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“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.” Margaret Mead

Congratulations to all clubs that sent in Environment Reports, this chairman was in awe of all the projects that were accomplished, 618 to be exact with 32,909 volunteer hours, and this during a pandemic!! There were: Coastal and Highway cleanups\*wine cork recycling\*Virtual Field trips\*cancelled stamps for Veterans\*Pinecone Bird feeders\*Used Christmas Cards sent to St. Jude Children’s Hospital\*Yard of the Month\*Pet Adoptions\*Eco-friendly reusable face masks\*butterfly gardens\*donating wedding gowns for babies\* to name just a few. Your Florida Sister Clubs will be glad to share information about their projects with you, all you have to do is ask, together we can change the world.

- GFWC Port ST. Lucie and GFWC Woman’s Club of Inverness collected plastic bottle caps to make “Buddy Benches.”
- GFWC Coconut Grove Woman’s Club is fighting single use plastics and raising awareness by organizing a grassroots business approach to reduce pollution and promote good will with their merchants to use eco-friendly alternatives.
- Village Improvement Association collected aluminum cans for Kans4K9’s which benefit the K9s for Warriors program.
- GFWC Woman’s Club of Plant City collected Styrofoam pieces along with their community, cleaned them and donated to DART in Plant City.
- GFWC Lakeshore Woman’s Club recycled medicine bottles for Samaritan’s Purse creating fishing and sewing kits in the bottles.
- GFWC North Pinellas Woman’s Club partnered with the University of Florida to collect, filter, and microscopically identify the presence of micro plastics in their local waters. They helped build oyster reef balls and collected monofilament line.
- Jupiter-Tequesta Juniors collected cardboard paper towel rolls and egg cartons and donated them to Busch Wildlife Sanctuary for animal enrichment.
- GFWC St. Petersburg Junior Woman’s Club volunteered with Resurrection House which works to end the cycle of generational poverty for families in Pinellas County. They planted flower gardens, vegetable garden and provided them with a new picnic table.
- GFWC Greater West Palm Beach Woman’s Club and GFWC Palm Beach Gardens Woman’s Club took part in the Great Backyard Bird Count.
- GFWC Woman’s Club of Sarasota filled used purses with toiletries and distributed to nursing homes.
- GFWC Lutz-Land O Lakes Woman’s Club ran a GFWC Facebook voting contest to choose what animals to purchase through Heifer International. It not only brought attention to their club and Heifer International but received donations as well.
- GFWC Woman’s Club of Panama City adopted two turtles for rehabilitation from Gulf World Marine Institute
- Consider setting up plastic recycling projects with one of these companies:  
Trex- <https://www.trex.com/recycling/recycling-programs/>  
TerraCycle- <https://www.terracycle.com/en-US/brigades>



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