

GFWC Virginia Junior State Project

Advocates for Children

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Purpose	<i>Advocates for Children is designed to encourage all woman's, Junior Woman's, Juniorette, and International Affiliate Clubs to make a difference in the life of a child by being an advocate. The Program was envisioned as a way for clubwomen to provide a voice for children and to teach and encourage parents and other caregivers to advocate for children at the grassroots level.</i>
Objective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>To encourage Clubs and Clubwomen to connect and support programs that impact children</i> ● <i>To support the GFWC Virginia State Project focusing on early childhood education</i>

For the 2024-2026 GFWC Virginia administration, we are continuing to be champions for children and advocates in action. We will still encourage each club and clubwoman to focus on Advocates for Children programming in their own way but also want to put a special emphasis on the State Project theme - Early Childhood Education. We will still host donation drives at our state meetings and use it as an opportunity to learn more about the host region and its needs.

Informational Materials

Information presented at state meetings, helpful guides, or documents from GFWC can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/AdvocatesGFWCVa> or by using the QR code to the right. Please bookmark this as new files may be added throughout the administration.



Advocates for Children Week

For Advocates for Children Week, we encourage clubs to contact their local law enforcement or child protective service agencies to identify their needs for children or families. This could include redecorating their children's waiting area or providing needed items to make it cozy. You could also create "busy bags" that may be filled with items such as books, coloring books, crayons, art supplies, fidget toys, stuffed animals, and so much more. These bags will be immensely helpful in occupying children's minds during challenging experiences.

Sunday, October 20, to Saturday, October 26, 2024

Sunday, October 19, to Saturday, October 25, 2025

Reporting Information

Please use the GFWC Virginia Narrative Form and use "GFWC Juniors' Special Program: Advocates for Children" as the Program Area when reporting. Optional Supplemental Reporting – both downloadable forms and an online form – can be found at the links above.

“Every child deserves a champion; an adult who will never give up on them, who understands the power of connection and insists that they become the best they can possibly be.”

-Rita Pierson