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GFWC Signature Program

Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness and Prevention

GOAL: To increase awareness of and to help prevent the widespread occurrence of domestic and sexual violence abuse in communities.

HOW Will WE DO THIS: By working with the various established programs in the community and initiating educational opportunities for club members and local citizens.

“ADVOCATE AND EDUCATE”

AREAS of FOCUS: There are 8 areas.

Campus Sexual Assault

Child Abuse

Elder Abuse

Human Trafficking for Sexual Purposes

Intimate Partner Violence

Military Sexual Assault

Teen Dating Violence

Violence Against Native American Women

STATISTICS:

1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men report having experienced severe physical violence from an intimate partner

1 in 5 women and 1 in 3 men reported contact sexual violence by intimate partner

14% of women and 5% of men report having been stalked by an intimate partner

PROJECT IDEAS/FEATURED PROJECTS

GFWC Manual-Top Ten Projects-4 Featured Projects

“GFWC Member Portal User Guide”

RESOURCES

AFFILIATE ORGANIZATIONS:

**“Prevent Child Abuse America”-pinwheel projects-
www.preventchildabuse.org**

**“Hope for Justice”-human trafficking
www.hopeforjustice.org**

STATEWIDE INITIATIVE

LIST of DISTRICT CHAIRMAN

2022- Top 10 Projects

(Note: All projects are listed in alphabetical order.)

GFWC SPECIAL PROGRAMS

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Trisha Schafer, Chairman

GFWC California - GFWC Oak View Women's Club

Will Keep Our Girls Safe at College – Safety kits for High School seniors leaving for college. The college safety kits included personal alarms and door and window alarms for dorm room personal safety, and two pamphlets were included in each kit: one with teen dating and the second with the CFWC College Safety pamphlet. Everything was placed in a clear plastic zippered bag. Over two hundred kits were distributed to college freshman students at several local Universities. The Club also used social media, bulletin boards, word-of-mouth, and all they could think of to get the kits to their local seniors heading to college.

GFWC Delaware – GFWC Past Presidents Club

Flashlights for Domestic Violence Victims - This project collects and distributes small flashlights to shelters and organizations that work with victims of Domestic Violence, including Human Trafficking. When the victims decide to escape their circumstances, it is often in the middle of the night, and they leave quickly and with no time to pack items. Small flashlights can easily fit in your pocket. The flashlight allows a person to see hazards and street signs. The flashlights were donated to three nonprofit organizations in the county.

GFWC Florida - GFWC Lake Shore Woman's Club

Movie night with popcorn? Sounds great. However, this club's choice of movies depicted domestic violence in many areas. Movies shown were *The Guardians* (systemic abuse of the elderly), *Sleeping with the Enemy* (spousal abuse), *Gaslight* (spousal abuse), *The Hand That Rocks the Cradle* (nanny abuse), and *Monster-in-Law* (mother-in-law abuse). After watching these, a booklet depicting the symptoms of domestic violence and sexual assault was developed and distributed so that attendees could recognize who may be a victim and provide ideas for action for those in need.

GFWC Florida - GFWC Rotonda West Women's Club

Red Rover Program – The club showed great creativity by embracing the Ralston Purple Leash Program, discovered by a sister program called the Red Rover Program. As we all know, domestic violence victims often do not leave their homes due to pets in the house. The objective of this club was to aid families in moving forward to safety. Rotonda West negotiated a partnership between Suncoast Humane and the Englewood Animal Rescue Sanctuary to assist Suncoast Humane with a temporary shelter for small pets such as cats, rabbits, and hamsters. They were able to support donations to Suncoast Humane and E.A.R.S. for support of the Red Rover Program by sponsoring the 2022 Furry Scurry in February.

GFWC Illinois - GFWC Morris Woman's Club

Angel Shot Posters - members contacted every restaurant and bar that sells liquor to patrons to offer them "Angel Shot" poster(s) to put in their women's restrooms. The posters alert women who need help due to abuse or unwanted advances that there is help available for them with instructions to go to the server/bartender and ask for an angel shot neat (Needs an escort to their car), angel shot dressed (call an Uber or Lift), or angel shot with lime, (call the police). The posters were designed on a light pink floral background, printed on card stock, and laminated. Cheat sheets were made with the shot types and meanings to go behind the bar as a reference for the servers/bartenders.

