

**New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs**  
**Advocates for Children**  
**Top Ten Projects 2024**

1. **Sparta Women's Club** members were inspired by a presentation of a fifteen-year-old who created, implements, and maintains the 501(c) (3) Weekend Bag Program. The program is designed to anonymously provide students in need with a supply of food and hygiene necessities over the weekend. It services over 20 Sussex County schools on a weekly basis during the school year. Following the presentation, an unplanned monetary collection raised \$1,271. Additionally, shelf stable items and personal monetary donations amounted to \$200. Members have also assisted in preparing Weekend Bags and support the organization through other volunteer activities.
2. The **Bridgewater Woman's Club** supports Moms Helping Moms both monetarily and through service projects This organization distributes needed essentials for infants and toddlers in the local community through a network of social service agencies. Knowing the importance of reading to a child's development, they requested their \$1,250 donation be used to purchase children's books (82 in Spanish and 201 in English). A book is included in each diaper donation. Members toured the warehouse and volunteered in filling cartons for outgoing donations.
3. **The Haddon Fortnightly** President learned through an article in the NJSFWC ALMANAC that November was Preemie Awareness Month. She, herself, was a preemie and recalled stories from her mother stating how difficult it was to find clothes to fit her. This was the inspiration for a project asking members to donate preemie onesies. The club collected 32 preemie outfits that were donated to the University of Pennsylvania NIC unit allowing preemie babies were able to go home in an outfit that fit perfectly!
4. **Pompton Lakes Women's Club** donated 25 hearts made of flannel and 12 blankets to the Preemies of Carolina. A packet containing two hearts, a blanket and a poem is available to anyone in the nation. The mother wears one heart and the other is placed with the baby. After 24 hours, the one the mother has is placed with the baby so the baby can have the mother's scent. The baby's heart is placed with the mother to bring home her baby's scent with her.
5. The **Woman's Civic Club of Hammonton's** clubhouse basement is home to 250 prom dresses and gowns, as well as bridal gowns, formal wear accessories and brand-new dress shoes. These items along with tickets, hairdressers, accessories, etc. are provided free of charge to young people regardless of income through their Closet Prom Project. The club assisted twelve teens and five weddings this past year; \$3,500 in-kind donations and 50 volunteer hours were tallied.
6. The **Woman's Club of Tewksbury** is proud to be part of a movement which transforms fabric into freedom and stitches into stories of empowerment. **Days for Girls** Is an international non-profit organization committed to increase access to menstrual products, education and health advocacy for women and girls around the world. Together their members sew hope, dignity, and opportunity, ensuring that no girl is held back by

something as natural as her period. They made and distributed 120 reusable menstrual kits along with soap, fabric, and underwear in the amount of \$787 plus an additional \$850 for materials and shipping.

7. The **Pines Lake Woman's Club** regularly donates comfort pillows to their Ambulance Squad and Police. A chance encounter led to donations to an outpatient Oncology unit. Utilizing a donation of 120 pounds of fabric, and donated fiberfill, (in-kind donations valued at \$640) members were able to create 321 bears which were donated to Chilton's Collins Pavilion, the Ambulance Squad, and the local Police Department.
8. The **Woman's Club of Lacy** teamed up with The Lacy Township HS Cheerleaders and the Youth Football League to supply over 100 sets of coloring books and crayons for the Smile Bags which were sewn by club members for Operation Smile. Operation Smile is an organization that works hand in hand with communities throughout the world to offer free, life changing cleft surgeries. Twenty hours (20) and \$500 in-kind donations were reported.
9. The **Woman's Club of Berkeley Heights** began raising awareness of Prevent Child Abuse- NJ's Pinwheel Project by contacting their mayor regarding a proclamation to be read outside their Municipal Building around their Pinwheel Garden. Flyers were created to solicit community participation in purchasing pinwheels. A Giving Tree was placed at the library with flyers and envelopes for donations. An outdoor sign was placed at the Municipal complex informing the community of the upcoming event for Prevent Child Abuse – NJ. Members spent 42 hours and raised \$635 for this event
10. **Roxbury Woman's Club** hosted a birthday party for children living at Homeless Solutions in Morristown, NJ, an agency providing services for families in need. Aspects of the party decided upon by the committee included goodie bags, prizes, food and a DJ. Two teenagers were there to help babysit and organize games with assistance of the DJ. Members danced a few dances with the children who enjoyed the extra attention they deserved. The project included \$420 in in-kind donations with members contributing 20 hours to the project.