

NEW JERSEY STATE FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS
Civic Engagement and Outreach Community Service Program
Top Ten Club Projects 2024

1. The **Junior Women's Club of Verona** participates in the annual Verona Fights Hunger Week. 40 of the 45 members donate a total of 400 hours during this town-wide food drive. Through their coordination of promoting the event on their website, social media, flyers and emails to their local community members, businesses, schools, and civic organizations, and helping to set up collection bins and collect donated items, they were able to raise \$68,353 including monetary and in kind donations.
2. The **Woman's Club of Spring Lake** transformed a meeting room to hold a baby shower for the benefit of 3 military families. They spent 120 hours to plan the food, create center pieces for the table, and fill the room with gifts including a clothesline with baby clothes, strollers, diapers, baby tubs, and a spa basket for each of the moms. They even set up and played a game of "Family Feud" with Pink versus Blue teams during the event.
3. Each year, The **Woman's Club of West Deptford** collects used pocketbooks and fills them with various items to be donated to a homeless shelter. 22 members spent 90 hours collecting and filling 44 purses stuffed with toiletries, first aid products, hair products, mints and gum, pens and other various items.
4. The **Women's Club of Caldwell** volunteered with their local Police and sponsored a **Child's Craft Activity** at their annual National Night Out. Members set up a Painted Rock Project and worked with the children to hand paint over 180 rocks with kind words and decorations which are then shared throughout the town.
5. An annual **Turkey Drive** program by the **Pines Lake Woman's Club Inc.** collected 142 turkeys, 1 ham, 1,065 food items, and \$855 in monetary donations. The club members produced and posted flyers and posters throughout their town. They contacted other groups to participate and help advertise through social media, TV ads and emails. On the day of the event a member dresses in a colorful costume to catch the passing cars attention. Club members as well as student volunteers help to greet and thank the community members for contributions they drop off. All donations are delivered to the Community Food Bank of New Jersey.
6. The **Montville Township Woman's Club** member spent 125 hours cutting, sorting and packing coupons for the Military Coupon Project. Coupons were collected by all 24 members, the local post office clerk, and students from Montville High School. They were collected all year and sent out monthly. They were shipped to all branches of the military throughout the world. They received a thank you note from a naval base in Guam informing them that military families save an average of \$30 per shopping trip using these coupons and several army bases in Germany included a Certificate of Appreciation to the club. The cost for the club was only \$154.68 for envelopes and postage but the savings for military personnel was a total value of \$24,000 in coupons.
7. Sometimes it's not about raising and donating funds, as the 38 members of the **Junior Women's Club of Sparta** showed. They created an opportunity to engage and connect with the public employees and volunteers in their town by visiting the Ambulance Squad, Police and Fire Departments, Library, Parks and Recreation Departments, Public Works

and the Post Office. They recognized these community members' hard work to make a positive impact in their community by thanking them for their service and offering them baked goods, snacks, treats and beverages.

8. Members of the **Cresskill Woman's Club** love to share Candy & Cookie Treats. They collect coffee cans throughout the year. They decorate each coffee can, insert a plastic bag and members fill the coffee cans with candies and homemade cookies. Warning labels are affixed for food allergies. They distributed 105 cans to the Office of Concern, Westside Daycare, York Street Project and the Cresskill Senior Center.
9. The **Woman's Club of Norwood-Northvale** helped to honor and bury the unclaimed remains of 5 Veterans with their donation of \$1,500 to the NJ Mission of Honor for Cremains of American Veterans. With their donation, the Veterans were placed in a wooden urn with the branch of service insignia and buried with full honors at the William Doyle Memorial Cemetery in Wrightstown NJ.
10. The **Junior Woman's Club of Jefferson Township** collaborated with Jefferson Township Recreation Department to create a Wish Tree/Toy Giveaway by placing Christmas trees throughout their town decorated with wish tag ornaments. Families in need of assistance are asked to fill out a form with three wishes for their children and a list is created on line using a sign-up-genius. The wish tag ornaments contain a QR code for community members to go online and select a "wish" to purchase then delivers the gift to Camp Jefferson. Club members put together bags of gifts that are on the wish list for each family. They were able to provide gift bags for 45 families in need.