



# NEWS & NOTES

YOUR WEEKLY UPDATE ON GFWC NEWS

August 31, 2023

**St. Jude Walk/Run**  
Every Dollar Makes A Difference

- \$50** Help provide ART SUPPLIES for patient art parties
- \$100** Help cover the cost of 1 WAGON
- \$250** Help provide meals for a St. Jude family for 1 WEEK
- \$500** Help provide 1 PLATELET TRANSFUSION for a St. Jude patient
- \$750** Help cover the cost of 3 DAYS OF OXYGEN for a St. Jude patient
- \$1,000** Help provide patient necessities for 20 PATIENT families
- \$1,500** Help cover the cost for 1 day of CHEMOTHERAPY
- \$2,500** Help provide 5 hours of PHYSICAL THERAPY
- \$5,000** Help cover the daily room rate in the ICU

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

## Join the St. Jude Walk/Run!

St. Jude Walk/Run is a **nationwide 5K hybrid event, taking place in person and virtually.** Participants come together during [Childhood Cancer Awareness Month](#) to help support the lifesaving mission of St. Jude: Finding cures. Saving children®.

Join the GFWC National Team



# National Day of Service

© SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

Living the Volunteer Spirit

[www.GFWC.org](http://www.GFWC.org)

#GFWC23NDS

The Top Three Reasons to Wear a 2023 GFWC National Day of Service Button

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### # 1 - Passion

When our members are passionate about something, they will proudly display it. GFWC members are passionate about battling food insecurity and creative about it, too! The 800+ registrants and the many different events and projects planned for September 30 prove GFWC members are excited about NDS and helping those in need in their communities.

### #2 A Sense of Belonging

When members identify with GFWC and the cause of food insecurity, these buttons show their connection to fellow clubwomen working toward the same goal.

### #3 Identification

When members are out completing their events and projects on September 30, people should know that members are working together for a cause and that they are a group that other people will want to join.

To participate in the inaugural NDS, please email Melanie Gisler, Membership Director, at [mgisler@gfwc.org](mailto:mgisler@gfwc.org) and cc Deb Strahanoski, GFWC International President, [dstrahanoski@gfwc.org](mailto:dstrahanoski@gfwc.org).

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# NDS BUTTONS AVAILABLE!

Commemorative button for the inaugural GFWC National Day of Service.

**ORDER YOURS TODAY FROM THE GFWC MARKETPLACE.**

Together we can end food insecurity and hunger!



\* Supplies are limited.

2.25in Diameter

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## Cares & Concerns

We were recently notified that [Marrium Croom](#), GFWC Utah State President (2006-2008), passed in March. Our thoughts are with all who knew and loved her.

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## **Utah State President's Project: Honoring Strong Women**

By: Katherine Bessinger, GFWC  
Utah State President

During the 2022-2024 administration, I have chosen the theme of "Honoring Strong Women." The idea for my theme and project came to me as I was reviewing the history of GFWC women and their many accomplishments. The development and implementation of the PTA program nationwide, the passing of child labor laws, and many more human rights subjects that are still part of our society. It is important to recognize that one woman with an idea to improve our daily lives joined with dedicated like-minded women working together can make great things happen. That is what GFWC has done for many years and continues to do in the world today. It is important to me to educate our clubwomen on the importance of membership in GFWC.

The Zambia Scholarship Fund was founded by a Utah native and provides funding for teachers, schools, supplies, and scholarships in Africa. During the GFWC Utah Fall 2022 Conference, clubwomen raised \$730 to fund one teacher's wages for a year. This year 16 teachers receiving degrees with the Zambia Scholarship Fund support were hired by their government to continue this teaching legacy. We hope this will continue with a viral capacity to light the hearts and minds of all those who participate.

At the beginning of the war in Ukraine, surrounding countries were overwhelmed by the sudden increase in refugees. In Lehi, Utah the owner of a fabric store wanted to do something to bring comfort to some of these displaced refugees. Hal and Gina Hallaway along with co-partner Beth Hawkins started a non-profit organization "Wrap Ukraine in Quilts." They asked quilters around the country for help and started receiving quilts from every state in an overwhelming number.

At our Mid-Winter Conference, over 500 items were donated to the "Wrap Ukraine with Quilts" project. Approximately 250 were quilts and the other 250 were hats, gloves, and socks. The items were inventoried and shipped to refugees who desperately need them. Thanks to all our clubwomen who contributed to this project!

As I begin the final year of my administration, we will continue to seek out and recognize individuals, especially women, who have worked so hard to give back to our people in need no matter where in the world they live.

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## Legislative Corner

By: Juliet Casper, GFWC Legislation/Public Policy Chairman

*To encourage participation in the democratic process, this monthly column aims to inform members about current legislation and programs that are germane to the GFWC Resolutions. It also highlights important actions of Congress and the White House, and provides follow-up information about GFWC Legislative Action Alerts.*

### **Make this the Child Protection Congress!**

Since 2020, GFWC has participated in weekly coalition calls hosted by the National Center on Sexual Exploitation regarding federal legislation impacting online child sexual abuse and sex trafficking. In a March 2023 coalition letter, GFWC joined over 200 organizations urging Congress to act to instill protections that will keep our children and others from being exploited in exchange for profits.

