



“The greatest threat to our planet is the belief that someone else will save it.”

Robert Swann

ENVIRONMENT noun, definition: the air, water, and land in or on which people, animals, and plants live. The world is your oyster...or should I say the oyster can be your club's new project (see below). Everything on and above the earth, gives you, as Champions, of this Community Service Program, hundreds of projects for you and your club to work on, to fundraise for, and to bring awareness to.

GFWC Challenge Project: Reduce plastic use-refuse, repurpose, and recycle.

- Replace disposable plastic cups, bottles, jugs, bags, straws, and other containers with reusable cups, drinking bottles, straws, and cloth shopping bags.
- Learn about ocean wildlife in peril, such as oysters and sea turtles and organize volunteer or fundraising opportunities to help protect these species.
- Plant native plants for your area to preserving biodiversity. By creating a native plant garden, each patch of habitat becomes part of a collective effort to nurture and sustain the living landscape for birds and other animals.
- Support Florida's endangered and threatened species through Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. Help to educate children about them. Financially support.
- Plant Milkweed to save our Monarch Butterflies. Your club can help an elementary school build a butterfly garden; oversee it with assistance to maintain as well educational by learning about them as well as other butterflies and insects that visit the garden.
- Support financially and/or by volunteering at your local Spay and Neuter Clinics to help with the overwhelming homeless population of dogs and cats.
- Foster a pet so more can be saved from death. By fostering a dog, cat, chicken, bunny, or pig in your home, The Rescue Shelters can save more animals out in the community.
- Raise money with PLANTS (Pets Love and Need Tender Souls). Propagate your own plants and/or get donated plants from a nursery to sell. This can be done as a club project or as an individual member. The money can be used to buy merchandise that Animal Shelters need or donate to help a specific endangered animal in your specific community through FWC
- Collect or purchase children's books about nature and donate them to schools, libraries, or shelters. Or, host story time at local library, featuring a book about nature.
- Nature-Based Learning: GFWC Philaco Woman's Club of Apalachicola, Inc sponsored a program to bring a nature-based science curriculum to four first grade classes in their county school system. Classroom kits were created to study birds, insects, plants, and shells, and included lesson plans, books, and equipment for hands-on experience.
- Everglades Eagles. They can be adopted NOW by any club or district or organization, funds can be sent in after their adoption. Checks may be made payable to the South Florida National Parks Trust and sent care of Elizabeth Fisher to 448 Lark Ave Miami Springs FL 33166.
- Find resources and more on our Facebook page: [GFWC FL Environment/Animal Rescue](https://www.facebook.com/GFWC.FL.Environment/Animal.Rescue)



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