



## Junior Woman's Club Conservation Bulletin #2

Partnership Chairwoman: Candice Melton

Collaboration Chairwoman: Bethani Coone

Number of Clubs Reporting: 21 Federated Clubs

Total Collaboration Dollars Donated: \$4,605

Total Partnership Dollars Donated: \$341

Total Collaboration In-Kind Donations: \$24,324

Total Partnership In-Kind Donations: \$845

Total Collaboration Service Hours: 3,492

Total Partnership Service Hours: 274

Entering into the world of receiving a state position on the GFWC Junior Planning Committee has been a whirlwind of excitement. From attending summer planning, to presenting a workshop at Fall Board, to now, being able to read through all the reports from the various clubs, it seems as though everything has been just as planned. Upon reading all the reports for the Community Service Program of Conservation, I have found countless ways that clubs have easily incorporated projects into their meetings and schedule of events. Some of the projects may be small in the number of hours put into them, but have the chance to make the largest impact on the most amount of people. Larger projects varied anywhere from road side clean ups, to cleaning the shoreline in the local communities. It was an eye opener to see how much of a statement the Junior Woman's Clubs can make in each of their communities.

One of the most inspiring projects that was completed was the Boyd Hill Nature Preserve project performed by the ladies of the St. Petersburg Junior Woman's Club. The club members worked with the Preserve to help remove exotic plants. Boyd Hill is a

Preserve in St. Petersburg that has five unique ecosystems, an interpretive center for educating people about various environmental and natural history topics, and an aviary for birds of prey. During the day of service, the club helped remove air potatoes from the preserve. They had six members present and put in a total of twelve hours. They were even able to recruit new members while they were there.

Another outstanding project was the GFWC New Tampa Juniors' Load em' Up Pet Food Drive. They held the event at a Texas Roadhouse and made flyers in advance notifying the community that they could receive a free appetizer for donating pet food to the Humane Society of Tampa Bay. The Juniors and Juniorettes collected food and painted faces in the parking lot. Brusters ice-cream came and gave out free ice-cream. The Juniors were able to get Petco and Iams to make donations as well. They were able to collect 4145 pounds of pet food and \$312 in cash donations from the community as well as a \$300 cash donation from Texas Roadhouse.