Progress has been made! Five significant child protection bills have been approved by the Senate Judiciary Committee and the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee and are ready to move forward. This year, these bills have bipartisan co-sponsors. Once again, GFWC has joined coalition members in a letter to urge floor action for the package of bills.

We join others calling for this to be the Child Protection Congress!

- [EARN IT Act \(S.1207\)](#) - gives victims of child sexual abuse material the right to sue digital platforms that circulate this criminal content and a chance to restore their privacy;
- [Project Safe Childhood Act \(S.1170\)](#) - modernizes the Department of Justice's Project Safe Childhood Program to enhance law enforcement's response to address online child sexual exploitation;
- [REPORT Act \(S.474\)](#) - improves the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children's CyberTipline through required reporting of child sex trafficking and enticement and extends the retention period to hold reported material to provide more time for law enforcement to conduct investigations;
- [STOP CSAM Act \(S.1199\)](#) - expands civil remedies for victims of online sexual exploitation and requires removal of related exploitive visual depictions; and
- [Kids Online Safety Act \(S.1409\)](#) - creates a legally relevant "duty of care" requiring online apps and platforms to center the needs of children and requires online safeguards for children.

This Child Protection Package needs to be enacted by the end of this year, so please urge your members of Congress to support this

## Gold Pins

Celebrating 50 years of GFWC Membership

Suzanne Blomme  
GFWC Las Nochas Woman's Clubs  
(Arizona)

Virginia Jones  
GFWC Palos Heights Woman's Club  
(Illinois)

Sharon Kubasak  
GFWC Palos Heights Woman's Club  
(Illinois)

Anita Pfister  
GFWC Questers of Hutchinson (Kansas)

Vicky Holton  
GFWC Murray Woman's Club  
(Kentucky)

Rebecca Landolt  
GFWC Murray Woman's Club  
(Kentucky)

Mary Shipley  
GFWC Murray Woman's Club  
(Kentucky)

Judy Stahler  
GFWC Murray Woman's Club  
(Kentucky)

Kathy Mowrey  
GFWC Murray Woman's Club  
(Kentucky)

Donna Herndon  
GFWC Murray Woman's Club  
(Kentucky)

Evalyn Slepicka  
GFWC Geneva Woman's Club  
(Nebraska)

Marilyn Kimbrough  
GFWC Geneva Woman's Club  
(Nebraska)

Marianne Ludlow Nave  
GFWC TRIAD Club (Ohio)

Jeanie Barnes  
GFWC Collinsville Home Representative  
Club (Oklahoma)

Marsha Nachtigall  
GFWC Collinsville Home Representative  
Club (Oklahoma)

Carolyn Brinkley  
GFWC Collinsville Home Representative  
Club (Oklahoma)

Linda Vickers  
GFWC Collinsville Home Representative  
Club (Oklahoma)

Emily Trusler  
GFWC Ladies' Reading Circle  
(Tennessee)

Kathleen Harding  
GFWC Woodbridge Woman's Club  
(Virginia)

Judy Morgan  
GFWC Kanawha Woman's Club  
(Virginia)

## Club Anniversaries

20  
GFWC Glen Gardner Women's Club  
(New Jersey)

30  
GFWC Woman's Club of West Deptford  
(New Jersey)  
GFWC Gloucester County Women's Club  
(New Jersey)

55  
GFWC Sussex Woman's Club (New  
Jersey)

70  
GFWC Woman's Club of Emerson (New  
Jersey)

75  
GFWC Woodland Hills Woman's Club  
(California)

85  
GFWC Woman's Club of Playa del Rey  
(Alabama)

95  
GFWC The Haddon League of The  
Haddon Fomightly (New Jersey)  
GFWC/JWC Somerset Hills (New Jersey)  
GFWC/JWC Arlington (New Jersey)  
GFWC Woman's Club of  
Runmede (New Jersey)

100  
GFWC Somerville Civic League (New  
Jersey)  
GFWC Twenty-Three Study Club of Iowa  
Park (Texas)  
GFWC Peoria - West Valley Woman's  
Club (Arizona)  
GFWC Women's Literary Club of Leeds  
(Alabama)

115  
GFWC Woman's Club of Little  
Falls (New Jersey)

120  
GFWC Woman's Club of  
Moorestown (New Jersey)



## GFWC Park City Athenaeum Club (UT)



GFWC Park City Athenaeum Club, located in Summit County, Utah, participated in the Walk to End Alzheimer's for their fifth consecutive year. The Walk to End Alzheimer's is the world's largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer's care, support, and research. Six hundred communities nationwide participate in this annual event.

The GFWC Park City Athenaeum Club team had nine participants for the walk and additional financial support from others. The team raised \$1706 in support of the Alzheimer's Association and had fun while doing it! Team members strolled 2 miles along a beautiful boardwalk at the edge of preserved wetlands, chatting and meeting friends along the way.

Submit photos and a short story about the awesome things YOUR club is doing in the community to [PR@gfwc.org](mailto:PR@gfwc.org).



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