



Congratulations on the top 10 club projects in GFWC Florida for 2019!! As our GFWC Signature Program I'm happy to see so many clubs doing such worthwhile projects to make others aware of and to help prevent domestic violence. Some clubs focused on children while others focused on teenagers and adults.

Bullying Awareness: (GFWC Woman's Club of Crestview, Inc) Since bullying is a bad situation in their local schools, the club's DV A&P Chairman ordered anti-bullying pamphlets that were distributed to their local schools and given to their Junioresettes. The Junioresettes then distributed them to their peers especially when they saw a student being bullied. Information was also shared on social media with encouragement to share to others on social media.

Those need clothes: (GFWC Fort Walton Beach Woman's Club, Inc) Club members purchased pajamas, T-shirts and new underwear for the Rape Crisis Center. After reporting the rape many victims frequently arrive at the center wearing only a hospital gown. These club members decided to help restore some dignity by collecting these newly purchased items at their October and November meetings and then delivering them to the Rape Crisis Center.

Insights-the big day arrives: (GFWC Wewahitchka Woman's Club) *Insights* is three conversations about the most important job a person has....parenting!! The 30-45 minutes sessions address child development facts/realities and child abuse prevention tips in an interactive way that parents can apply the new information. The DV A&P committee went to North Florida Child Development Center to teach those in attendance, both teachers and parents. An in-service day at the Wewahitchka Center was arranged as a pilot run for the centers elsewhere in the system. Twenty participants went through all three "conversation" sessions to 100% positive evaluation of content and delivery. Further classes are being scheduled as time becomes available.

GFWC Partner Project Prevent Child Abuse America pinwheel garden: (GFWC Capital City Woman's Club) Club members purchased pinwheels from One Prevention and then partnered with the GFWC Woman's Club of Tallahassee, Inc, the GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Midtown and the GFWC Tallahassee Junior Woman's Club. Together these clubs planted a pinwheel garden on a high traffic roadway to increase awareness of child abuse prevention.

GFWC Partner Project Prevent Child Abuse America pinwheel garden: (GFWC Woman's Club of Tallahassee) This club, together with our GFWC Partner Prevent Child Abuse America, created a national awareness campaign for healthy child development and child abuse prevention. They planted a large pinwheel garden at the entrance to their clubhouse neighborhood and left the garden there for one month. GFWC Capital City Woman's Club and the GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Midtown

also participated in planting the garden. The GFWC Woman's Club of Tallahassee earned an award from the Ounce of Prevention Director for this project.

Pinwheels on the Courthouse lawn: (GFWC Lake Butler Woman's Club, Inc) Club members approached courthouse officials asking and receiving permission to plant blue pinwheels on the courthouse lawn which had never been done before. Members met on the lawn and planted two dozen pinwheels received at the previous GFWC Florida Fall Board meeting. An article with photos was placed on Facebook's community page as well as in the local newspaper. The courthouse lawn crew was so respectful of this garden that they took up the pinwheels and then replaced them after mowing.

Three Ladies skit: (GFWC Williston Woman's Club) Their October business meeting program was three members acting out the "Three Ladies" skit that had been written by a GFWC Tampa Woman's Club member and was talked about at a previous GFWC Florida Fall Board meeting. This is an eye-opening skit about three friends, each experiencing some type of domestic abuse, talking at lunch. One experiences elder abuse, another physical abuse and the third emotional/verbal abuse.

Deveraux: (GFWC Viera Woman's Club) Having supported Hacienda Girls Ranch in the past, this year their members toured Deveraux (a long-term psychiatric care facility and school) and helped the children and teens by making a \$1,900 donation toward books for their library. They also donated prom dresses, suits and tuxedos, along with shoes and accessories for the teens for their prom. The donated prom dresses had an approximately \$4,000 value. I'm sure we all remember our proms and what an important event this was to us as teens and these teens also need that special experience!!

Christmas luncheon donations: (GFWC Lutz-Land O' Lakes Woman's Club, Inc) *Start Right, Now* is a new project for this year. This organization specifically helps homeless students attending school by providing one-on-one mentoring, a stable home, employment opportunities assistance, financial literacy/life skills as well as promoting educational achievement. A project representative made a presentation at a club meeting with such a profound effect on the club members that they decided to help them further. At their Christmas luncheon members generously donated wish-list items: toiletries; makeup; hair dryers; gift cards; and specific requests from women of certain nationalities. The club also donated \$500.

Purses with a Purpose: (GFWC Greater West Palm Beach Women's Club) The DV A&P Chairman collected new and gently used purses, billfolds and wallets for several months for the women in their local domestic violence shelter. Sometimes women escape their abuser without a purse and the club members hope these purses put a smile on their faces. They donated 36 purses to the Domestic Assault Center when she spoke at the September membership meeting. Many purses were designer purses!!