



Hello Ladies,

Congratulations on the great job done by all our clubs in 2021. There were some really terrific projects even though not everything was back to normal. Below you will find all the project info including the number of projects, volunteer hours and donations. I've also included the Top 10 projects for 2021 and the Creativity Award. Keep up the great job ladies...it's a pleasure reading your reports!

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Statistical Information:

Number of Projects – 1,253
Volunteer Hours – 70,889
Dollars Donated – \$304,942
In Kind Donations – \$449,441

Top 10 Projects:

1. When a member of **GFWC Labelle Community WC** became aware that her neighbor required assistance getting to his VA medical appointments, she volunteered to drive him. She reported this at a club meeting and has since started a club program in which members can notify her of their availability to volunteer for her neighbor and other veterans requiring transportation to their appointments.
2. Members of **GFWC WC of Crestview** recognized military members in their community by sending care packages to 300 US Air Force members. Each servicemember received six packages throughout the year filled with homemade cards, treats, and a patriotic quilt and pillowcase. Club members also supported their families by volunteering to mow their lawns. They also provided a weekly meal and childcare services. This project was reported in the USAF newsletter.
3. There has been a big turnout honoring doctors and nurses during the pandemic. **GFWC Jacksonville Beaches WC** honored other essential hospital workers that are often overlooked: technicians, kitchen staff and servers, housekeeping staff and those doing hazardous waste cleanup. The club purchased \$1500 worth of food gift cards and wrote a Thank-you note for each. The cards were delivered to the hospital to be given out specifically to those workers.
4. **GFWC Woman's Club of Plant City** president met an Army recruiter while waiting in line to place an order at a local restaurant. While chatting, the out-of-town sergeant asked the clubwoman if she knew of a nice tree in town where she could have her pin-on ceremony as she had just been promoted but could not afford a venue for her ceremony. The clubwoman offered her the use of the club house and also offered to provide some of the food, dessert, and paper products. The young sergeant gladly

accepted the offer and the ceremony was held at the club with 10 club members attending and helping with food prep, serving and clean up. Shortly afterward, the sergeant recruiter joined their club!

5. A **Port St Lucie Woman's Club** member wanted to escort a veteran on an Honor Flight but because of her age, she could not serve as a guardian. Not to be discouraged, she now volunteers for flights from West Palm Beach Airport. On flight days, she gets up at 2:30am in order to be at the airport by 4am when the veterans start arriving. She checks them in, gives them a name tag and a wheelchair if necessary, and visits with them until they board the flight. Once the flight has departed, she returns to her home (more than one hour away) to catch up on some missed sleep. In the evening, she returns to the airport in order to welcome the veterans home. Wonderful volunteer and she's 85 years old!

6. Members of **GFWC Woman's Club of Palatka** volunteered a day (10am - 4pm) at a local store bagging groceries for customers in order to earn tips. The funds were used to help purchase special hoods worn under firefighter's helmets that cover their necks, helping to prevent carcinogen exposure. The donation was sent to the local volunteer Fire Department.

7. The annual Valentine Project for Veterans at the Marianna Outpatient Clinic had a different look in 2021 due to Covid restrictions. **GFWC Marianna WC** members along with the local American Legion Auxiliary prepared and delivered 300 bags filled with an assortment of candy and snacks to be handed out to veterans. About 100 bags were handed out the following day in the drive-through Covid-19 vaccine lines.

8. Two members of the **Woman's Club of Chipley** and three **Juniorettes** set up a booth at BBQ Under the Pines to promote their club in the community. Those visiting their booth received information and some gifts. Since it was the Saturday before their anniversary celebration, they also invited guests to attend that event along with the Tour of Historical Homes. Juniorettes helped set up and take down the booth, provided cookies and cupcakes and passed out information to visitors.

9. Members of **GFWC Tampa WC** joined **GFWC Tampa Women of Change** (Juniors), **GFWC New Tampa Junior WC** and **GFWC New Tampa Juniorettes** in packing food boxes for Metropolitan Ministries. For four hours some unpacked food from the shelves and others packed the food boxes with the sorted food. A total of 900 boxes of food were packed.

10. The Plantation community Easter Egg Hunt became an Easter Bunny drive-through because of Covid-19. **GFWC Plantation WC** members sponsored the new event and the Easter Bunny passed out goodie bags through car windows.

Creativity Award:

Prom Night Extravaganza

Glitz and glamour were the themes for the **GFWC Crescent City Woman's Club's** first annual prom for special needs individuals. After several planning meetings to determine prom preparations, the ladies sprang into action. Club members donated dresses, shoes, purses and accessories in case the girls needed them. One of the girls got so excited that she volunteered to make invitations and centerpieces. The day before prom night, club members decorated their clubhouse with lights and tulle draped from the ceiling, black and silver tablecloths, and other glitz was spread around the room. Club women made and donated all refreshments. Each attendee received a corsage or boutonniere and a gift bag upon arrival. Music was provided by an attendee's parents and everyone joined in dancing, including the club ladies hosting the event. Glamour photos under the "gazebo" were taken by a photography guru club woman who took both individual and group shots. She provided photos to attendees to take home that night. About 25 people enjoyed this first-time event and all agreed to do it again next year - bigger and better!

Vol hours - 94
in-Kind - \$170