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I'd like to thank everyone for all the wonderful things you do to make life easier for those in need around the world. Below are updates from our four GFWC partners plus two additional organizations:

**Heifer International** has a new program to help vulnerable children by providing fresh milk daily to 10,000 kids in schools in Tanzania through the East Africa Dairy Development Project. Milk will be collected from farmers in this Dairy project, processed into 8-ounce packages, and distributed to school children ages 9 and younger each day of the school year. **Contact:** Jill Kilty Newburn - Tel: 650.823.0589; [Jill.KiltyNewburn@heifer.org](mailto:Jill.KiltyNewburn@heifer.org)



**Operation Smile:** Just \$240 can change a child's life forever with a cleft operation. Any club donations can be put toward funding the GFWC mission. Hands-on projects making Smile dolls, bags, and gowns are other great ways to help. **Contact:** Vicki Rusu-Ebert – Tel: 757-321-3208; [Victoria.ebert@operationsmile.org](mailto:Victoria.ebert@operationsmile.org)



**Shot@Life** continues to partner with Walgreens' **Get a Shot. Give a Shot®**. Walgreens donates to Shot@Life to benefit Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, UNICEF, and the World Health Organization. Flu shot season is just around the corner, so help Shot@Life by getting your shots at Walgreens. **Contact:** Rebecca Maxie – Tel: O: 202-854-2364; [rmaxie@unfoundation.org](mailto:rmaxie@unfoundation.org)



**UNICEF USA's End Trafficking Project** raises awareness about child trafficking and mobilizes Americans to take action to end all forms of trafficking. In the last year, UNICEF USA has trained more than 21,600 people in 20 states to recognize and respond to trafficking. UNICEF USA has also just launched an End Trafficking Facebook Group – a private moderated group meant to help generate conversation and solutions for ending trafficking. **Contact:** Mansi Mehta – Tel: 212-922-2540; [mmehta@unicefusa.org](mailto:mmehta@unicefusa.org)



In Bulletin #2, I wrote about **Soles4Souls**, an organization that has distributed over 30 million pairs of shoes in 127 countries and all 50 states. Please consider donating your gently-worn men's, women's and children's shoes to them so they can continue to help those in need. Additionally, they provide a starting inventory for women to start a small business selling used shoes, helping them get out of poverty. (<https://soles4souls.org/>)



**Free the Girls** is an international organization that helps sex trafficking survivors earn a safe income. The second-hand clothing market is a thriving industry in many countries and bras get top dollar. FREE THE GIRLS collects the new and slightly used bras



and ships them to their programs in El Salvador, Mozambique and Uganda, providing trafficking survivors with a starting inventory to begin their business and provide for themselves and their children. (<https://freethegirls.org/>)

- Drop-off bras (<https://freethegirls.org/locations/>):  
There are 3 drop-off locations in Florida (Gainesville, Orlando and Naples)
- Mail bras to:  
FREE THE GIRLS  
1552 Pioneer Trail  
Chesterton, IN 56304
- Become a drop-off location (for info, email them at [dropoff@freethegirls.org](mailto:dropoff@freethegirls.org))
- Host a Bra Drive: A good way to inform about the horrors of sex trafficking while helping survivors gain economic independence.

**2016 Projects:** Below are the top 10 projects from Reporting 2016 and the Creativity Award. Keep up the great work ladies...you are making a difference for many people!

**Little Dresses for Africa:** On the same night in November 2016, many organizations across the world held dinners in what was called “*The Big Dinner*” to raise funds to provide clean water, a primary school and a multi-purpose building for 12 villages in Malawi, Africa. **GFWC Melbourne WC** became a dinner host and organized local businesses, a church, a high school and a middle school to help. A world map showing every Big Dinner location was hung so guests could see how their support was part of a global effort. After dinner, there was a power point presentation about the *Little Dresses for Africa* charity and the impact the diners’ generosity would have on 12 African villages. The club raised \$1,717 and had \$1042 in in-kind donations, and 20 pillowcase dresses, which have given the charity its name, were shipped to the organization.

