

# **GFWC-SC Legislative and Public Policy Committee:** ***Raising Our United Voices***

The GFWC-SC Legislative and Public Policy Committee for the 2024-2026 Administration operates under the compelling theme, "Raise Our United Voices." This theme underscores GFWC's commitment to advocacy, empowering members to champion causes for those unable to advocate for themselves. By engaging with elected officials, we aim to highlight issues impacting communities and individuals across South Carolina.

## **Advocacy**

Advocacy is a cornerstone of the "Raise Our United Voices" theme. It provides a crucial avenue for GFWC-SC members to actively participate in the democratic process. Through advocacy, we strive to:

- Inform elected officials about critical issues affecting local communities.
- Ensure that the voices of constituents are heard in policy-making decisions.
- Promote legislation that benefits the welfare and well-being of all citizens.

## **The Legislative Action Center**

A key tool for member engagement in advocacy is the GFWC Legislative Action Center, LAC. This online platform allows **YOU** to take the first step in advocacy from the convenience of your home. By registering, you gain access to:

- Timely alerts regarding pending bipartisan legislation.
- The ability to directly communicate with your individual Representatives and Senators in Washington, D.C.
- To register for the LAC, go to [Get Involved - General Federation of Women's Clubs](#)

## **Engagement and Impact**

Active participation in the LAC amplifies the collective voice of GFWC-SC. When we utilize this platform, we demonstrate to elected officials the programs and initiatives championed by GFWC are important to their constituents. This united front strengthens our ability to influence policy and drive positive change.

In June and July respectively, members registered with the LAC received alerts about Protecting Funding for Victims of Crime and Protecting Kids Online by Supporting the

Kids Online Safety Act. Both of these issues affect many people in our community and maybe in our families.

As we begin the second year of the 2024-2026 administration, we continue to be challenged to **EDUCATE, ENGAGE, EMPOWER** through the steps of the Legislative Ladder. Clubs will be awarded 25 points by increasing enrollment in the LAC by 10% over this past year. Easy goal of the Legislative Ladder to achieve.

Please take a moment to review the Legislative Ladder found on the GFWC web site in the Club Manual after page 171. I will report more about this in the months to come.

Thank you for your time. Please contact me with any questions, concerns and ideas.

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