

**New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs of GFWC**  
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**Love, Loyalty, Friendship**  
**The Bonds of Volunteerism**

**Advocates for Children Program**

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**Contacts/Resources:**

These organizations can use members' help in many ways; contact them to find out what their individual needs are:

- Fundraising on their behalf
- Volunteering at one of their fundraising or children's events
- Making or collecting items they need

**AIDS Resource Foundation for Children** [www.aidsresource.org](http://www.aidsresource.org) helps children and families impacted by HIV/AIDS. See their website for donation drive and collection information.

**Center for Family Services** [www.centerffc.org](http://www.centerffc.org) supports families in need throughout New Jersey. They have collection drives, including those for Thanksgiving and the holidays, blanket, backpack and duffle bag drives, and for newborn and baby essentials. You can contact Lori Henry, their Director of Communications, at 973-452-0250, or email her at [loredana.henry@centerffs.org](mailto:loredana.henry@centerffs.org).

**Children's Home Society of New Jersey** [www.chsofnj.org](http://www.chsofnj.org) helps at-risk infants, children, youth and families. Contact them to find out what items they need, or to participate or volunteer at any of their events. (They are always in need of baby items.) Contact Ariana at 609-695-6274 x146.

**Child Advocacy Centers** Google or search the internet for Child Advocacy Centers in New Jersey. There are several throughout the state; each has different needs; contact one in your area to find out what you can do for them.

**Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)** [www.casaofnj.org](http://www.casaofnj.org) provides trained volunteers to be a "Voice in Court" for children who have been removed from their families because of abuse or neglect. Contact your local affiliate for donation items needed or how you can volunteer.

**Days for Girls** [www.daysforgirls.org](http://www.daysforgirls.org) provides washable, reusable menstrual products to girls around the globe so they can continue their education without interruption. Clubs can sew DfG washable pads and liners.

**Embrella** [www.embrella.org](http://www.embrella.org) (formerly Foster and Adoptive Family Services) supports programs for foster children. Contact them to see how you can help in your area.

- Food Allergy Research & Education (FARE)** [www.fare.org](http://www.fare.org) or [www.foodallergy.org](http://www.foodallergy.org) enhances the lives of individuals with food allergies. Participate in the Teal Pumpkin Project at Halloween by placing a teal-colored pumpkin on your porch to signal that, in addition to candy, you offer non-food trinkets for all trick-or-treaters. You can also promote this in your town.
- Hat Not Hate** [www.hatnothate.org](http://www.hatnothate.org) is an anti-bullying campaign that asks knitters, crocheters and loomers to make blue hats to donate to their cause. There are drop-off sites in New Jersey, or hats can be mailed to the Lion Brand Yarn Company. Check the website for information and to find drop-off sites.
- Hugs for Brady Foundation** [www.hugsforbrady.com](http://www.hugsforbrady.com) was established to help children battling cancer. You can raise funds to purchase a Brady Buddy Wagon for a hospitalized child.
- Parents of Autistic Children NJ (POAC)** [www.poac.net](http://www.poac.net) provides year-long recreational events for autistic children and their families. Participate in a walk or one of their many events.
- Partnership for a Drug Free NJ** [www.drugfreenj.org](http://www.drugfreenj.org) has drug awareness materials for students, age-appropriate by grade. They also present "The 15-Minute Child Break," a one-hour interactive multimedia webinar for parents and educators to effectively communicate with children about the dangers of drugs and alcohol.
- Project Learning Tree** [www.plt.org](http://www.plt.org) has downloadable activity guides by age/education level.
- Project Linus** [www.projectlinus.org](http://www.projectlinus.org) provides new handmade blankets to children in need. Knit, crochet, sew or quilt blankets. Check the website for patterns and to find a location near you.
- Putting Prayers To Action** [www.puttingprayerstoaction.com](http://www.puttingprayerstoaction.com) (formerly Tender Loving Care Ministries) helps children and their families in Appalachia. Their website has a long list of needed items; go to [puttingprayerstoaction.com](http://puttingprayerstoaction.com) and look for Current Needs.
- Ronald McDonald House** [www.rmh-cnj.org](http://www.rmh-cnj.org) (for central and northern New Jersey) and [www.rmhsnj.org](http://www.rmhsnj.org) (for southern New Jersey) provides housing for families of seriously ill children being treated nearby. Collect aluminum tabs, donate items on their wish list, or check their website for other volunteer opportunities.

**Connect with these GFWC Affiliate Organizations:**

- March of Dimes** [www.marchofdimes.org](http://www.marchofdimes.org)  
**Operation Smile** [www.operationsmile.org](http://www.operationsmile.org)  
**St. Jude Children's Research Hospital** [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org)  
**United Nations Shot@Life Campaign** [www.shotatlife.org](http://www.shotatlife.org)  
**UNICEF USA** [www.unicefusa.org](http://www.unicefusa.org)