



ONE VOICE FOR CHILDREN PARTNERSHIP Fall Board 2010



Hello Florida Juniors!

I know you have been working hard on Junior Special Projects for the first half the year. Our new administration in GFWC has adopted a couple of totally new concepts regarding what was formerly known as departments. They have been renamed to Community Service Programs and are now divided into two areas – Collaboration and Partnership. This bulletin will focus on the Partnership side of Junior Special Projects.

GFWC Partners are organizations that operate at the national or international level and offer unique and customized services such as project materials, speakers, kits, and/or additional information specifically designed for GFWC clubs to enhance the effectiveness of the GFWC Community Service Programs and Special Projects within your communities. These GFWC Partners are aware of GFWC clubs' specific needs and our club and organizational structure.

These GFWC Partners will assist in monitoring the donations generated by GFWC members. To ensure that your donation is included in the GFWC total, please make sure to:

1. Write on your check that you are a GFWC member or club.
2. Contact your state Partnership Chairman, Anne Messer for the name and address of the Partner contact for mailing information at ram72056@yahoo.com.
3. Anne will make sure the proper notification goes to national chairman.

In Junior Love,
Anne

Emergency Medical Services for Children

www.childrensnational.org/EMSC

GFWC will improve pediatric emergency care throughout the U.S. by determining gaps in their particular communities.

Ways to become involved:

- Encourage EMSC Family Advisory Network Members to share information and project ideas at GFWC club meetings.
- Participate in EMSC programs by joining local EMSC Advisory Committee
- Assisting with EMSC Day activities held in May
- Distribute EMSC School Nurse Training Program and resources
- Distribute EMSC Injury Prevention Program materials
- Participate in Blue Bear Brigade

Girls on the Run International www.girlsontherun.org

GONTRI is a nonprofit prevention program that encourages preteen girls (3rd-8th grade) to develop self-respect and healthy lifestyles through running. The 12 week, 24 lesson curriculum addresses all aspects of girls' development. GFWC can participate by volunteering as coaches, as a running buddy and running with a girl at her 5K race. This is a great opportunity to work with local girls who are nearly or are the same age as GFWC Juniores.



Does your club know about GFWC Juniors' Special Project cash award?

GFWC provides \$50 annually to one club in the nation to recognize creativity in implementing an effective GFWC Juniors' Special Project: Advocates for Children. The award is based on narrative reports. Junior Special Project Chairmen will forward their state's winning entry to the national GFWC Juniors' Special Project Chairman by March 15 of each year.

Special Olympics – www.specialolympics.org

Special Olympics targets the nearly 200 million people around the world who have intellectual disabilities. It is more than just sports – it is about using the power of sports to change attitudes. GFWC can partner with local Special Olympics to “sponsor” a local athlete(s) by supporting them throughout their training and raising money to send them to a competition. You can also participate in local fundraising events or organize an event of your own.

National Foster Parent Association www.NFPAonline.org

The National Foster Parent Association supports foster parents. Together with GFWC members we can work on:

- Support Walk Me Home...to the Place I Belong events or organize an event.
- Assist your local association in recruiting quality caring families to become foster parents.
- Organize a Back Packs for School project to be distributed to newly placed children.
- Invite foster care association to speak at a club meeting.
- Observe and support Foster Care Month activities in your local area
- Order a free resource packet from NFPA

Contact Us!

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