

GFWC Junior Special Project, Advocates for Children Program

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Program Principles

GFWC Juniorette, Junior and General Clubs educate, advocate, and engage in projects concerning the wellbeing of children via health, social and safety programs. GFWC's Junior members have designed a special project, Advocates for Children that encourages members to become active advocates for children by working to:

- Protect children from harmful situations,
- Encourage healthy lifestyles, and
- Prevent substance abuse and youth suicide.

Within society children are the most vulnerable and do not have their own voice to advocate for themselves. 17% of children live under the poverty line, of which 17 million are food insecure. 780,000 children are in the foster care system. One in twelve children is disabled, and that population is increasing. 25% of all emergency visits to US emergency rooms involve children. Their health and medical needs are unique and require special resources and education. Our 100,000+ GFWC members will improve health, social and safety issues for the 73.9 million children (26% of the total population) in the United States by reaching out to impact them since they are our future, and to which clubwomen have dedicated through community service for over 100 years.

Members can participate in projects that address issues such as bullying, children with cancer, care safety seats, and emergency medical services for children. In addition, Juniors' work with partner organizations that advocate on behalf of children across the country.

Overall Program Goal and Objectives

Goal: Children in society are protected from harmful situations, and encouraged to adopt healthy lifestyles both physically and emotionally.

Objective 1. To redesign, implement, and assess a GFWC Advocates for Children program for 2010-2012 that incorporates health, social wellbeing and safety issues.

Objective 2 To better define Junior Special Project and provide GFWC members with guidance on how differs from other Programs.

Objective 3 To increase awareness of GFWC members on the issues affecting children in society today.

Objective 4. To impact policy that affects children in society today.

Call to Action

EDUCATE YOURSELF

- Learn more about Child Health Day in the United States, a day that raises people’s awareness of how they can protect and develop children’s health. This event is annually celebrated on the first Monday of October. <http://mchb.hrsa.gov/childhealthday> (*not sure if should include this. Link is for 2009.*)
- Support youth drug abuse prevention programs. Investigate the teen abuse of cough syrup and other non prescription and prescription drugs.
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INFORM OTHERS

- Order and distribute the free brochure “Suicide in Youth and What You Can Do About It – A Guide for Students” from GFWC’s Marketplace (www.GFWC.org/Marketplace).
- Disseminate safety curriculum and emergency guidelines for schools and assist with the development of emergency care plans for children.

CREATE CHANGE

- Advocate for quality rating programs if your state is without one.
- Volunteer at early childhood centers by reading to the children or assisting teachers.
- Support early childhood facilities with financial and other resources.
- Support and encourage family and adult involvement in children’s education.
- Provide needed equipment and funding for training of local pre-hospital emergency service personnel.
- Participate in community injury prevention programs and encourage and support ongoing prevention activities.
- Start or support an existing Juniorette Club. Visit www.GFWC.org/Juniorettes.
- Encourage your club to celebrate Child Health Day.

Important Dates

January, National Birth Defects Prevention Month, National Birth Defects Prevention Network
February 3 National Girls and Women in Sports Day
February 4 World Cancer Day
March 23-25, 2011, National Youth Violence Prevention Week, National Youth Violence Campaign
March 19-23, 2012, National Youth Violence Prevention Week, National Youth Violence Campaign
April, Child Abuse Prevention Month
May 17-21, 2011 National EMS Week
May 19, 2011 National EMSC Day
June 4, International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression, United Nations
June 12 World Day against Child Labor
August 12, International Youth Day, United Nations
October, Child Health Month
Child Health Day 2010, Monday, October 4, 2010
Child Health Day 2011, Monday, October 3, 2011
October 15, World Food Day
November, Child Safety and Protection Month, National Network for Child Care
November 20, Universal Children's Day, United Nations

Collaborations

In their local communities and across the country, GFWC members work to give children brighter futures. *[Need a bit more of an intro here.](#)*

In this section are examples of what clubs have done around the country to implement projects related to conservation issues in their own communities. For more information about any of the following GFWC club projects, please contact the Junior Special Project, Advocates for Children Chairman Suzanne Way or the GFWC Programs Director Sydney West.

