

## **GFWC of North Carolina Education and Libraries Community Service Program Top Ten Projects - 2022**

**Greensboro Woman's Club (GWC): Story Walk** – Club members created a mobile Story Walk which featured the book *From Head to Toe* by Eric Carle. The first installation of the story was on the grounds of the local public library. Children could walk or run from page to page, reading and reacting to the story. Approximately 60 children participated during the first week of the Story Walk. GWC members then moved the portable Story Walk to more than 15 locations during the spring and summer. Children at various schools, libraries, and parks had an opportunity to take a walk and read the story independently or with their families.

**20 MEMBERS 157 HOURS \$462 DONATED \$25 IN-KIND DONATIONS**

**Burlington Woman's Club: Library Outreach** – Club members partnered with the local public library and volunteered to support a variety of programs. Club members assisted with the local bookmobile by shelving books and helping patrons, planned and shared stories with children at the local parks, and picked up and delivered books from the public library for homebound adults. Club members also supported the bi-annual book sales for special library programs by volunteering at the events and providing refreshments.

**14 MEMBERS 144 HOURS \$348 IN-KIND DONATIONS**

**Fuquay-Varina Junior Woman's Club (FVJWC): Teacher Grants** – This Junior Club created an online application process for teachers to request needed classroom supplies. They partnered with two elementary schools, one middle school, two high schools, and one charter school to fulfill these needs for the educators that work so hard for the community. Thirty-one requests were submitted, and the club ordered and delivered at least one wish-list item to each teacher. Many of the requested items were related to STEM subject areas. Other notable requests included items such as an adaptable desk, pool noodles for a drama class, foreign language magazines, and bibs and aprons for a Foods and Nutrition Class. **18 MEMBERS 26 HOURS \$2,500 DONATED \$250 IN-KIND DONATIONS**

**Wake Forest Woman's Club (WFWC): Importance of Home Libraries** – To help increase the number of books that children have at home, WFWC sponsored a "Books for Laundromats" Program. Throughout the year, new and gently used children's books were dropped off every other week at two area laundromats. The books were stamped with the club's logo and placed in a special box. A sign on the box encouraged families to take home a book. Books were also donated to the Wake Forest Community Table and used as weekly giveaways at community meals. Funds were provided to purchase STEM books for families to borrow at a local community center. **24 MEMBERS 57 HOURS \$200 DONATED \$600 IN-KIND DONATIONS**

**Charlotte Woman's Club (CWC): Tutoring of At-Risk Students** – CWC is committed to providing caring and highly-trained tutors for children whose families cannot afford to pay for private tutoring or special programs. They donated funds to a local literacy project that works to improve the reading, writing, and spelling skills of young readers in under-resourced communities. This literacy project provides readers with free, long term, one-on-one instruction from highly trained tutors. Charlotte Woman's Club also believes that all elementary students deserve an opportunity to develop a strong foundation in math. They provided funds to sponsor math tutoring for 15 economically challenged Title I students through the Heart Math Tutoring Program. This donation will cover the costs of math manipulatives and take-home math materials used by tutors and students. **30 MEMBERS 30 HOURS \$5,700 DONATED**

**GFWC of Holden Beach: Partnership with Community Schools** – This club partnered with a local elementary school and provided 90 kindergarten students Dr. Seuss books and snack bags to celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday and to encourage literacy. They collected over 130 books from the club and community members. Additional books and snacks were distributed to two other elementary schools and at a shelter for women and children. In March, members read Dr. Seuss books to kindergarten classes. The club also supported a local middle school by

providing snacks for the school's "Book Bistro" events. The purpose of the program is to encourage reading and introduce students to a variety of books. **35 MEMBERS 132 HOURS \$870 DONATED \$301 IN-KIND DONATIONS**

**GFWC-NC Statesville Woman's Club (SWC): Let's End Period Poverty** – SWC partnered with two local non-profit organizations to end period poverty in their school communities. Period poverty is defined as the unaffordability of menstruation products which negatively impacts school and work attendance. The lack of these necessary supplies for middle and high school students results in personal embarrassment, a decrease in school attendance, poor grades, and isolation from peers. As a result of this project, six middle and high schools now have red carts located in the girls' bathrooms. These locations provide supplies in a less embarrassing way for young women and decreases the need for them to visit the clinic for supplies. The club donated funds to support the project and provided supplies for the carts. SWC also submitted press releases and posted information on social media to bring awareness to the community. **25 MEMBERS 50 HOURS \$350 DONATED \$250 IN-KIND DONATIONS**

**The Woman's Club of Raleigh (TWCR): Middle School Partnership** – TWCR established a partnership with a local Title I Middle School that provides specific instruction to identified students with the goal of returning them to traditional classrooms. The club agreed to provide wish list items for the teachers and monthly award bags for teacher and student recognitions throughout the school year. They also agreed to coordinate the Interfaith Food Shuttle's mobile kitchen for a cooking demonstration at the school's Family Night. The volunteer chef cooked and served tacos to the families. Graduate school interns from a local college also presented information about a healthy diet program. **200 MEMBERS 50 HOURS \$2,065 DONATED \$30 IN-KIND DONATIONS**

**North Wilkesboro Woman's Club: Supplies for Beginning Teachers** – This club partnered with a local non-profit organization and provided supplies to 52 "first-year" teachers. It takes years for teachers to build up classroom materials and club members wanted to supply beginning teachers the items they needed to get started in their profession. They collected and distributed requested items during each nine-week grading period. The teachers were overwhelmed with gratitude for the kindness and materials. **8 MEMBERS 24 HOURS \$275 IN-KIND DONATIONS**

**Charlotte Woman's Club: Digi-Bridge** - The club partnered with Digi-Bridge to provide ten scholarships to middle school female students from Title I Schools to attend a three-week summer camp: "SheCanCode". Digi-Bridge aspires to create a generation of well-equipped 21<sup>st</sup> century learners and is committed to gender parity in STEM courses, majors, and careers. The camp provides girls with experience and skills training in coding, robotics, and application development with female mentor support from local STEM companies. **30 MEMBERS 15 HOURS \$2,000 DONATED**