



Juniors' Special Program, Suzanne Hooser Chairman

Advocates for Children's Week is a dedicated time to raise awareness and support for children's rights and well-being. During this week, October 20<sup>th</sup> through the 26<sup>th</sup>, engage the community, educate the public, and drive advocacy for policies that protect and empower children. Here are some suggestions that could be done during Advocates for Children's Week:

### **1. Awareness Campaigns:**

- **Social Media Campaigns:** Use platforms like Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook to share statistics, stories, and graphics about children's rights, child welfare, and how to get involved.
- **Hashtag Campaigns:** Encourage participants to share their own stories or messages of support using a unique hashtag (e.g., #GFWCAdvocatesForChildren).

### **2. Educational Workshops and Webinars:**

- Host a community forum on topics like children's legal rights, navigating special education, or child abuse prevention.

### **3. Volunteer and Fundraising Drives:**

- Organize volunteer opportunities, such as mentoring programs or tutoring for underprivileged children.
- Launch a fundraising campaign to support local children's shelters, or foster care programs.

### **4. Community Events:**

- Host a "Advocacy Day" event, asking your community to contribute items to create "Busy Bags" while distributing information on the many programs the community can get involved with in Advocating for Children.
- Organize a storytelling session where advocates, and the community can read to children.

### **5. Policy Advocacy:**

- Write letters or petition local government representatives to advocate for stronger policies protecting children's rights. Sign up for the GFWC Legislative Action Center.

By engaging in these activities, Advocates for Children's Week can help bring about meaningful change and create a safer, more supportive world for all children.