GFWC Ladies In Purpose Junior Woman's Club, Virginia, chose Comfort Zone Camp as the District Unity Project. CZC is a bereavement camp which offers a variety of experiences for children who have lost a family member or caregiver. The camp is an opportunity for those young persons who have experienced similar tragedies to grieve in a safe and caring environment. The club members supported this organization by collecting coins at each business meeting to donate to CZC. In addition to the monetary support two members participated in the 3 mile walk held to support CZC. Members also were proactive in their support by supporting a cookout held at the camp during one of the summer sessions. They gave donations to support the cookout but also provided food and volunteers to help with preparing the food, serving and cleaning up.

GFWC Crewe Junior Woman's Club, Virginia, joined the Crewe-Burkeville Christmas Mother to help provide gifts and food for Christmas to qualified families. They took an in-depth approach to this special event by carefully selecting a qualified and prominent dance teacher, Ann Carrington, as their Christmas Mother. The "Christmas Mother" is a symbol of the spirit of giving at Christmas and sets the tone for rest of the season of giving by the Christmas Mother organization. Applications to receive assistance through Christmas Mother are distributed throughout the community, families are then carefully selected and their need is verified by social services. Club members shopped for a majority of the gifts that were given to over 90 children. The club members also took time to participate with the children and help them "shop" for their parents. The club members were able to see the gratitude of the families while they handed out food from Angel Ministries at the Christmas party held to distribute the gifts.

GFWC Maywood Woman's Club, California, participated in "Operation Paperback" by collecting and donating over sixty books to be sent overseas to Military personnel and their families. These books included children's book for ages Kindergarten through 12th grade. In addition books were also sent to military facility's libraries to allow children to borrow books as needed. The club women spent 39 hours working to maintain the education and standard of living of the youth of our military families.

GFWC Junior Woman's Civic Club of Cumberland, Maryland, joined with the Tri-State Health Center, a facility serving the under-insured or uninsured, to spread the word to young women about protecting your skin during the hot summer months. The members used the \$50.00 they were awarded by the State Federation to fashion "fry boxes" for distribution to the children who visit the health Center. These boxes contain sun block, lip balm with sun protection, hand sanitizers and band aids. The message on the boxes stated, "GFWC says...Don't get fried by summer". The Club members and participants of this project were featured in the Cumberland Times- News.

GFWC Kenosha Junior Woman's Club, Wisconsin, generated two programs to advocate for the youth in their community. The members, for the fifth straight year, joined together to make 25 baby quilts in their old fashioned "quilting bee". The co-chairs of the project bought or had donated all the materials needed to complete the quilts and had members sign up to bring in the sewing machines and ironing boards. The quilts were donated to at-risk infants at the neonatal ICU at St. Mary's Memorial Hospital in Racine Wisconsin. The second program was an Easter Egg Hun for area children from Urban Outreach, the Shalom Center for the Homeless and other disadvantaged children from Kenosha area foster homes. The members joined their own children to enjoy a day of Easter fun by handing out bags of Easter candy to the disadvantaged youth in the community. This

not only gave back to the children of Kenosha but also allowed the members to pass on their philanthropic attitudes to their own children. They ended the day by having all the children line up to say hello to the Easter bunny right before they went a massive hunt for Easter eggs!

GFWC Bonsall Woman’s Club, California, established a “Girl of the Year” program to encourage girls from 5th to 8th grades at their local schools to participate in charitable projects. They encourage philanthropy, community service projects and excellent academics. Each applicant wishing to be considered the “Girl of the Year” must have a 3.0GPA, have excellent citizenship, have a teacher or other adult write a sponsorship letter, and each girl must write an essay on “Why I Should be Girl of the Year”. All the essays are collected and interviews of each girl are done at the schools. Four savings bonds, valued at \$50.00, were given out to the winner at each school.

Partners

In this section you will find GFWC National Partners. These are organizations that operate at the national or international level and have developed programs specially designed for GFWC clubs.

Emergency Medical Services for Children

Main Hospital Address

111 Michigan AVE NW | Washington, DC 20010

E: tbear@cnmc.org | P: 202/476-BEAR (2327) | Toll Free: 888/884-BEAR (2327) | W:

www.childrensnational.org/emsc

The Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) National Resource Center (NRC) was established in 1991 to help improve the pediatric emergency care infrastructure throughout the United States and its territories. Since its inception, \$140 million in grants have enabled the formation of state EMSC advisory committees, development of pediatric specific EMS protocols and other clinical resources. They have assisted states in the assessment and identification of gaps in pediatric emergency care and development and implementation of strategies to improve the state EMS systems for children.

