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GFWC ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN WEEK

Sunday, October 20, to Saturday, October 26, 2024

During Advocates for Children Week clubs and members are encouraged to contact their local law enforcement or child protective service agencies to identify their needs for children or families.

In addition to responding to their determined needs, clubs can create “busy bags” that may be filled with items such as books, coloring books, crayons, art supplies, fidget toys, stuffed animals, and so much more. These bags will be immensely helpful in occupying children’s minds during challenging experiences.

Clubs can work with their city, county, or state to have the fourth week in October recognized as GFWC Advocates for Children Week. Send a copy of the proclamation to Juniors’ Special Program Chairman Suzanne Hooser, suzhoosergfwc@gmail.com.

Volunteer to cook a meal at your local shelter or Ronald McDonald House. Check your local Ronald McDonald House or other shelters for specific food preparation guidelines.

HAT NOT HATE IS NO LONGER COLLECTING HATS

October is National Bullying Prevention Month. Hat Not Hate is an organization whose mission is to rally communities to raise awareness about bullying. While the organization is no longer taking knitted/crocheted hats, their website, hatnothate.org, hats, has information on how clubs can facilitate virtual or in-person anti-bullying assemblies presented by the Hat Not Hate organization. Be sure to check their resource page for activity ideas to share with your local schools and community groups.