



Education Partnership

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These are programs and projects that a club carries out on behalf of the national and international level organizations with which GFWC has a formal relationship or partnership. These partners have developed programs specifically for GFWC clubs and offer unique and customized services such as project materials, speakers, kits and/or additional information specifically designed to enhance the effectiveness of the GFWC community service programs and special projects within their communities. These GFWC partners are aware of GFWC clubs' specific needs and our club structure.

Each of you will be receiving program books from GFWC which will provide information and explain contests and other resources. Please be sure that you receive these books so that you can take advantage of the many ideas provided.

I have provided you with a couple of examples of the programs which are Mentoring USA (www.MentoringUSA.org) and Reading Rockets (www.ReadingRockets.org).

Mentoring USA partners with public schools, nonprofit organizations, foster care agencies, housing facilities and community services to provide supervised site based, one-to-one mentoring, matching youth between ages of 7 to 21 with caring, trained adult mentors. Together, Mentoring USA and GFWC are working on:

- Galvanizing GFWC members to mentor: GFWC clubwomen can start mentoring programs through their local clubs or support Mentoring USA's national growth effort by becoming Mentoring USA members, to include a Washington, DC. program launch during the 2010-2011 school year.
- Support to existing GFWC mentoring programs: Mentoring USA will work with GFWC clubwomen to offer technical assistance and training for clubs operating structured, site-based mentoring programs.

Reading Rockets is national multimedia project offering information and resources on how young kids learn to read, why so many struggle and how caring adults can help. The Reading Rockets project is comprised of PBS television programs, available on videotape and DVD; online services, including the websites www.ReadingRockets.org and www.ColorinColorado.org; and professional development opportunities. Together, Reading Rockets and GFWC are working to help young children learn how to read better. Some of the ways you can help are:

- Assemble and distribute Family Literacy Bags: Reading Rockets has developed a set of family literacy bags centered around paired fiction and non fiction books.
- Support your local library. Order free toolkits for Reading Rockets. Reference:: www.ReadingRockets.org/Audience/Professional/Librarians.
- Download free print guides found at www.ReadingRockets.org/Guides.