

New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs of GFWC

**Making a difference in the lives of others,
one project at a time**

The first **Special State Projects**, from 1962 until 1970 were devoted to the construction, furnishing and maintenance of the New Jersey State Federation Headquarters' building.

In 1970, a new project and direction were chosen— projects to support our communities and began with the Volunteer Program at the **New Jersey Training School for Boys at Skillman**.

In 1976, the **Eye Institute of NJ** was selected as the SSP. In 1978, the NJSFWC re-visited an earlier effort with its SSP, the **Douglass Development Disability Center**. This facility was to provide special education for autistic children.

The goal of the 1982-1984 administration's SSP was to equip 2 classrooms for severely handicapped children at the **St John of God School**. Two years later the SSP shifted gears, the focus was the **Statue of Liberty restoration** effort.

During the 1990's projects were enthusiastically embraced by the NJSFWC's members, including the **People Care Center** and the **New Jersey Children's Hospital AIDS Program**.

Since 2000, our members and clubs continue to support local communities through a wide spectrum of projects including **Canine Companions for Independence**, **Community Food Bank**, **Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention**, **Autism NJ**, **Gilda's Club/The Wellness Community**, **NAMI NJ**, **Prevent Child Abuse NJ**, and **Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), NJ**.

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Founded 1894

**Community Service, Education
and Leadership**



The **New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs of GFWC** enhances the quality of life within our respective communities and state by transforming public interests and concerns into meaningful projects and programs. This affords our members opportunities for the development of individual skills, talents and abilities, and to serve as a grass roots volunteer resource in New Jersey communities.

1894 NJSFWC Founded



1895

NJSFWC drives legislation to protect the Palisades, in danger of being destroyed through overdevelopment.



1900

The Federation assists the Interstate Park Commission in their fundraising and the destruction of the Palisades was halted.



1918

NJSFWC founds the **New Jersey College for Women** (now Douglass Residential College), and our fellowships to students, the Federation supports this institution with its strong tradition of training tomorrow's women leaders.



1930

Margaret Yardley Fellowship Fund established and provides grants to deserving New Jersey women pursuing post-graduate advanced studies at the school of their choice.



1941

NJSFWC purchases six **Ambulance Planes** to support war effort.



1947

Girls Career Institute (GCI) established and provides high school Junior girls with opportunities to explore women's issues and annually held at Douglass Residential College

1961

Operation Cookie/Candy begins when 900 two-pound boxes of homemade cookies were mailed to service personnel stationed in Germany and Iceland during the Christmas holiday.



1966

Trading Stamps used to fund the construction of the Federation Headquarters. Each club member was asked to contribute 1 filled book of stamps or \$2.00.



1981

Woman of Achievement Award initiated and co-sponsored with Douglass College honors NJ woman who have gained visibility for their accomplishments



2000

GFWC Libraries 2000—NJSFWC members and clubs donate \$400,000 in cash and books to local public libraries

2007

Make a Difference Day first Statewide Day of Service project donates to 26 NJ Domestic Violence Shelters



2009-2020

Boatsie's Boxes, Inc. & Operation Yellow Ribbon Continuous support during the holidays to US troops in Iraq & Afghanistan.



2018

Shining Future Endowment Campaign, represents our commitment to the Arts, Conservation, Education, Historic Preservation, Public Issues, and Social Services