

NJSFWC and GFWC Membership Benefits

#### New Friends and Ideas

◆ Bring your ideas, projects, and personal passions to action oriented local, state, and national organizations

# Leadership Training

 Membership provides you with the opportunity to expand your horizons through individual growth and by working together for a shared common goal

# **Volunteer Activity Support**

- Program and project ideas in GFWC publications
- ◆ Direct access to your state and national organizations for additional materials and tools
- ◆ GFWC mini Club grants support local club projects

#### **Provided Materials and Guidelines**

- Frequently updated and focused websites with suggestions, ideas, and topical materials
- ♦ ALMANAC newsletter highlighting successful projects with updates and current events and activities
- ♦ NJSFWC Supplements and GFWC club manuals
- GFWC Clubwoman magazine and News & Notes

### State and National Awards

 District through national awards and recognition for personal and club achievements

# **New Jersey State Federation** of Women's Clubs of GFWC



125 Years
of Community Service, Education,
and Leadership





#### National Overview

With more than 80,000 members nationwide, the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) is one of the world's largest and oldest nonpartisan, nondenominational, women's volunteer service organizations, founded in 1890 and chartered by the 56th United States Congress in 1901.

GFWC members work in their own communities supporting the arts and education, preserving natural resources, promoting healthy lifestyles, and working toward a better world.



NJSFWC club members promoting and supporting CASA-NJ legislation

#### State Overview

The New Jersey State Federation of Women's Club of GFWC (NJSFWC) was founded in 1894 and currently has 175 clubs and 7,000 members throughout the state and unified in the goal to make a difference in the lives of others; one project at a time.

# NJSFWC accomplishments

- Spearheaded the preservation of the Palisades on the Hudson
- Founded New Jersey College for Women in 1918 (Douglass Residential College at Rutgers University)
- Annual Woman of Achievement Award recognizing women leaders
- Recognized by the New Jersey Library Association for the establishment of numerous libraries (donated over 43,000 books)
- Special state-wide projects benefiting communities such as Community Food Bank, Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention, Autism NJ, Gilda's Club/The Wellness Community, Prevent Child Abuse NJ, and Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), NJ.

## You and the NJSFWC



# Why Join

The organization's goal is to enhance the quality of life within each community by transforming each member's and club's concerns.

The NJSFWC offers you the opportunity to develop your skills, talents and abilities, and serve as a grassroots ambassador to others within our state.

Be a member of a respected national and state organization that cherishes your commitment, energy, and community service.

Have the opportunity for friendship, fun and personal fulfillment while making a real impact in your town and community.

More can be accomplished by a dedicated group sharing ideas and responsibilities than as trying to act as an individual.



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