



# NEWS & NOTES

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## 2024 GFWC Annual Convention: Get Ready for Chicago!



### Convention FAQs

[Airport Info](#)

Chicago-O'Hare International Airport (ORD)

Take Southbound Kennedy Expressway (I90/94) to exit 52A- South Union Avenue/Roosevelt Road. Turn left at the second stoplight at Roosevelt Road. Drive 1 mile to Wabash Avenue then turn left heading north to the fourth stop light, then turn left, heading north to the fourth stop light, which is Balbo Drive. Turn right, heading east, and the hotel parking garage entrance will be on your right.

Distance from Hotel: 18 mi. | Drive Time: 45 min.

### **Chicago Midway Airport (MDW)**

I-55 North to Chicago. North on Lakeshore Drive. West on Balbo. The hotel is 2 blocks down on the left.

Distance from Hotel: 12 mi. | Drive Time: 25 min.

Shuttle Transportation from the Airport (ORD & MDW)

<https://www.choosechicago.com/listing/go-airport-express/>

**Convention Hotel Address:** Hilton Chicago

720 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, 60605, USA

TEL: 1-312-922-4400

Website: [Hilton Chicago](#)

**Hotel Amenities:** Enjoy freshly brewed Starbucks® coffee, hearty breakfast sandwiches, and artisan bites with local craft beers in *Herb n' Kitchen*. For an authentic Irish pub atmosphere, head to *Kitty O'Sheas*. Catch the latest game and browse through the most extensive whiskey menu in Chicago.

Discover a fully equipped fitness center with a heated indoor lap pool, seasonal sundeck, whirlpool spas, dry saunas, and more. Stay in shape on the road with the center's full lineup of modern gym equipment.

**Parking:** All Self-parking is discounted 25% for GFWC Attendees. Please pay parking at checkout and not to the attendant to obtain the GFWC discount.

GFWC attendee's overnight parking after discount is \$52.00

Current Parking Rates:

Self Parking: \$69.00 for 24 hours. Enter Hilton Chicago's Parking Garage on Wabash Avenue or Balbo Street.

Valet Parking Services – currently not available.

Want a closer look? Take a virtual tour of the hotel so you're ready to go on arrival!

VIRTUAL TOUR

**Wheelchairs & Scooter Rentals:** [Scootaround Wheelchair and Scooter Rentals](#)

**Attire:** Be sure to wear comfortable shoes and bring a light jacket, as the meeting rooms can be chilly.

What to Wear

F – Formal: Floor-length evening gown, chic cocktail dress, or separates.

AF – After Five: Cocktail dress or dressy sundress, long dressy skirt and top, or dressy pants outfit.

BC – Business Casual: dresses, jackets, skirts, khakis or dress pants, open-collared shirts, sweaters, or blouses.

SC - Smart Casual: GFWC emblem wear, No jeans, shorts, or spaghetti straps.

## **NEW! Live Auction Items**

A live auction is coming to GFWC's Annual Convention in Chicago this year! Experience the thrill of the chase as you bid on 3 incredible prize packages, LIVE!



Live Auction Item #1

### **IT'S TIME FOR A VACATION OF YOUR CHOICE!**

**Donated By: GFWC Chairmen  
and Committees**

This live auction item is the trip you have been waiting to plan. It includes a new Kate Spade Travel Bag and a \$500 Visa gift card redeemable for booking your vacation of a lifetime. That's right—you pick your location and other amenities, then use the gift card to assist with the trip. The special surprise is inside the travel bag... an undisclosed amount of cash to be used for those extra travel expenses. Who will be the first bidder?

**2024 GFWC Annual Convention Sponsor:  
Heifer International**

## HELPING WOMEN FIND THEIR POWER IN NEPAL

In the hands of women farmers, livestock, education and specialized training leads to better nutrition, access to health care, increased income and assets, clean water, schools, libraries, direct access to markets, roads, transportation, and so much more. The *Empowering Women Farmers in Nepal* project works with cooperatives to increase profits for small-scale livestock producers in goat, dairy and vegetable value chains. Women in the Sagarmatha Cooperative in Banke learned how to better raise and sell goats, boosting their incomes and their socioeconomic status.



### WAYS YOUR CLUB CAN SUPPORT HEIFER IN YOUR COMMUNITIES

- 1 Connect with Heifer!** Ask us about Heifer's work and request resources or a presentation for your club by emailing us at [gfwc@heifer.org](mailto:gfwc@heifer.org).
- 2 Choose Heifer as your charity of choice** for your club activities, including signature fundraising events or game nights.
- 3 Honor a clubwoman's accomplishments,** a relative's birthday or other special occasion with a Heifer gift in their honor.
- 4 Engage local schools** and inspire the next generation of anthropologists with Heifer's FREE educational resources.
- 5 Invite your faith community** to support Heifer's mission to help our neighbors in need around the world.

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GENERAL FEDERATION  
OF WOMEN'S CLUBS  
**2024 NATIONAL  
DAY OF SERVICE**  
FOOD INSECURITY & HUNGER  
**SEPTEMBER 28, 2024**

**TIME TO  
REGISTER!**

REGISTER ON THE NEW GFWC MEMBER PORTAL  
[MEMBERPORTAL.GFWC.ORG](http://MEMBERPORTAL.GFWC.ORG)

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## 33 STATES REPRESENTED FOR GFWC NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE SEPTEMBER 28, 2024

GFWC extends an enthusiastic thank you to the 95 clubs registered for the 2024 GFWC National Day of Service on Saturday, September 28, taking place nationwide. With 33 of the 50 states represented, GFWC is well on its way to a consecutive successful year of participation.

