

General Federation of Woman's Clubs (GFWC)

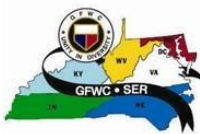
Understanding the "Family" of the General Federation of Women's Clubs

GFWC International - "Great-Great-Grandmother"



- One of world's largest and oldest women's volunteer service organizations
- Founded in 1890 by Jane Cunningham Croly
- Nearly 80,000 members in 50 states, District of Columbia & 15 countries
- More information @ www.gfwc.org

GFWC Southeastern Region - "Great-Grandmother"



- GFWC is divided into eight Regions
- GFWC Virginia is in the Southeastern Region
- Other Southeastern Federations: Kentucky, Maryland, North Carolina, Tennessee, West Virginia & District of Columbia
- More information @ [Facebook: GFWC Southeastern Region](https://www.facebook.com/GFWCSoutheasternRegion)

GFWC Virginia - "Grandmother"



- State level of GFWC
- Founded in 1907 in Lynchburg, VA. Celebrating 112th year of service!
- 146 Clubs: 112 General, 31 Junior & 3 Juniorette of nearly 4,000 members
- More information @ www.gfwcvirginia.org

Your District - "Mother"



- District level of GFWC Virginia
- Eight Districts in Virginia—clubs assigned based on geographic location
- Example: Northern District was organized in 1924. Comprised of 23 clubs.
- More information @ www.ndgfwcva.org

Your Club – "Daughter"



- Club level
- Example: This club's mission is to unite women to volunteer and serve Loudoun county and beyond.
- Founded in April 1951. Current membership of 40 members.
- Key projects: Prom Wishes, Backpack Buddies, Hospital Activity Cart
- More information @ www.jwcl.org

Highlights & Accomplishments

GFWC

- Multifaceted volunteer community service programs in the areas of Arts, Conservation, Education, Home Life, International Outreach, Public Issues, Advocates for Children, Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention
- Chartered by Congress in 1901
- 1933- 75% of libraries in the United States were founded by GFWC Clubs. Libraries continue to be a focus for GFWC Clubs.
- History of legislative action including: Pure Food and Drug Act, Child Labor Laws, Seatbelts, Streetlights, Equal Pay for Women
- A force in the creation of the National Park Service. Clubs created parks in each state.
- Women's History Resource Center established in 1984 to collect, preserve, and promote history of GFWC and women volunteers
- Purchased a fully equipped ambulance for the New York Fire Department following the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks
- Annual scholarships for domestic violence survivors

GFWC Virginia

- Joined GFWC in 1910
- Motto is "Service, the Debt of Education." Significant contributions in area of education from industrial arts programs, vocational training, kindergartens, and scholarships for continuing education.
- Junior Clubs established in the state in 1924
- Partnership with Easter Seals Virginia (now Easter Seals UCP) established in 1950s and continues today through support for building funds, supply drives, and volunteers
- Purchase of equipment for multiple cancer centers throughout the state
- Canine Companions for Independence and Operation Smile programs adopted by GFWC were initiated in Virginia
- Purchased a fully equipped ambulance for the Virginia Tech Student Rescue Squad in 2010 in memory of the victims of the April 17, 2007, shootings
- Annual participants in the Virginia State Fair, supplying volunteers to assist with school programs during the fair
- Proud home of three GFWC International Past Presidents: Dorothea Buck (1947–1950), Phyllis Roberts (1986–1988) & Shelby Hamlett (2000–2002)