GFWC Maine - GFWC Semper Fidelis

Wear a Pair, Bring a Pair was sponsored in collaboration with Skowhegan Main Street's weekend-long "Sko-Who ville" holiday celebration. The public event was held at a popular local wine bar, and it was requested that attendees come wearing their pajamas and bring a children's pair, along with a stuffed animal to donate to the local Family Violence Shelter. With the generosity of their community, GFWC Semper Fidelis collected 104 pairs of children's pajamas, five pairs of adult pajamas, ten pairs of warm fuzzy socks, and thirty-two stuffed animals. And Tips! - totaling \$200.

GFWC New Mexico - GFWC Progress Club of Las Cruces

The Ornament Project, on behalf of La Casa, Inc., their local Domestic Violence shelter, not only raised \$2,875 but also reflected almost two hundred volunteer hours alone. The members designed and created ornaments to coincide with 125 mystery envelopes for the three-day-long 31st Annual La Casa Holiday Bazaar. The ornaments were sold with mystery envelopes containing gift certificates to vendors of the event as well as local establishments. The GFWC Progress Club of Las Cruces has been participating in this project and hosting the Santa Surprise booth for over ten years, and it has become a club-wide tradition to participate in the Bazaar. This is a testament to "Unity in Diversity."

GFWC Pennsylvania - GFWC Town and Country Woman's Club

Fill the Cracks with Hope. In January, members were given a zip-lock baggie filled with red sand. Four members took the bags outside and filled cracks in the sidewalk, so no men, women, or children could fall through the cracks into human trafficking. Part 2 of this project was called "Red Sand Day" and involved filling the cracks in three separate neighborhoods.

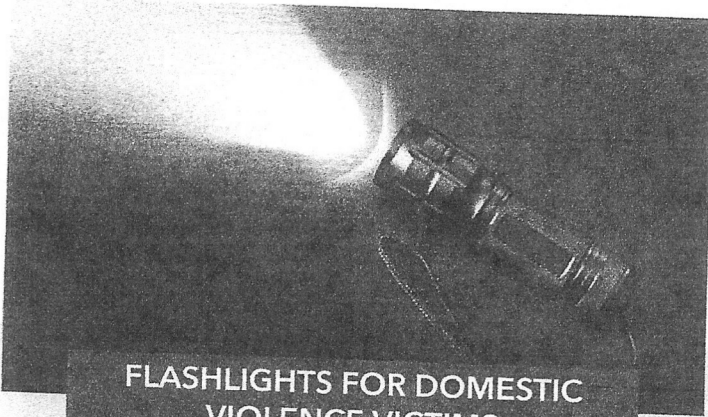
GFWC South Carolina - GFWC Woman's Society of Batesburg-Leesville

PJ & Pearls Brunch - Members invited their family and friends to a beautifully prepared brunch. Attendees were encouraged to wear their PJs & Pearls. The Brunch included music and an inspirational program. The representative and guest speaker were from the local Children's Advocacy Center and was presented with a check from the proceeds.

GFWC Tennessee - GFWC Women's Club of Hendersonville

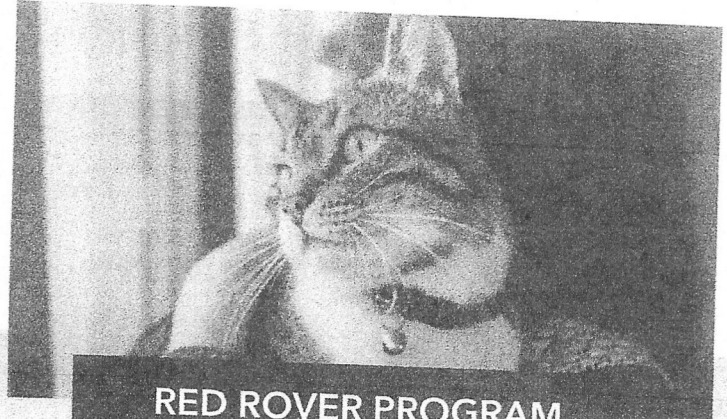
Put a Nail in It--During Domestic Violence Awareness Month, GFWC Women's Club of Hendersonville members were encouraged to wear purple and to paint a nail purple. When asked by friends why they have one nail painted purple, members could share about the impact of domestic violence and increase awareness of this problem in their community.