**“Shot @ Life” Party:** The **GFWC Capital City WC** joined forces with Hotel Duval and Walgreens to raise funds for Shot@Life and invited the GFWC WC of Tallahassee. Attendees paid an entry fee and partook of the fancy drink “shots” and hors d’oeuvres served by the hotel and bid on donated silent auction items. The venture was a success in raising money for a worthy cause and in sharing Federation friendship.

**Shoes for Haiti:** Following Hurricane Matthew, **GFWC Coral Springs WC** organized a shoe collection for the victims, donating 137 pairs of shoes and sneakers. Working with Broward College students, they also collected clothing, toiletry items and first-aid kits, netting \$1415 in in-kind donations.

**“Tooth Teddy”** is the fashionable little bear who attends each **GFWC Rotonda West WC** meeting wearing an outfit appropriate to the season or holiday. Believing that if the tooth fairy can give money for old teeth, Teddy can collect donations for Operation Smile to fund a “New Smile” somewhere in the world. In February, the club paid for the first cleft operation and by year’s end, enough funds were raised for a total of five operations. An article about Tooth Teddy appeared in Membership Monday.

**Heifer International:** As a result of members purchasing “living” gifts at the March general meeting of the **GFWC Viera WC**, they collected a total of \$360 to send to that organization. One of Heifer International’s longtime supporters offered a matching gift

challenge so their gift became \$720. Members so liked the idea of “living” gifts that a collection was done again in December resulting in an additional \$100 to donate.

**Trick or Treat for UNICEF:** At the October General meeting of the **GFWC High Springs New Century WC**, one member celebrating her 70<sup>th</sup> birthday, dressed up in a Halloween costume and went from table to table “trick or treating for UNICEF”. In honor of her birthday, she asked everyone who could, to donate 70 cents for the cause. Because of her ingenuity, most donated more.

**Coptic Orthodox Charities for Refugee Resettlement:** **GFWC North Pinellas WC** donated \$100 to this organization for their work in the community. Their representative advised that they were in need of new bedding for the apartments set up for the refugees and the club donated six sets of new sheets, two new blankets and three pillows. A club member also donated a man’s bicycle which was much needed so a refugee with no driver’s license would have transportation. (\$182 donated; \$125 in-kind)

**Malawi, Africa and School Teacher Molly Malone:** While planning to send a donation for the Malawi Housing Project that Viera Elementary School teacher Molly Malone had been advocating while performing volunteer work there, **GFWC Viera WC** learned that over two million people in Malawi are in need of immediate aid due to a food shortage. Club members learned that one 50 kg bag of maize costing \$15 can feed a family for a month so they donated \$400.

The **CAICC School** in Bolivia serves children and teens who live in prison with their incarcerated parents. For a second year, a member of the **GFWC Tampa WC** and a member of the **Tampa Junior WC** volunteered at the school. They found the school bus was inoperable due to badly needed tires and put the word out via email and Facebook, receiving so much support, that they were able to buy six new tires, medicines and school supplies for the kids. (\$772 donated; \$100 in-kind) (Junior Project with WC)

**ESOL Halloween Party:** The **GFWC Clearwater Juniorettes** and the **GFWC North Pinellas WC** partnered for a 10<sup>th</sup> year to host a Halloween party for the children of students learning English as a Second Language. The Juniorettes dressed in costumes and had the kids trick or treat around the room, receiving coloring books, crayons, small toys, reading books, and candy and played games with the children. For many, this is their first experience with Halloween. (Juniorette Project with WC)

**Houses for Nicaragua and Greeting Cards:** When **GFWC Temple Terrace WC** heard that a local shop owner was getting out of the greeting card business and was looking for someone to take the cards off his hands, they immediately jumped at the chance. Boxes of cards were taken to members’ homes to sort, and a display was set up in a member’s shop to sell cards to the public. Other members sold cards to family, friends and to other organizations. The cards made them enough money to build two houses in Nicaragua for families who are without a safe home, and to fund all other projects included in the year’s budget. At the end of the year, extra cards were donated to a non-profit organization interested in greeting cards for fundraising. (**Club Creativity Award**)

**Thank you for all your hard work and see you at Fall Board!**  
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