

**Signature Project: Domestic & Sexual Violence Awareness and Prevention
Narrative 2025
Woman's Club of Lacey, Inc.**

Supporting victims of domestic violence is a central initiative for the Woman's Club of Lacey, recognizing that this is a serious problem in our society. This committee is one of the largest committees in the Woman's Club and is committed to helping women and children who seek shelter from abuse at Providence House.

Domestic Violence Shelter Support and Donations

The Woman's Club of Lacey has a very active committee who work September through June to support Providence House, a shelter for victims of domestic violence in Ocean County. The committee has 14 very active members who work closely with Providence House staff to address their needs and support the women and children in their care. Throughout the year the committee develops and executes monthly activities and projects designed to bring a smile to the faces of Providence House residents. Here is a list of the committee's monthly activities:

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| January - December | 91 rolls of paper towels, 49 individualized drink/juice boxes, and 140 individually wrapped snacks were donated to Providence House thanks to generosity of Woman's Club members. Committee members solicit, collect and deliver items monthly. |
| January/February | Spreading Valentine's Day cheer to the clients in transitional housing making felt fortune cookies. These fortune cookies were filled with sweet messages and placed in large jars with delicious candies for the displaced women to enjoy. For the children we filled large jars with crayons, Valentine's Day coloring pages and small toys for their entertainment. |
| March/April | Celebrating Spring and Easter renewal by filling Easter baskets with snacks and drinks for residents of Providence House. |
| May | Celebrating Summer at the shore, our group will be filling sand pails with chalk, crayons, play dough, puzzles, gum, snacks, toys, drink containers, and other fun items for the children from the Providence House. |
| September | Kicking off the new school year, 10 backpacks were filled with school supplies and donated to the children in residence at Providence House. |
| October | The committee funded and presented October's basket for auction at the general meeting. The basket contained a gorgeous mum planter, pumpkin lawn ornament, stunning hanging basket filled with fall |

foliage, the attractive fall themed kitchen mat, and beautiful painted wood sign. The auction raised \$190 for the general fund.

The committee provided 10 trick-or-treat buckets with lots of goodies such as: crackers, granola bars, juice boxes, chips, fruit snacks, cookies. Also included were toothbrushes, toothpaste and dental floss to counteract some of the sweets.

November

The committee collected and prepared five Thanksgiving meal baskets, These laundry baskets were filled to the rim with macaroni and cheese, mashed potatoes, corn, green beans, cranberry sauce and more for Providence House clients to enjoy.

December

In December the committee assisted Catholic Charities staff organizing, sorting and displaying holiday donations/gifts for Providence House clients so they can enjoy a lovely “shopping” experience for their children as well as for themselves.

The Club donated brand-new teddy bears as Christmas gifts for children in residence.

Pinwheel Garden

The Woman’s Club of Lacey sought permission from Lacey Township to display a pinwheel garden at the municipal building for the month of April. Committee member Jackie Stephens worked closely with township officials to secure the approval and requested a proclamation recognizing April as National Child Abuse Prevention Month. President Lori Young and committee members attended the township meeting on March 27 at 6:30 pm where the proclamation was read and pictures were taken with the mayor. Thereafter, on April 1 members of our Club met outside the municipal building and placed 50 fresh new pinwheels and 2 signs at the municipal building sign on busy Lacey Road which stayed there for the month of April. The signs and pinwheels were collected, cleaned and stored for 2026. Members also wore blue to the April general meeting.

Day of Service

Day of Service was earmarked in 2025 to support victims of domestic violence. The Woman’s Club of Lacey teamed up with the Joy of Angels Thrift Shop in Forked River to host a shopping day. One half of the proceeds on September 27th were committed to supporting Providence House. Thanks to this collaboration, the Woman’s Club was able to donate \$250 to the Providence House.