

# NEW JERSEY STATE FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS OF GFWC

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## **ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN**

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As the cool weather of fall approaches, it's time to have a pajama party. No, you don't have to ask club members to come to a meeting in their pajamas, but you could use a pajama party theme and suggest they change into slippers once they arrive. You might even offer small prizes for slippers that look most colorful, most comfortable or most "loved". While having a bit of fun, ask members to donate new pajamas for children, reminding them to think of both boys and girls and of ages up through teens. Check with local shelters and organizations serving families with children to get suggestions on sizes. And ask about the need for personal care items such as combs and brushes and any limitations, such as non-liquid or fragrance-free. Pajamas are used daily and children grow quickly. Every child should have the dignity and joy of having their own new pajamas that fit and keep them comfortable and warm.

Keeping with the theme, each club attending NJSFWC State Fall Conference is asked to bring one new pair of children's pajamas to the Advocates for Children display. Non-liquid, non-scented personal care items will also be collected. The donated items will be distributed to the Children's Home Society of New Jersey and to other organizations working with children in need. And, while dropping off your donations, take a few minutes to review the information available to your clubs about programs and projects that work toward happy, healthy and safe environments for our children.