GFWC will improve pediatric emergency care throughout the US and its territories by contacting local State EMSC Coordinators and determining the gaps in their particular pediatric emergency care systems. Specific plans to fill those gaps will be determined by each State. GFWC members are encouraged to join their respective State EMSC Advisory Boards to be involved with their respective priorities. GFWC members can be updated regularly by joining EMSC listservs, including FAN and EMSC QuickNews listservs to assure timely notification of ongoing projects, EMSC program and partner news.

- Disseminate safety curriculum and emergency guidelines for schools and assist with development of emergency care plans for children. Promote the use of the Emergency Information Form for children with special health care needs.
- Participate in the Blue Bear Brigade. Help make bears and donate them along with the EMSC coloring book, “Be Prepared Not Scared,” to local ambulance services, rescue squads, and other emergency departments. Blue Bear patterns are available from the national GFWC Advocates for Children Chairman.
- Order materials from the EMSC website and clearinghouse for local clubs, schools, and childcare. Materials are available on injury prevention, mental health, EMS training, family-centered care, and children with special health care needs. (See Resources)
- Collaborate with state Emergency Medical Services for Children programs on a local project or assist with the nationwide Public Information and Education Campaign. (See Resources)
- Participate as a state or local representative for the EMSC Family Advocacy Network.

Girls on the Run International

120 Cottage Place | Charlotte, NC 28207

Email: info@girlsontherun.org | Phone: 704.376.9817 x. 102 | 800.901.9965 | Fax 704.376.1039 |

W: www.girlsontherun.org

Katy Brown, Vice President, Partnerships and Development

Girls on the Run® International (GOTRI) is a non-profit prevention program that encourages preteen girls (3rd-8th grade) to develop self-respect and healthy lifestyles through running. The curricula address all aspects of girls' development - their physical, emotional, mental, social and spiritual well-being. GOTRI establishes, trains, and supports a network of community-level councils with local volunteers. The volunteers serve as role models to the girls through coaching the 12-week, 24 lesson curricula. The curriculum is delivered in these areas through after-school programs, recreation centers and other non-profit settings. The girls learn life skills through group processing, running games and workouts. The three-part curriculum is taught by certified Girls on the Run® coaches and includes understanding ourselves, valuing teamwork and understanding how we connect with and shape the world at large. They then choose and conduct a community service project . At each season’s conclusion, the girls complete a 5k running event as a group.

GFWC can participate with GOTRI by volunteering as coaches (time commitment: 2-3 hours twice weekly for 12 weeks) or volunteering as a Running Buddy and run with a girl at her 5K race!

Collaborating with local councils, to see what their top needs are in your community, or start a Council in your area if one does not currently exist. Donations as a SoleMate through GOTRI’s adult charity running program are an option. Visit www.girlsontherunsolemates.org for more information.

Funds can be used for scholarships, capacity building, marketing...you name it! Collect and donate items for your local council's "coach boxes". This is a great opportunity to work with local girls who are nearly or are the same age as GFWC Juniores.

National Foster Parent Association

2307 Tacoma Avenue S | Tacoma, WA 98402

E: info@nfpaonline.org | P: 253/683-4246 | F: 253/238-4252 | W: www.nfpaonline.org

Check out www.walkmehome.org

Carl D Jones, Executive Director, cjones@nfpaonline.org

The National Foster Parent Association is a non-profit, volunteer organization established in 1972 as a result of the concerns of several independent groups that felt the country needed a national organization to meet the needs of foster families in the United States.

GFWC members can support and increase awareness in the community about the need for quality, professional foster parents. In addition, GFWC clubs and/or members can support and participate in Walk Me Home, the NFPA's signature fund and awareness raising event. If there is no local Walk Me Home, GFWC can create one and be the lead affiliate in this event. A local walking team can also take part and raise funds and awareness.

