

LEARNING GATEWAY SERIES



I hope many of you were registered for and able to join in on the Learning Gateway Webinar with David Coffey, our Honorary Chairman for this program. Mr. Coffey works for the Safe Surfin' Foundation to provide internet safety education for all children and families. I highly recommend you visit the Safe Surfin' website at <https://safesurfin.org/>. More information on Mr. Coffey can be found on page 101 of the GFWC club manual.

Our children are immersed in technology, which unfortunately makes them vulnerable to online predators. Educating, equipping, and empowering our youth should be our top priority. Safe Surfin' has laid the groundwork through programs like EZ-ID events and Cyber Swat Peer-to-Peer support. They also offer downloadable internet safety handbooks and 'Think Before You Send' flyers to help kids and families stay safe.

Staggering statistics were shared with us, and it's frightening to consider that 100% of children who go online may be approached by a predator at some point. This underscores the critical importance of staying informed and vigilant, to combat this growing problem.

If you registered for the webinar, you should have received a link to the webinar recording from First Vice President Jolie Frankfurth. Please contact her if you have not received it jfrankfurth@gfwc.org.

GIVE JOY DURING THE HOLIDAYS

Data from the American Psychological Association shows that children are more likely to experience poverty than people over the age of 18. Approximately one in six kids, 16% of all children, live in families with incomes below the official poverty line.

1. Holiday Toy and Clothing Drives
2. Collect backpacks filled with winter essentials
3. Sponsor a holiday meal, gifts, or decorations for local shelters.
4. Volunteer at holiday-themed reading events or book donations.
5. Give handwritten cards or art for children in hospitals or foster care.
6. Reach out to teachers and fulfill their needs for the classroom.
7. Volunteer time and resources to help local children's shelters, food banks, and other organizations focused on children's welfare.



Give your child or grandchild the gift of giving. Gift cards for Heifer International could be purchased so your child or grandchild decides what gift to give for families around the world. Add a book that can be found on Amazon that supports Heifer International and tells the story of the difference their gift makes in the lives of others. Take advantage of Triple the Impact being offered now.

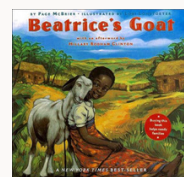
Flock of Chicks
Honeybees
Seeds



Sheep



Goat



Flock of Ducks
Pig
Food Basket



Consider shopping with our affiliate organizations to purchase gifts

Purchase your Christmas cards through UNICEF USA. Does your club do a Christmas ornament exchange? Consider buying an ornament through St Jude.



The joy of brightening other lives becomes for us the magic of the holidays

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