

**Domestic Violence Prevention
& Awareness**

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The goal of the GFWC Signature Program: Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention is to increase awareness of and help prevent the widespread occurrence of domestic abuse in communities across the nation by supporting existing activities, working with various established programs, and initiating educational opportunities for club members and local citizens. GFWC is a powerful voice for those who have no voice.

GFWC Partner Prevent Child Abuse America

GFWC Florida is encouraging all of our clubs to support the GFWC Partner Prevent Child Abuse America. They offer two programs to participate in; Pinwheels for Prevention and Healthy Families America. The pinwheels are in support of the prevention of child abuse. Healthy Families America (HFA) is a family support program that embodies an infant mental health approach, with the belief that early, nurturing relationships are the foundation for life-long, healthy development. The signature program of Prevent Child Abuse America, HFA is one of the leading family support and home-visiting programs in the country. Additional info can be found at <http://preventchildabuse.org/>

GFWC Success For Survivors Scholarship

As part of the GFWC Signature Program: Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention, the GFWC Success For Survivors Scholarship was created in 2012 to lend a helping hand to those impacted by intimate partner violence, who are pursuing higher education. The scholarship aims to provide survivors with a means to achieve both financial and personal independence. Since its inception in 2012, GFWC has awarded \$50,000 in scholarship funds. GFWC awards scholarships annually each June determined by the number of donations received. We have a goal of 100% participation statewide. Many donations of just \$5 will add up too many \$\$\$.

Teen Dating 101 Workshop

In support of our State President's Project, an emphasis is being placed on attacking domestic violence at the teen level. If we can intervene and teach our teens about all the kinds of abuse, we can nip the cycle of abuse in the bud! A dating workshop is being developed based on the model developed by the GFWC North Pinellas Woman's Club. The plan is to share the model with all of our clubs so that they can take it into the community. Our goal is to make a difference throughout the state of Florida.

Domestic Violence Awareness & Prevention:

REMEMBER - Awareness & Education is where it begins!