The Skin Cancer Foundation

149 Madison Avenue Suite 901 | New York, New York 10016

E: xx@skincancer.org | P: 212/725-5176 | W: www.skincancer.org

Founded in 1979, The Skin Cancer Foundation has set the standard for educating the public and the medical profession about skin cancer, its prevention by means of sun protection, and the need for early detection and prompt, effective treatment. It is the only international organization devoted solely to combating the world's most common cancer, now occurring at epidemic levels. More than a million new cases of skin cancer are diagnosed in the United States every year. The Foundation's mission is to decrease the incidence of the disease by means of public and professional education, medical training, and research.

Special Olympics

1133 19th Street, N.W. | Washington, DC 20036

P: 202/628-3630 | F: 202/824-0200 | W: www.specialolympics.org

Tracy DeVries, Director of Partnerships, 202-543-6330

Special Olympics is a global nonprofit organization targeting the nearly 200 million people round the world who have intellectual disabilities. Since its inception in 1968, Special Olympics has grown to be

one of the world's most powerful and effective social movements. At the center of Special Olympics are more than 3.2 million athletes with intellectual disabilities who compete in over 33,000 events per year in 170 countries. But Special Olympics is more than just sports: it is about using the power of sports to change attitudes, change communities, and change the world. In support of this vision, Special Olympics has complimented its core sports offering with initiatives in health, education, inclusion, family support, self advocacy, public policy and research. Together with sports, these initiatives have enabled Special Olympics to become one of the world's most respected global nonprofit organizations.

GFWC can partner with local Special Olympics for Unified Sports® events, in which Special Olympics athletes and members play on sports teams together and “sponsor” an athlete(s) from the local Special Olympics Program, supporting them throughout their training and raising money to send them to a competition. Members could also participate in local fundraising events for Special Olympics, such as a Polar Plunge. Local fundraising events are the best catalysts for building a sense of ownership in the Special Olympics relationship among members of the organization. GFWC can plan “meet and greets” with local Special Olympics athletes and coaches, throw send-off parties before athletes travel to the National Games in 2010, or hold “re-medaling” events after big events where team members present the athletes again with the medals they earned. Work with Project UNIFY schools to create inclusive (young women with and without intellectual disabilities) Juniorette programs, or mentor and partner with Project UNIFY youth leadership groups on service learning projects.

Resources

Resources are organizations, at either the national, regional, or local level, that GFWC has partnered with in the past, and/or recommends in terms of information or materials.

Feeding America

35 East Wacker DR, STE 2000 | Chicago, IL 60601 | USA

P: 800/771.2303 | F: 312/263.5626 | W: www.feedingamerica.org/backpack

Jessica Jelinski, Child Nutrition Program Associate, JJelinski@feedingamerica.org

Feeding America is the nation's leading domestic hunger-relief charity. Their mission is to feed America's hungry through a nationwide network of member food banks and engage our country in the fight to end hunger. Each year, the Feeding America network provides food to more than 25 million low-income people facing hunger in the United States, including more than 9 million children and nearly 3 million seniors. 17 million children are food insecure. Visit You Tube (www.youtube.com) to see their compelling video by searching for Feeding America Backpack.

Feeding America's Backpack Program is designed to meet the needs of hungry children at times when other resources are not available, such as weekends and school vacations. Backpacks are filled with food that children take home on weekends. The food is child-friendly, nonperishable, easily consumed and vitamin fortified. The backpacks are discreetly distributed to children on the last day before the weekend or holiday vacation.

National Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Association

100 West Harrison, North Tower, STE 500 | Seattle, WA 98119

P: 800/628-3233 | W: www.nationalcasa.org

The mission of the National Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Association, together with its state and local members, is to support and promote court-appointed volunteer advocacy for abused and neglected children so that they can thrive in safe, permanent homes.

Additional Information

These are organizations, agencies, and that GFWC clubwomen may find helpful in researching information and creating programs.

Governmental

Children's Bureau

Administration on Children, Youth and Families

1250 Maryland AVE, SW, 8th FL | Washington, DC 20024

P: 800/394.3366 or 703/385.7565 | W: www.childwelfare.gov

The Children's Bureau (CB) is one of two bureaus within the Administration on Children, Youth and Families, Administration for Children and Families, of the Department of Health and Human Services. With an annual budget of over \$7 billion, the Children's Bureau works with State and local agencies to develop programs that focus on preventing the abuse of children in troubled families, protecting children from abuse, and finding permanent placements for those who cannot safely return to their homes.

