



Our members worked hard last year and your reports show it! Thank you to all the clubs that reported! Here are some projects I'd like to share with you...

2019 GFWC Florida International Outreach

	<u>#Proj</u>	<u>Vol Hrs</u>	<u>\$ Donated</u>	<u>In-Kind</u>
Community	295	11,003	\$29,861	\$69,688
Heifer Int'l	71	567	\$5,326	-
Op Smile	206	12,190	\$83,074	\$46,005
Shot@Life	73	461	\$2,805	-
Unicef	44	247	\$3,837	-
Totals	689	24,468	\$124,903	\$116,674

Broadway Here We Come: *The Miami Woman's Club* fundraised for Operation Smile by purchasing two season tickets for the Broadway Show series at the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts. Club members bought opportunities and each month, the recipient of two tickets to the following month's show is selected. The non-winning tickets stay in the box for the next month's drawing until the end of the season.

Shoes for Stoves: *The GFWC Woman's Club of Plant City* partnered with GracePoint Church on their Guatemalan Stove Project. To raise money, they collected 2500 pairs of new and gently used shoes at several collection points in their community and sold them to Funds2Orgs at 40 cents a pair. Those shoes are then used to set up small businesses in developing countries. They solicited cash donations and with the money they raised, bought 14 stoves. A club member went with her Church to Guatemala to help deliver and install the stoves. Their club received coverage in the local newspaper.

Night at the Ball: *The Village Improvement Association Orange City Woman's Club* celebrated its 125th anniversary with a special Anniversary Gala. Gathered for the elegant catered event, 135 people enjoyed a delicious candle-lit dinner, DJ, and a "Fashion Show through the Decades". Club members were models, each representing a decade or two, starting with the Victorian era. The evening was capped off with dancing. The club raised \$2490 for Operation Smile. The Orange City Mayor and four City Council members read a Proclamation for the club's contributions to the community.

Smile Bags and So Much More: A member of the *GFWC Greater West Palm Beach Woman's Club* and her husband made a stop at Operation Smile HQ in Virginia Beach while on their RV vacation to deliver Smile Bags the club made and to donate \$240 from their RV gang. They were given a tour of the facility and even met the GFWC liaison. As a bonus, they got to take their picture with the Lay's Potato Chip smile bag and meet the department people who designed them.

Mobility Worldwide: *The GFWC Lakeshore Woman's Club's* international-themed meeting featured a guest speaker from Mobility Worldwide which provides the disabled with hand-cranked mobility carts that allow them to go where wheelchairs cannot at no

cost to the recipient. Since 1995, 76,000 carts have been built and distributed in 106 countries. The women were inspired and took up a collection to donate to the charity.

Operation Christmas Child (OCC): Throughout the year, the *GFWC Woman's Club of Welaka* purchased seasonal items after the holidays (saving 50-90%) and, along with items donated, they filled 150 boxes. Donations from family and friends covered the \$9 per box shipping charge. A packing party was organized with lunch provided. A club member and her husband delivered the boxes to the district collection center where they volunteered, counting boxes and packing them into crates headed to a processing center. The two then went to the Charlotte, NC processing center and volunteered more time. The *GFWC Woman's Club of Welaka* helped two additional organizations by including their items in the shoe boxes: 63 pairs of shoes from the "Shoe that Grows" and 52 fabric and reusable sanitary pads made by club members so girls can stay in school during their monthly periods.

Days for Girls: Two clubs provided feminine hygiene supplies for girls with no access to modern sanitary supplies, keeping them from school during their monthly periods. The *Orange Park Woman's Club* donated 12 kits. They sewed colorful drawstring bags, reusable waterproof shields and eight pads for each kit. Underwear, washcloth, soap and Ziploc bags for washing pads were added to the kits. Each kit lasts three years or more. *GFWC North Pinellas Woman's Club* worked with Days for Girls, buying fabric and underwear and sewing sanitary pads to complete 42 kits. They also donated \$500 to the organization, two new sewing machines and one slightly-used one. Club members then went into their community and trained others to also help Days for Girls.

From India With Love: The *GFWC Crystal River Woman's Club's* special project of studying India throughout the year began with an overview and then went into more in-depth topics such as health, women's issues, climate, and topography. A taste of Indian food was provided at general meetings. Members also view movies and read books pertaining to India. This club study of India will continue until May 2020.

Little Dresses for Developing Countries: Members from the *GFWC Pasco Junior Woman's Club* sewed 50 pillowcase dresses and *GFWC TampaBay Woman's Club* members embellished the dresses, adding pockets, buttons, bows and ribbons and sent them to the Malawi project in Africa.

The Belize Connection: Three clubs participated in helping Belize through Pathlight. The *GFWC North Pinellas Woman's Club* has been helping two *GFWC* clubs in Belize and are planning a trip there in 2020. They also donated backpacks, sewing kits and school supplies for the Juniorettes and students in Belize. The Director of Pathlight, a member of the North Pinellas WC, was guest speaker at a *GFWC Lutz-Land O'Lakes Woman's Club* meeting and spoke about the needs in Belize. The *Little Women of Lutz* donated 95 children's books for a Pathlight mission trip to Belize and the women from the two clubs will deliver the books to schools in need in Belize.

Please contact me if you have any questions. Looking forward to seeing you at Convention!

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