

New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs of GFWC

Special State Project

1. **The Princeton Area Junior Woman's Club** was approached by their Market Fair Holiday Tree committee along with other charitable organizations in their community to decorate trees to describe their organization. There was a voting process where the winner would make \$500 for their organization. They thought it would be extra special to make it all about Operation Chillout to give it some publicity.

A few clubwomen put together a red on top, white in the center, and blue along the bottom of their tree. Decorations included dog tags, ornaments with all the branches of the military and a tree topper decorated with an Operation Chillout 20th anniversary star. Although they did not win the prize, the committee who did win gave them \$100 for their organization. It took the members a total of 10 hours and in kind donations of \$80.

2. **The Haddon Fortnightly EMD** normally have a House Collection Box they pass around at their meeting, but with COVID the president implemented a different solution. She thought of a fun way for her members to donate every month using a different theme. One month she asked her members to count every room in their house and another to count all their sweatshirts and donated a \$1 each. They were then asked to send their donation to their treasurer. They collected \$1,074 from July to December.

3. Since COVID suggested to social distance and do activities outside the home with masks, the **Woman's Club of Denville-Rockaway decided** to schedule hikes between September and November. The hikes were limited to five club members and each member attending was encouraged to invite a friend. Suggested donations for each hike were \$5.00. There were rules set in place, all must drive separately, wear facial coverings when passing other hikers where social distancing could not be observed, be physically fit and healthy as they were walking 3 to 5 miles, and to dress accordingly. These hikes gave the members something to do, socialize in a safe and healthy way, meet new friends and feel connected. They were able to raise \$100.

4. To help the state to raise money, the **Women's Community Club of Cape May** had one of their members make and donate a king size quilt to be raffled off for our special state project, Operation Chillout. The member has made many quilts and donated the king size one to the state. She used a lot of fabric in her stash and purchased new fabric as needed. It was machine quilted by a friend who is an award-winning machine quilter and the member did the piece work. The final cost was \$600 for fabric and machine quilting taking a total of 320 hours. The raffle will be awarded at the state's annual convention in 2022.

5. **Woman's Club of Paramus**, was spreading the word about Operation Chillout, and a Veteran's family in town offered to donate 100 pairs of insulated waterproof boots. The boots were not on the list of needed items for the winter collection, but they realized the need to the homeless veterans since winter was on the way. Arrangements were made with the Executive Director of Operation Chillout and with the help of the State Chairman the donation was made. Members also donated 17 men's and 20 women's sweatshirts as well as made 750 home made washable masks to the cause. The hours spent on this project was 51 and a total of in kind donations was \$2,944.