

**SPECIAL STATE PROJECT NARRATIVE – 2025
WOMAN’S CLUB OF LACEY, INC.**

NJ Children’s Alliance

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Hobby Fair benefiting Special State Project

At the Woman’s Club November general meeting, representatives from the NJ Children’s Alliance were invited to speak to the membership about work their organization does. Our members were supportive of this effort and one member in particular, Cathy Katsianis, especially so. She proposed an idea of hosting a hobby fair to raise funds to donate to this worthy cause. Cathy organized a committee and quickly sprang into action. In a short time, she solicited 33 vendors and hobbyists to participate in the hobby fair on March 30, 2025, at the Charles A. Smith Community Center in Forked River. Each vendor or hobbyist was asked to provide a basket or item for raffle. She was able to solicit donations for the ticket and signage printing. In kind donations amounted to \$750. An area hobby shop donated \$900 in cash. Members supplied baked goods for sale to guests. Due to her efforts the Club was able to make a \$2,000 donation to the NJ Children’s Alliance. Since many hobbyists and vendors expressed a desire to participate again, this event may be hosted again in the future.