

## **GFWC of North Carolina Arts and Culture Community Service Program Top Ten Projects - 2022**

**Project Warmth** was created by 14 knitters and crocheters in the **Wake Forest Woman's Club**, who were looking for a way to use their skills to serve others. This club used their creative talents of knitting and crocheting for 1,773 volunteer hours to create 190 items. The mittens, gloves, scarves, shawls, and blankets were delivered by club members throughout 2022 to the following: Hillside Rehab and Nursing Center in Wake Forest, Tri-Area Ministry Food Pantry, and Duke University Hospital in Durham. From shawls for elderly – hats, scarves, and gloves for neighbors who are financially insecure – and premie caps for babies in the neonatal unit – this group of talented ladies spread warmth throughout their community and across the lifespan. **14 MEMBERS 1,733 HOURS \$200 DONATED \$180 IN-KIND DONATIONS**

**The Cary Woman's Club Gifting Tree** is a project that developed from an established relationship with a local nonprofit, Note in the Pocket, which provides 2 weeks of school clothing for students in need. Also, the club annually participates in the Cary Gifting Tree project, by decorating a tree in the downtown area for the month of December-this year, club women decorated the tree with 'pockets' held by sparking pipe cleaners. As visitors strolled thru town, they could pick up a pocket, read the information provided, and communicate with Note in the Pocket to donate to a child in need. There was a unique website/URL on each 'pocket' ornament so their club would get credit. **29 MEMBERS 35 HOURS \$150 DONATED \$13 IN-KIND DONATIONS**

**The Henderson Jr Woman's Club, Henderson Juniores** and a local school EC Class worked together to create beautiful **Fabric Pumpkins** for the families of the EC students and the Cancer patients at a local hospital. The 70 pumpkins were made of Styrofoam, cut material, a wooden limb, and a cute bow. One club woman took the initiative and made an in-kind donation of \$225 to buy all the materials, make all the bows, distribute the materials, make a few herself, pick up the finished product, and take the finished pumpkins to the local cancer center to be distributed to patients with a note of Thankfulness. The pumpkins had a positive impact on the lives of 70 patients and students. **13 MEMBERS 20 HOURS \$225 IN-KIND DONATIONS**

**The Burlington Woman's Club** provided newsletter articles about various cultures and traditions in the club's monthly newsletter. The February article offered the history of Black History Month and highlighted the **African-American Cultural Arts and History Center of Alamance County (AACAH)**. The executive director of that organization spoke at a meeting via Zoom. In addition to this, Elon University provides many cultural opportunities for local club women. Nine events were attended by one or more clubwomen. **16 MEMBERS 68 HOURS**

**The Wendell Woman's Club** hosted their 1<sup>st</sup> Annual **'Women Supporting Women Craft Bazaar'**, which was intended to encourage town residents to shop locally during the holiday season and also to support local female artisans on Small Business Saturday. Club women created applications for this event to select participants and they ensured the event was well-publicized. During the event, clubwomen partnered with The Crafty Corner Arts and Crafts Club to provide craft projects for children in attendance. This day was a success and they are planning to make this a semi-annual event next year. **6 MEMBERS 46 HOURS \$146 DONATED \$100 IN-KIND DONATIONS**

**The Wilmington Woman's Club** presented **Christmas Wreaths** to low-income nursing home residents who either have no family or have family members who never visit. Club women decorated 15 small wreaths with miniature ornaments, colored tinsel, small Christmas balls, and tiny packages. When they delivered the wreaths the recipients and staff were excited and overjoyed to

receive these beautiful gifts. **10 MEMBERS 40 HOURS \$195 IN-KIND DONATIONS**

**GFWC-South Brunswick Islands (GFWC-SBI) - "Penny's Passion"**- Penny Redwine, a founding member with 45 years of service to the Federation passed away in March of 2022. Penny held an art degree from ECU and was an accomplished visual artist who served as one of the first visual art teachers locally. At her husband's request, the club established a fund that would support her passion for art education and honor her legacy within the community – initial donations exceeded \$3,500.00. The first contribution from this fund was made to a local middle school in the form of gift cards to encourage students to enter the local GFWC-SBI Arts Festival. Plans were also laid to donate funds for adaptive art supplies at the district level for students with special needs. **53 MEMBERS 15 HOURS \$250 DONATED**

**The Wake Forest Juniores** made 28 **Encouragement Cards** by hand that were mailed to **Letters of Love**, a non-profit charity. The Letters of Love organization distributes handmade cards to children who are hospitalized. Using construction paper and other crafting supplies, the Juniores made one-of-a-kind personalized cards to let the children know they are loved and remembered. These handmade cards were sent to the headquarters in Minnesota and distributed to children experiencing extended hospital stays. **8 MEMBERS 4 HOURS**

**The Mary Stewart Woman's Club** held a hands-on watercolor painting tutorial at one of their club meetings. Members **Painted greeting cards** in Autumn, Christmas, and abstract floral designs. The cards were signed by clubwomen and distributed to shut-ins visited monthly while delivering Meals on Wheels treats during the 2022 Fall season. **9 MEMBERS 14 HOURS \$8 IN-KIND DONATIONS**

**GFWC of Holden Beach** got crafty with multiple uses for their **creative centerpieces**. Clubwomen met and created the coastal-themed centerpieces which incorporated a cylindrical vase, jute twine, starfish, and a decorative dolphin that held sand and a battery-operated candle. This club hosted the District 7 Fall Meeting and used these centerpieces on the tables. After the meeting, the centerpieces were carefully wrapped and donated to the Brunswick Community College for use at their upcoming events. **16 MEMBERS 100 HOURS \$280 DONATED \$203 IN-KIND DONATIONS**