



In many ways 2020 was not a good year. But you would not know it by reading the club reports. GFWC Florida club members completed 944 projects, volunteered 36,092 hours, donated \$456,618 in cash and \$201,120 in-kind. 169 Scholarships totaling \$326,595 were awarded and \$11,018 was given to HOBY.

With schools not allowing volunteers club members had to get creative in supporting their local schools. One of our favorite projects was the *Diversity and Kindness Library* that **GFWC Rotonda West Woman's Club** donated to a local school. Books were chosen for the K-5th grade students that would support teachers in their efforts to teach diversity and kindness and promote inclusion in the classroom. We encourage all clubs to consider donating these collections of books to your local schools. FirstBook.org is a wonderful source of high quality, low-cost books with many titles that address embracing our differences, welcoming refugees and immigrants and building self-esteem.

GFWC Coco Plum Woman's Club partnered with an after-school program for migrant children serving 25 children. Each child received a crate filled with 20 books, a jig saw puzzle and puzzle books like Mad Libs. The crates were distributed before the winter holiday and were taken home to start a personal library. More books will be donated as this is an ongoing project. A total of 500 books were distributed in 2020.

GFWC Santa Rosa Woman's Club created a Google Sites map marking the location of 30 Little Free Libraries in the area because the public libraries were closed due to the pandemic. Members photographed the little libraries, and the photo and description of each library was featured on the club's Facebook page for 30 consecutive days. This project was featured on the GFWC blog.

GFWC Woman's Club of Palatka partnered with Palatka Rocks to create ABC rocks. They painted the letter on one side of the rock and a picture representing that letter on the other side. Three full sets of alphabet rocks were made and donated to preschools.

GFWC Capital City Woman's Club provided 60 recess buckets to elementary school classes. Since the students could not participate in group play at recess, they were provided with sidewalk chalk, jump ropes, balls, and some other items for individual play.

Teachers labeled the buckets with each student's name.

Special congratulations to **GFWC Naples Woman's Club** for donating 41 Scholarships totaling \$145,000 to schools in their area.

Looking forward to seeing many of you at Convention. It will be wonderful to celebrate all your achievements together in person.

