

**GFWC of North Carolina Signature Program: Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness and Prevention
Top Ten Projects - 2022**

Camden Woman's Club assisted Albemarle Hopeline, a local domestic and sexual violence non-profit agency, by providing snacks to the Albemarle Hopeline's emergency shelter. The club also provided Hope House with foods that the children staying in the shelter could grab after school and on weekends. The club also served as a sponsor for Hopeline's annual 5K Run for Hope.

25 MEMBERS 35 HOURS \$500 DONATED \$240 IN-KIND DONATIONS

The Greensboro Woman's Club researched programs and discovered the Guilford County Family Justice Center's Camp HOPE. This program fosters pathways to hope and healing for youth living with domestic violence and trauma through community and evidence-informed camping and mentoring programs. Their goal is to create experiences for all participants that increase hope, resilience, and change destinies. Camp HOPE is a week-long overnight camping experience where youth impacted by domestic violence feel valued, seen, encouraged, and loved. Donations covered all costs for one child to attend Camp HOPE.

3 MEMBERS 5 HOURS \$650 DONATED

GFWC of Holden Beach conducted their fourteenth annual "Blooming for a Cause" Charity Gala to benefit Hope Harbor Home and Providence Home. *Hope Harbor Home* services domestic violence victims and/or survivors and their children in Brunswick County, North Carolina. It is the only such shelter in Brunswick County. *Providence Home*, the Family Emergency Teen Shelter, is a private, non-profit organization and a member of the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council of Brunswick County. Providence Home is the only such facility in Brunswick County. These two primary beneficiaries received donations of \$14,000.00 each, with additional donations made throughout the year to other charities.

46 MEMBERS 1,650 HOURS \$28,000 DONATED \$29,009 IN-KIND DONATIONS

Henderson Junior Woman's Club donated 16 "Blessing Bags" to the Vance County Sheriff's Department for their upcoming annual Domestic Violence Awareness Event. This year the Club did a little something different. Instead of a Ziplock or drawstring bag, members donated old pocketbooks. They filled the inside of the pocketbooks with hygiene items and snacks. These "Blessing Bags" will be distributed to current victims of domestic violence through the Sheriff's Department.

10 MEMBERS 6 HOURS \$206 IN-KIND DONATIONS

Fuquay-Varina Woman's Club compiled DV Awareness Meeting & Packets for members regarding the statistics and resources gathered from the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Domestic Violence Awareness Month (NCADV's DVAM) #We are Resilient Toolkit. Club members assembled packets with statistics, local services through SAFE of Harnett County and InterAct of Wake County. They offered a list of the signs of domestic violence in different age groups and statistics showing DV is found in every socioeconomic level. The packets were given to members to take home as a resource. **61 MEMBERS 34 HOURS \$232 IN-KIND DONATIONS**

Clayton Junior Woman's Club: Cocktails and Culprits Murder Mystery Party was planned as a fundraiser to recruit and gain momentum and funds for their newly revived club of 5 members. Funds raised from this effort benefitted Harbor Inc, the local domestic violence and assault resource center and shelter. Harbor Inc. has been hit hard over the last few years with flooding and funding difficulties, so CJWC saw an opportunity to raise awareness for their programs, as well as their club. Partnering with Revival in

Clayton, and Search in the City, this group executed a murder mystery party. The theme was the roaring '20s mobsters. Everyone who attended was assigned an alter ego. There was music, mayhem, murder, and mystery. It was well received and enjoyed by all that attended. CJWC gained support from local sponsors and community members. Tickets sales, a 50/50 raffle, and a specialty cocktail added to the ambiance. Over \$5,100 was raised. **5 MEMBERS 36 HOURS \$1,000 DONATED**

GFWC South Brunswick Islands Club donated \$1,200 and clubwomen gave an additional \$600 in personal monetary donations to Hope Harbor Home. Hope Harbor is a non-profit organization which provides housing and assistance to victims of domestic violence and their underage children. Several clubwomen volunteered their time and donated clothing to be sold in their thrift store. One club member donated packages of purple ColorStreet Nails for members to purchase, with purple being the color of choice for supporting Domestic Violence and Awareness. 100% of the funds generated were donated to Hope Harbor Home. **53 MEMBERS 52 HOURS \$1,305 DONATED \$950 IN-KIND DONATIONS**

Charlotte Woman's Club chose "**Brave Step**" to support with items for their care bags and a monetary donation. *Brave Step* was established by a survivor of sexual abuse who found hope and healing through her own experience in therapy. She made a commitment to help survivors and their loved ones identify and receive quality trauma care and find connection with those who understand. *Brave Step* empowers individuals who have been impacted by sexual violence. To shape a strong, supportive community, they provide personalized services that help adults impacted by sexual violence reclaim the life they deserve, foster public conversations about sexual violence and empower adults to shape a strong community for current and future generations. Care at Brave Step is tailored to each survivor, enabling them to take various steps at their own pace and discretion. They offer peer support groups, group therapy, and individual counseling sessions. **30 MEMBERS 17 HOURS \$250 DONATED \$300 IN-KIND DONATIONS**

The GFWC Cape Fear Woman's Club is a new club formed in 2022 with 12 new members. Three members have previous club experience. The remaining members are new to GFWC. In March, club members participated in the "**No More**" virtual walk-a-thon. The **NO MORE Foundation** is dedicated to ending domestic violence and sexual assault by increasing awareness, inspiring action, and fueling culture change. **NO MORE** is a groundbreaking, global initiative comprised of the largest coalition of nonprofits, corporations, government agencies, media, schools, and individuals addressing domestic violence and sexual assault. They are committed to engaging and working with people from diverse communities. Members registered to walk a 5K. As part of their registration, members received a t-shirt to wear when walking and to raise awareness. **5 MEMBERS 20 HOURS \$120 IN-KIND DONATIONS**

Wake Forest Woman's Club created the **Joyner Park Gloriosa Daisy Garden** in partnership with the Town of Wake Forest to bring awareness of human trafficking to the public. Members planted and maintained gloriosa daisies and other flowers during spring, summer, and fall. The Town of Wake Forest has placed a sign in the garden which states, "GLORIOSA DAISIES Dedicated to the Victims and Survivors of Human Trafficking WAKE FOREST WOMAN'S CLUB". The garden is located along a heavily traveled footpath and walkers often stop by to comment on the gardens beauty and the dedicated members tending it. The garden and its purpose are also posted on the club's Facebook page, website, and newsletter. **12 MEMBERS 116 HOURS \$75 DONATED \$127 IN-KIND DONATIONS**