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Community Impact Program

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Your 2024 year-end reports are nearly finished and submitted. As you compile them, are you thinking about a project that was especially successful in its impact on the community or one that you hope to expand and continue in 2025? This might fit a submission for the Community Impact Program? It's not too late. The contest period is from January 1, 2024-December 31, 2025.

Using hints from a recent communication from GFWC Community Impact Program Award Chairman Katie Moydell, the project should be an original or updated version of a current project that is solving a community need. Note the word "current." This is not "one more project," but one the club has and is working on and that might be expanded if you involved others in the community. In sharing your work, you have an opportunity to grow club membership, build relationships and create awareness of the impact your club has on the community.

The program was first introduced in 1949 as a "Build a Better Community Contest," is GFWC's longest standing project, and is designed to highlight grassroots efforts that make a difference and improve the community.

GFWC provides a \$100 award for the state winner and the winning entry will be forwarded to compete for a \$2,500 GFWC national award. Contest rules, deadlines and the GFWC entry form are available on the NJSFWC website under Materials.

Remember, the size and scope of the project are not the criteria, even the smallest project can make a big impact.