FEATURED PROJECTS



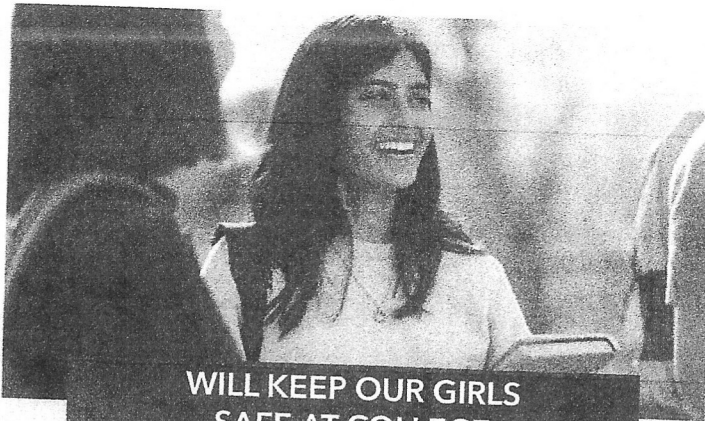
FLASHLIGHTS FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS

GFWC Past Presidents Club (DE) collected and distributed small flashlights to shelters and organizations that work with victims of domestic violence, including human trafficking. When victims decide to escape their circumstances, it is often in the middle of the night, and they leave quickly and with no time to pack items. Small flashlights can easily fit in your pocket. The flashlight allows a person to see hazards and street signs.



RED ROVER PROGRAM

GFWC Rotonda West Women's Club (FL) objective was to aid families in moving forward to safety but not without their pets. The club negotiated a partnership with the local humane and animal rescue sanctuary to assist with temporary shelter for small pets so victims did not have to leave their beloved animals behind. They provided support by donating to programs that sponsor and support the Red Rover program.



WILL KEEP OUR GIRLS SAFE AT COLLEGE

GFWC Oak View Women's Club (CA) assembled safety kits for high school seniors leaving for college. The kits included personal alarms and door and window alarms for dorm room personal safety. Two pamphlets were also included in each kit: one was on teen dating and the second was the CFWC College Safety pamphlet. Over 200 kits were distributed, and the club used social media, bulletin boards, word of mouth, and other avenues to get the kits to local seniors heading to college.



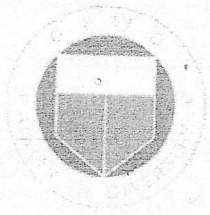
ANGEL SHOT POSTERS

GFWC Morris Woman's Club (IL) placed Angel Shot posters in women's restrooms at every restaurant and bar that sells liquor to patrons. The posters alert women who need help due to abuse or unwanted advances that there is help available for them and provides instructions to go to the server/bartender and ask for an "angel shot", the signal to the bartender that help is needed. Other words that are used as a call for help include:

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|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| Neat | (needs an escort to their car) |
| Dressed | (call an Uber or Lyft) |
| Angel Shot w/lime | (call the police) |

Cheat sheets were also made describing the shot types to go behind the bar as a reference for the servers/bartenders.





GFWC

Website: www.gfwc.org

Access Members Only GFWC Resources

- Go to Member Login (top right)
- Sign in with your Email & Password
- New to this site then click Sign Up
- Goto Helpful Links
- Click My Digital Library
- Click GFWC (membersuite)
- Click Resources
- In Alphabetical Order you can access
TONS of helpful information – like Club
Manuals, PR Toolkit, Leadership Toolkit,
Membership Toolkit, New Club Forms &
LOTS MORE

Find Great Information About:

- Community Service
Program Information
- Affiliate Organizations
- Legislative Action Center
- Webinars
- News & Notes
- Clubwoman Magazine
- Top Projects
- Awards/Contests/Grants
- GFWC Marketplace



GFWC VIRGINIA

Website: www.gfwcvirginia.org

Get Helpful Information About:

- Important Dates
- State Project
- Junior Project
- Community Service Programs
- Advancement Plan Areas
- District Information
- Scholarships
- Forms & Documents
- GFWC Virginia Marketplace

Members ONLY Login

- Click Members
- Enter Account Sign-in Information
- User: gfwcvirginiawebsite@gmail.com
- Password: soaring2426
- Find information about Reporting,
Dues & Award Documents, Yearbook,
Bylaws, Arts Booklet, Strategic Plan
Rosters, Virginia Clubwoman &
Photos & Other Forms

RESOURCES

GFWC Manual Website www.gfwc.org

National Domestic Violence Hotline 1-800-799-7233

National Sexual Violence Resource Center www.nsvrc.org

Clery Center for Security on Campus www.clerycenter.org

Child Help USA/National Child Abuse Hotline 1-800-422-4453

www.childhelpusa.org

National Committee for the Prevention of Elder Abuse

www.preventelderabuse.org

National Human Trafficking Hotline 1-888-373-7888

www.humantraffickinghotline.org

Protect Our Defenders Foundation www.protectourdefenders.com

Safe Place www.nationalsafeplace.org/teen-dating-violence

National Indigenous Women's Resource Center www.niwrc.org

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