

## Community Improvement Contest



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Every community has needs that can only be addressed if there is a strong public awareness and groups are willing to step forward. A GFWC Community Improvement Contest project can be the vehicle to get things done but it takes good leaders and those willing to volunteer their services. Your project should have a clear focus and a plan for completion. A project can be small or large but it should make a difference in your community and cause your club members to be excited about their involvement. Your club can take pride in knowing that as a group of committed women you have identified a problem, found the solution and followed through with your actions.

Now that you have your project, make sure you include the following things:

Assessment of community needs	Adjust for obstacles
Club commitment to the project	Set a completion date
Identify organizations and agencies involved	have an active publicity plan
Be sure funding and budgets are in place	Appoint a documentation chair
Define plans and work schedules	Monitor ongoing progress
Establish creative decision making	Evaluate long –term effect for the Community

While the project content is important, to compete in the GFWC Florida and the GFWC Contest you should reference the GFWC Manual and use the following guidelines:

### Contest Rules

- Any Woman, Junior or Juniorette Club may enter the contest. Juniorette entries are judged separately...
- Project involving two to six clubs qualify as joint entries. Only one form should be submitted with all club presidents signing the form...
- The project covers the period March 1, 2010 to April 30, 2012.
- Winning clubs win monetary awards at both GFWC Florida and GFWC.

### Reporting Procedures

- Reports must be postmarked to this chairman by March 1, 2012
- This is a two-year project and interim reporting is not required.
- Cross reporting is permitted. CIC should be reported in the appropriate CSP. At the end of the two years, all of the project activities including fund raising and public relations are compiled and entered as a "Community Improvement Contest project.
- All entries must include the completed GFWC Community Improvement Contest Entry Form/Cover Sheet 2010-2012.
- Clubs may choose to compete by submitting a narrative detailing the project or a project notebook that contains a description and supportive materials such as pictures, news clippings, proclamations and letters. The notebook must not exceed seven pounds and measure no more than 15 x 20.