

GFWC of North Carolina Civic Engagement and Outreach CSP Top Ten Projects - 2022

GFWC of Holden Beach: Sock It to Me—Members of this club’s CEO CSP Initiated a sock collection for the homeless as having a clean pair of socks is often taken for granted. The homeless walk often, rarely remove their shoes, and seldom have laundry facilities available. To encourage participation in this sock, the project was featured in the Communique, the Club’s digital monthly newsletter. A “Sock Tree” was created and collected socks were hung on the tree. Over a two-month period 183 pairs of men’s, women’s and children’s socks were collected. With no homeless shelter designated in Brunswick County, socks were delivered to Hope Harbor Home, Brunswick County’s only program for victims of domestic violence and their children, Providence Home, Brunswick County’s only emergency youth shelter, and the Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina. **46 MEMBERS 56 HOURS \$25 DONATED \$925 IN-KIND DONATIONS**

Zebulon Woman’s Club: Celebrating Essential Workers - Once a month, this club donated pies, cakes, meals, and baskets filled with goodies from club members to first responders, including police departments and firemen to celebrate these Essential Workers. **22 MEMBERS 50 HOURS \$100 DONATED**

Fuquay-Varina Woman’s Club (FVWC): Strong Women – FVWC created this project to highlight strong women in their community for their strengths and to share this information so that others are aware of their contributions to the town. Members nominate women from the community. A member of this CSP interviews the monthly nominee and prepares the write-up for the newsletter and Facebook. The interview consists of questions about the nominee’s life, work, skills, strengths and deeply held beliefs. This effort also connects FVWC with other local organizations by way of these strong women. The nominees for 2022 ranged from a lifelong resident that owned a diner, a middle school assistant principal making change in Fuquay-Varina one child at a time, a member of Rotary Club and Campbell University staff, a kind and loving real estate agent that made a huge impact in the town, a club member that makes a difference in all of their lives, and a veteran and restaurant owner. The articles are published in the club newsletter and on Facebook. The posts and photos are seen by all who like the page and see the shared posts. The articles are archived in the Fuquay-Varina Museum for long-term availability! **3 MEMBERS 42 HOURS**

Wendell Woman’s Club: Town Employee Appreciation Luncheon – Club members brought back an honored tradition: the annual Wendell Town Employees Appreciation Luncheon. With COVID coming to an end, the Wendell Woman’s Club honored and thanked the Wendell Town employees for their service and ongoing commitment to the Town of Wendell. In November, the club hosted their 16th annual appreciation luncheon to express their gratitude for all that the town and its employees do for their community. **8 MEMBERS 96 HOURS \$100 DONATED \$845 IN-KIND DONATIONS**

The Woman’s Club of Raleigh: Community Conversations at the Club – The November General Meeting and Luncheon hosted "Embracing Raleigh's Diversity", Claudia Velasco, the Consul General for the Mexican Consulate and Monica Colin, overseer of the health and medical sector at the Consulate as guest speakers. Members and guests were informed about the Consulate's work for the Latino community in both North and South Carolina. Women's health care in the Latino community needs improvement. On November 17th, "Embracing Raleigh's Diversity" Community Conversation was held at the clubhouse. The panelists were a diversity expert, a newly elected public official, representatives from the Mexican Consulate and an inclusivity promoter. Printed materials were shared. Nine local media outlets, TWCR newsletter, and eFlash

advertised the event. **87 MEMBERS 38 HOURS \$175 IN-KIND DONATIONS**

Zebulon Woman's Club: Town Public Meetings - Members attend monthly Town of Zebulon public meetings to share town happenings with the club. **4 MEMBERS 96 HOURS**

Fuquay-Varina Junior Woman's Club (FVJWC): Blood Drives - FVJWC has been named the 2022 Biomed Partner of the Year for the American Red Cross - the highest honor for biomed service partnerships - for their efforts in arranging and encouraging blood donations. At the time of the award, FVJWC had hosted 14 drives that collected over 670 units of blood. For the 2022 year the total collected was 228 units. The average drive size has been 47 units collected per drive, which is the largest of ANY group in eastern NC. Roughly translated to helping save 76 lives in just the last year. FVJWC members gather (often with their children) to decorate signs or create shirts and assemble snacks every two months. They have had over 81 first-time donors, and their fun and festive themed experiences has the Red Cross staff regularly swapping locations to be able to attend the FVJWC drives. They proudly partner with local businesses and churches to arrange highly visible locations for the event, and encourage passersby to stop in. **16 MEMBERS 122 HOURS \$100 IN-KIND DONATIONS**

GFWC-South Brunswick Islands (GFWC-SBI): Drug Addiction and Behavioral Health: The Rose House- GFWC-SBI President was an honored guest speaker at the Grand Open House of The Rose House, the female treatment facility of Brunswick Christian Recovery Center. It is the first and only treatment center for women in the local area. The seven-bedroom facility houses twenty women at a time through a 16-week recovery program providing them with skills needed to integrate back into the work force and return home to being wives and mothers. This club presented a \$1000 donation for operation of the facility and treatment programs as well as a "Rose Blanket" hand-made by the GFWC-SBI Sewing Committee. In addition, members had in-kind donations of a TV mount, and sheets for the residents. **53 MEMBERS 10 HOURS \$1,000 DONATED \$700 IN-KIND DONATIONS**

Greensboro Woman's Club (GWC): Hunger Prevention - The annual CROP WALK for hunger sponsored by Church World Service is a nation-wide event! Nineteen GWC members walked for a total of 39 volunteer hours. \$845.00 was donated to Church World Service by club women to fight hunger both locally and abroad. Local food banks are the greatest source of help for the hungry in the local community. Out of the Garden Project, a local food bank, has a food warehouse staffed by volunteers. Seventeen club members volunteered 42 hours at the warehouse filling back packs with food for school children to take home on the weekends. **27 MEMBERS 81 HOURS \$845 DONATED**

Cary, Raleigh, & Mary Stewart Woman's Clubs: Gold Star Mothers Across NC —The Gold Star Mothers Dinner was held at the Sheraton Hotel in Durham in conjunction with the Purple Heart Foundation to honor the mothers of families who have lost a loved one in military service. This is the first time Gold Star Mothers from all around NC were honored as a group. Over 700 people from all over NC attended to honor them and their families. The Cary Woman's Club led the planning effort and collaborated with The Woman's Club of Raleigh and Mary Stewart Woman's Club members to assist and/or sponsor families. Several members volunteered their time, with a club member serving as project lead for planning and organizing of the program. Attendees experienced an amazing patriotic and meaningful event recognizing those who fought for our country while honoring their families. **26 MEMBERS 360 HOURS \$385 DONATED \$619 IN-KIND DONATIONS**