforms. |
| | Participate/organize community 'service days' such as Martin Luther King's birthday, September 11 th Service Day, etc. |

Crime
Prevention,
Safety, and
Disaster
Preparedness

War club members and others by sharing information on identity Theft from USAgov, including potential victims, types of theft, warning signs, and prevention as well as how to report aid respond.
Help make homes and communities safe by providing information on crime prevention as well as how to report aid respond.
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Provide information on Artisk driving practices, such as texting and failure to use seat prepared and prepared

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Consult you local welfare office, shelters, churches, and other community assistance of the consulting of the control of the c









GFWC AWARDS

GFWC recognizes State Federations for outstanding projects and clubs for creative projects in implementing effective Civic Engagement and Outreach Community Service Program projects and Affiliate Organization projects as follows:

- $\ensuremath{ \diamondsuit}$ Certificate to one State Federation in each membership category
- * \$50 award to one club in the nation for project creativity

Award winners will be determined by entries into the Award Program.

Each State Federation may submit one State Award Entry and one Club Creativity Award Entry for the Civic Engagement and Outreach Community Service Program projects.

Clubs do not submit entries directly to GFWC

Refer to the Awards section of the Club Manual for more information, including the Award Entry Cover Sheet guidelines

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GFWC-NC Reporting and Awards

Overview of Reporting

- > Annual Program and Statistics Report CSP reports to President of club
 - Includes number of projects and participants, hours, donations, in-kind donations, dollars spent, and dollars raised. Due to GFWC-NC 1st VP by February 1st. Club sets due date.

Overview of Awards

- One Outstanding Program award for a General, Junior, Juniorette club for each CSP and one Creativity Award for all clubs. Judging criteria is defined.
- > Special Programs One Overall Club and one Club Creativity Award in each Program among all clubs.

 * The primary resource for all reporting and awards is on the GFWC NC website under Reporting and Awards. Many of the forms are fillable online.