U.S. Department of Education Resource Center

P: 800/USA-LEARN | W: www.ED.gov

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Ariel Rios Building | 1200 Pennsylvania AVE, NW | Washington, DC 20460

P: 202/272-0167 | TTY: 202/272-0165 | W: www.epa.gov

The mission of EPA is to protect human health and to safeguard the natural environment – air, water and land – upon which life depends.

- Investigate the Environmental Protection Agency’s Sunwise Program, which aims to teach children and their caregivers how to protect themselves from overexposure to the sun. Order or download free materials and distribute to teachers and parents. Visit www.epa.gov/sunwise.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), an agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, is the primary Federal agency for improving access to health care services for people who are uninsured, isolated or medically vulnerable.

5600 Fishers LN | Rockville, MD 20857

P: 888/ask.hrsa | W: www.hrsa.gov

- Visit www.StopBullyingNow.HRSA.gov for information regarding bullying and free materials. The website has information for children as well as parents.

National Child Care Information and Technical Assistance Center

9300 Lee Highway 6050 | Fairfax, VA 22031-6050

P: 800/616-2242 | F: 800/716-2242 | TTY: 800/516-2242 | W: www.NCCIC.gov

The National Child Care Information and Technical Assistance Center (NCCIC), a service of the Child Care Bureau, is a national clearinghouse and technical assistance (TA) center that provides comprehensive child care information resources and TA services to Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Administrators and other key stakeholders.

- Visit the National Child Care Information Center online at www.NCCIC.gov for information about quality rating systems.

U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission | Publication Request

Office of Information and Public Affairs

4330 East West HWY | Bethesda, MD 20814

P: 800/638-2772 | E: publications@cpsc.gov | W: www.CPSC.gov

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission protects the public from unreasonable risks of injury or death from 15,000 types of consumer products under the agency’s jurisdiction, including toy recalls. To report a dangerous product or a product-related injury call CPSC’s hotline. Free publications on a large variety of subjects are also available and describe common hazards associated with the use of consumer products and recommend ways to avoid them. All publications can be viewed on the website. Clubs may copy all materials.

Non Governmental (NGO) Resources

The American Academy of Pediatrics

National Headquarters

141 Northwest Point BLVD | Elk Grove Village, IL 60007-1098

P: 847/434-4000 | F: 847/434-8000 | W: www.aap.org

The American Academy of Pediatrics is an organization of 60,000 pediatricians committed to the attainment of optimal physical, mental, and social health and well-being for all infants, children, adolescents, and young adults.

- Visit AAP's new Web site for families, HealthyChildren.org, for guidance on parenting issues. You can find reliable information on children's health topics, search for a local AAP member pediatrician, and get answers to specific questions by visiting, "Ask a Pediatrician."
- Advocate. Go to www.aap.org/fostercare for more information on AAP's Healthy Foster Care America (HFCA) Campaign to improve the health and well-being outcomes of children and teens in foster care.

Mom's Rising Organization

W: www.momsrising.org

Since 2006, Moms Rising has been working to bring together millions of people who share a common concern about the need to build a more family-friendly America.

- Involve clubs in Moms Rising, a group interested in policies concerning mothers. Visit www.MomsRising.org for more information.

National Association of Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies

3101 Wilson BLVD, STE 350 | Arlington, VA 22201

P: 703/341-4100 | W: www.NACCRRRA.org

NACCRRRA, the National Association of Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies, is our nation's leading voice for child care. We work with more than 700 state and local Child Care Resource and Referral agencies nationwide. These agencies help ensure that families in 99 percent of all populated ZIP codes in the United States have access to high-quality, affordable child care. To achieve our mission, we lead projects that increase the quality and availability of child care professionals, undertake research, and advocate child care policies that positively impact the lives of children and families.

The National Association for the Education of Young Children

1313 L ST, NW, STE 500 | Washington, DC 20005

P: 202-232-8777 | Toll free: 800/424-2460 | F: 202/328-1846 | W: www.NAEYC.org

Founded in 1926, the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) is dedicated to improving the well-being of all young children, with particular focus on the quality of educational and developmental services for all children from birth through age 8.

