

## **GFWC SIGNATURE PROJECT:**

### **DOMESTIC & SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND AWARENESS**

#### **June BULLETIN**

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FIRST THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO Maureen Costello (Garden) , Joanne Aponte (Liberty), Pat Beach (Highlands), Terry Cavanagh (Rampo), and Laurie Ann Cooper (Shore) for stepping up to be this Chairman's District Chairman again for 2021-2022. This Chairman needs volunteers to be DV District Chairman from COLLEGE, AND SOUTHERN DISTRICTS.

Please send me an email with your name, address, and phone number if you are interested. This Chairman promises to make it interesting, active and you will be PROUD to Volunteer and represent your District.

MEANWHILE: Consider speaking with your shelter to determine what their immediate needs are, such as food items. According to many reports, this is a common concern among the shelters. If your club has any money in reserve, you might want to consider sending them a check. If funds are not available, possibly ask club members to come to a Pantry Party and admission is FOOD ITEMS FOR THE LOCAL SHELTER. Consider donating fresh vegetables, canned items such as Tuna and Peanut Butter.

Another idea is putting together birthday party items with a cake mix, icing, party hats and small toy or book for the birthday child.

PLAN NOW for also collecting back packs for back to school while out shopping for school supplies for their children or grandchildren. They could pick up extra pens, pads, crayons and colored pencils and pick out a book or two for the backpack.

A gift certificate to the local food market would help as well.

If there is a local pool in your area that charges, consider arranging with the local pool to sponsor a Pool Day and send an Invitation to the children at the shelter to attend. First check with the shelter that they would be able to transport the children and if it is doable. If so, consider asking your members to donate beach towels for the event. If the pool people won't SPONSOR the Shelter Children, consider giving the funds for each child (get figures from the Shelter) to the town pool.

BOOK COLLECTION: In another article, this Chairman suggested starting a Children's Library at your local shelter. Consider soliciting from your local stores, such as Target, Walmart, etc. children's books for your collection.

Ask your club members to donate any gently used books that they have at home and if they don't have any, ask for them to purchase some.

These are only a few ideas; put your thinking caps on to come up with your own idea. One last thought: Volunteer to plant a garden at your local shelter. Ask local garden places for a donation of vegetable plants. Work with your local scouts to help you arrange for the planting.