

New Jersey State Federation of Woman's Clubs of GFWC
Top Projects 2020
Advocates for Children

1-The Woman's Club of Belleville organized a Uniform Swap. They arranged for local Boy Scouts, to assist in the collection of used uniforms at their Clubhouse, and at their Elementary Schools. They contacted a local Laundromat to wash the donated items. Those who dropped off uniforms were given a ticket to enable them to be the first to receive a uniform when distribution was held. Due to Virtual Learning the Uniform Swap was not as successful as it could have been. They reported 84 volunteer hours and \$400.00 of In-Kind donations.

2-Before Covid-19 hit the Woman's Club of Point Pleasant used their Martin Luther King, Day of Service, to be Advocates for Children. One station at the event, was set up to create 30 Paper Bag puppets. These colorful and creative puppets were donated to Children's Specialized Hospital.

3-The GFWC Woman's Club of West Deptford and the West Deptford Junior Woman's Club supported Embrella – a statewide agency that assists those in Foster Care , specifically those who age out of the Foster Care System. They arranged collection of \$500.00 for a project called Dreamers and Believers. The funds were used to allow a young woman to get driving lessons in order to better her life.

4-The GFWC Woman's League of Mount Holly chose the Pinelands Family Success Center, as the recipient of much of their time and treasure. The year long support, included a Warming Tree with hats, scarves and gloves. They made desserts for monthly Family nights, until March, and made Easter Baskets. They delivered 4 Birthday Bags a month until March and resumed delivery in September. Thirteen, filled backpacks were donated and \$1290.00 in gift cards were donated for Christmas gifts.

5-“ Pillow Talk “, a project done by the Thursday Moring Club, educated students in BASC (Before and After School program), who are not in Foster Care about the System, by a representative from CASA. The students were then given plain, pillowcases to decorate, for children in the CASA program. Seventy five pillowcases were decorated. Some Club members used brightly colored material, to make an additional 12 pillowcases. All of the pillowcases were given to the local CASA office to be distributed. The Club reported 14 volunteer hours and In-Kind donations of \$675.00.

6-The Ruth Gottscho Kidney Fund, celebrated it's 40th Anniversary, with the assistance of the Woman's Club of Bloomfield. This fund sends Children with kidney disorders to a YMCA camp, but provides the medical support that these “Kidney Kids” need. Members chaired the event, made refreshments, and supervised the Silent Auction. This project involved 25 volunteer hours, \$150.00 and \$25.00 in, In-Kind donations.

7-Packs with a Purpose by the Junior Woman's Club of Verona is similar to other Back Pack/School Supply drives, but the Verona Juniors used both old school, and modern techniques to reach their goal. Drop off sites were set up around the Town and they got the word out using social media and online news outlets. They also used an Amazon wish list, and used paypal to collect money for Staples gift cards. Members stuffed 54 backpacks for the Town Health and Social Services department. This project involved,10 volunteer hours, \$715.00 and \$2160.00 in In-Kind donations.

8-The GFWC Gloucester County Women's Club spent much of their focus this year on Ronald McDonald House. A breakfast was donated for the 30-35 people staying at the RMH. Members used Sign-up Genius to register to donate items, the Club supplied some, and members prepared a full breakfast that just needed to be reheated. They donated 50 “Snack Bags to Go”, filled with crackers, raisins, water bottles and candy bars, so that parents had a snack for their time at the hospital with their child. They also provided a restaurant prepared dinner, with deserts, and fruit provided by members. These projects used 51 Volunteer hours, \$189.00 Dollars and \$151.00 in, In-Kind donations.

9-The Montclair Women's Club partnered with another local organization to Co-sponsor the first Montclair Community Sleep-Out to benefit Nancy's Place, a Covenant House Shelter for homeless youth with mental health or other specialty health challenges. More than 40 volunteers slept overnight, in the parking area of the Clubhouse, after hearing presentations from youth who had been, or were being helped by Nancy's Place. The event was held on March 6, 2020, just before pandemic restrictions occurred. The community raised just under \$83,000.00 for Nancy's Place.

10-Members of the Sparta Woman's Club, crocheted or knit, 93 blue hats for the #HatnotHate, anti-bullying initiative. This project was promoted by Red Lion Brand Yarn company. Hats were donated to students, aged 5 through teens, empowering them to stand up to bullying.