National Association for Family Child Care

1743 W. Alexander Street | Salt Lake City, UT 84119

E: nafcc@nafcc.org | P: 801/886-2322 | F: 801/886-2325 | W: www.NAFCC.org

The National Association for Family Child Care is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting quality child care by strengthening the profession of family child care.

National Education Association

The NEA's mission is to advocate for education professionals and to unite our members and the nation to fulfill the promise of public education to prepare every student to succeed in a diverse and interdependent world.

1201 16th ST, NW | Washington, DC 20036-3290

P: 202/833-4000 | F: 202/822-7974 | W: www.NEA.org

- Investigate the National Education Association's www.BNetSavvy.org website for information on signing up for a newsletter for "tweens" about staying safer online.

National Children's Advocacy Center

210 Pratt AVE | Huntsville, AL 35801

P: 256/533-KIDS (5437) | W: www.nationalcac.org

The National Children's Advocacy Center (NCAC) models, promotes and delivers excellence in child abuse response and prevention through service, education and leadership.

- Improve the community's response to child abuse by using suggestions found at www.NCA.org.

National Families in Action

2296 Henderson Mill RD, STE 300 | Atlanta, GA 30345-2739

E: nfia@web.cc.emory.edu | P: 770/934-7137 | F: 770/934-7137 | W: www.NationalFamilies.org

National Families in Action, through publications, networking, and collaboration efforts, has carried the drug use prevention message to all corners of the U.S. and abroad. With its cultural and ethnic partners, it is building a massive family movement across the globe that involves all families to help parents protect children from drug use and drug dealing by strengthening, or in some cases rebuilding, families, and communities.

Parent Teacher Association

PTA National Headquarters

541 N Fairbanks CT, STE 1300 | Chicago, IL 60611-3396

P: 312/670-6782 | Toll Free: 800/307-4PTA (4782) | F: 312/670-6783 | W: www.pta.org

As the largest volunteer child advocacy association in the nation, Parent Teacher Association (PTA) reminds our country of its obligations to children and provides parents and families with a powerful voice to speak on behalf of every child while providing the best tools for parents to help their children be successful students.

- Partner with the PTA or PTO to eliminate bullying in local schools. Visit www.PTA.org and www.PTODay.com

Partnership for a Drug-Free America

405 Lexington Avenue, Suite 1601 | New York, NY 10174

P: 212/922.1560 | F: 212.922.1570 | W: www.drugfree.org

The Partnership for a Drug-Free America is a nonprofit organization that unites parents, renowned scientists and communications professionals to help families raise healthy children. Best known for its research-based national public education programs, the Partnership motivates and equips parents to prevent their children from using drugs and alcohol, and to find help and treatment for family and friends in trouble. The centerpiece of this effort is an online resource center at drugfree.org, featuring interactive tools that translate the latest science and research on teen behavior, addiction and treatment into easy to understand tips and tools

StopMedicineAbuse If we include this, there needs to be contact information....

StopMedicine Abuse is promoting an effort to curb the abuse of over-the-counter cough medicines containing dextromethorphan with the help of a host of partners.

The Five Moms is a campaign to stop cough medicine abuse and is now a part of

StopMedicineAbuse.org. www.fivemoms.org

- Support youth drug abuse prevention programs. Investigate the teen abuse of cough syrup and other nonprescription and prescription drugs by visiting www.DrugFree.org and www.FiveMoms.com.

Zero to Three

National Center for Infants, Toddlers and Families

2000 M St. NW, STE 200 | Washington, DC 20036

P: 202/638-1144 | F: 202/638-0851 | W: www.ZeroToThree.org

Zero to Three is a national nonprofit organization that informs, trains and supports professionals, policymakers and parents in their efforts to improve the lives of infants and toddlers.

Awards

CLUB

A \$50 award is given annually to one club in the nation to recognize creativity in implementing an effective Junior Special Project Program. The award is based on narrative reports. State GFWC Junior Special Project Chairmen should forward the winning state entry to the national GFWC Junior Special Project Chairman by March 15 of each year.

STATE

GFWC certificates are awarded to one state federation in each membership category to recognize outstanding achievement in the Junior Special Project Program. Award presentations are made annually in honor of junior and general membership participation.

Emergency Medical Services for Children

EMSC will present certificates to one club in each state annually for participating in EMSC programs. In addition, one club in the nation will be recognized for outstanding achievement by EMSC.