

**International Outreach
Collaboration**
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Bulletin 1



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Florida Federation clubs reported **10,617** members participated in **1,455** programs, worked **77,288** hours and donated money and in-kind totaling **\$284,093** in 2010. Florida Federation came home from the International Convention with 1st place for Reaching Out Internationally in our division. Thank you!

Now we have a new program, International Outreach Community Service Program. The new program principles are threefold. #1 is to increase members' knowledge and awareness of human rights global issues. #2 is to impact international human rights policy. #3 is to create opportunities for members to provide direct service opportunities for women and children around the world.

The International Outreach Collaboration's objective is to give clubs an opportunity to use their own creative skills to develop programs and projects based on their clubs' interests. It is a call to action. GFWC has outlined some ideas to help you in attaining the goal and objectives.

Educate Yourself

- Select books from a recommended reading list on Countries and People Groups
- Research information about a particular country and share information with other members
- Investigate a sister city in another country if your community has one

Inform Others

- Hold discussion groups on an international news story
- Become knowledgeable about GFWC International Outreach Partnerships
- Work with local schools to raise awareness and funds for international groups
- Create a display in a local library
- Sponsor programs for youth groups on various cultures around the world

Create Change

- Observe World Food Day on October 16
- Sponsor programs promoting awareness about food consumption in other countries
- Share information with other service organizations in your community
- Initiate a yearly cultural or ethnic festival
- Consider hosting a GFWC member from an international affiliate
- Sponsor or host parties, activities, or events for international exchange students.

You will find a list of important dates on the GFWC website (www.GFWC.org). There is a good explanation of the program on the same website. There will be an excellent workshop on this change of program at Florida Federation Fall Board. Please attend. I am available to answer questions, give advice and help you with your program. Don't hesitate to contact me.

Thank you again for all your hard work.