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130 Challenge

In honor of the 130th Anniversary of the NJSFWC next year, each Chairman has been asked to come up with a "130 Challenge" that clubs can work toward. This Advocates for Children Chairman is challenging each Club to donate, over the next two years, 130 pairs of children's pajamas and/or socks to organizations that benefit children. Consider soliciting the public, by way of press releases or social media, to help in your collection efforts.

GFWC Advocates for Children Week

GFWC Advocates for Children Week is coming up next month, from October 23 through October 29. GFWC's emphasis for this week will be to promote a collection of personal hygiene items, clothing and blankets to donate to local organizations for children removed from homes due to unsafe conditions. Organizations in New Jersey working with at-risk children include:

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) – website www.casaofnj.org

Embrella, working with foster children – website www.embrella.org

Children's Home Society of New Jersey, helping at-risk infants and children – website www.chsofnj.org

If you plan to collect for any of these groups, please contact the organization first to find out their specific needs. You can also look into organizations in your local area that work with children. Among your donations, consider collecting pajamas, and start on the 130 Challenge!

Contact your town hall, mayor, and Governor Murphy's office for a proclamation for Advocates for Children Week. A sample proclamation is include with this bulletin and on the njsfwc.org website.

Hat Not Hate

October is also National Bullying Prevention Month. Hat Not Hate is an organization whose mission is to rally communities to raise awareness about bullying. Clubs can participate by knitting, crocheting or looming blue hats, which are donated to schools as part of their anti-bullying campaign. Their website, hatnothate.org, has instructions for making the hats, as well as information on how clubs can facilitate virtual or in-person anti-bullying assemblies presented by the Hat Not Hate organization.

Start making hats now to donate in October. Drop off sites for completed hats include:

- **Balzac Fibers** in Ocean Grove - 732-898-6898
- **Beyond Yarn** in Union – 908-688-9001
- **Knit Crochet Repeat** in Tuckahoe – 609-701-0151
- **Shear Magic** in Scotch Plains – 908-889-5515
- **The Yarn Attic** in Hillsborough – 908-864-5311