The inaugural campaign focused on food insecurity and hunger; and because it was so well received we have repeating the issue to generate public awareness and the much-needed conversations at the local, state, and national levels. There is a rolling registration for this year's NDS. There is a rolling registration for this year's NDS. Please be sure to create a new profile with the GFWC Member Portal if you have not yet done so. Visit [memberportal.gfwc.org](https://memberportal.gfwc.org), and follow the prompts. Then, click on the Events page, to sign up. Simply select 2024 GFWC National Day of Service and you're on your way.

If more than one club is partnering on a community service project, you can register up to three clubs on the site. However, you will need to email Membership Director Melanie Gisler, [mgisler@gfwc.org](mailto:mgisler@gfwc.org), the additional club names for your group.

For more information, visit: [www.GFWC.org](https://www.GFWC.org).

*Together we can end food insecurity and hunger!*

Need Help? Read the [How to Register for 2024 GFWC NDS Support Guide](#)

REGISTER NOW

#### ARIZONA

GFWC ESO Fifth Wheels Woman's Club  
GFWC Florence Woman's Club  
GFWC Las Noches Woman's Club  
GFWC Paradise Valley Junior Woman's Club  
GFWC Peoria-West Valley Woman's Club  
GFWC Southern District Chili Peppers  
GFWC Tucson Woman's Club

#### ARKANSAS

GFWC AR Past State Presidents Club  
GFWC Junior Civic League of Fort Smith  
GFWC Stuttgart Amici Club

#### CALIFORNIA

GFWC Ebell Club of Fullerton  
GFWC Inland Valley Federated Women's Club  
GFWC Laguna Niguel Woman's Club  
GFWC Pio Pico Woman's Club

#### CONNECTICUT

GFWC Woman's Club of Enfield

#### MICHIGAN

GFWC Adrian Club  
GFWC Big Rapids, Inc.  
GFWC Charlotte  
GFWC Hastings Women's Club  
GFWC Royal Oak Woman's Club  
GFWC Three Rivers

#### MONTANA

GFWC Thompson Falls Woman's Club

#### NEBRASKA

GFWC Papillion Junior Woman's Club

#### NEVADA

GFWC Lamoille Woman's Club  
GFWC Mesquite Club of Las Vegas

#### NEW HAMPSHIRE

Exeter Area GFWC  
GFWC Greenland Woman's Club  
GFWC Nashaway Woman's Club

GFWC Women's Club of Madison  
Newtown Woman's Club, GFWC, Inc.

#### DELAWARE

GFWC Dover Century Club  
GFWC Zwaanendael Women's Club

#### FLORIDA

GFWC Brandon Junior Woman's Club  
GFWC Coral Springs Woman's Club  
GFWC Crescent City Woman's Club, Inc.  
GFWC Gainesville Woman's Club  
GFWC Greater West Palm Beach Women's Club  
GFWC High Springs New Century Woman's Club, Inc.  
GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Midtown  
GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Midtown  
GFWC Lake Placid Woman's Club  
GFWC Naples Woman's Club  
GFWC North Pinellas Woman's Club  
GFWC Palm Beach Gardens Woman's Club  
GFWC Rotonda West Woman's Club  
GFWC Space Coast Woman's Club, Inc.  
GFWC Viera Woman's Club  
GFWC Woman's Club of Tarpon Springs

#### GEORGIA

GFWC Sylvania Junior Woman's Club

#### ILLINOIS

GFWC Elgin Junior Woman's Club  
GFWC Lincoln Woman's Club, Inc.  
GFWC Morris Woman's Club  
GFWC The Antioch Junior Woman's Club

#### INDIANA

GFWC Hearts and Hands  
GFWC North West Indiana Women's Club

#### IOWA

GFWC Exira Study Club  
GFWC Maquoketa Woman's Club

#### KANSAS

GFWC Athena Club

#### KENTUCKY

GFWC Okolona Woman's Club

#### MAINE

GFWC Gorham Woman's Club

#### NEW JERSEY

GFWC Bridgewater Woman's Club  
GFWC Woman's Club of Spring Lake  
GFWC Woman's Club of West Deptford

#### NORTH CAROLINA

GFWC Cape Fear Woman's Club  
GFWC of Holden Beach  
GFWC Outer Banks Woman's Club  
GFWC Woman's Club of Clayton  
GFWC Woman's Club of Raleigh

#### OHIO

GFWC Belpre Woman's Club  
GFWC Internet Service Providers  
GFWC Warren Junior Women's League

#### OKLAHOMA

GFWC McAlester Fortnightly

#### PENNSYLVANIA

GFWC Intermediate League of Butler  
GFWC New Brighton Civic Woman's Club

#### SOUTH CAROLINA

GFWC Lexington Woman's Club  
GFWC North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club  
GFWC Woman's League of the Lowcountry

#### TENNESSEE

GFWC Dickson County Woman's Club  
GFWC Greeneville Women's Club  
GFWC Knoxville Woman's Club  
GFWC Music City Leaders Association

#### TEXAS

GFWC Center Woman's Reading Club  
GFWC Fairfield History Club  
GFWC History Club of Whitesboro

#### VIRGINIA

GFWC Ashcake Woman's Club  
GFWC Grundy Woman's Club  
GFWC Woodbridge Woman's Club  
GFWC Wytheville Woman's Club

#### WASHINGTON

GFWC Chambers Bay Woman's Club  
GFWC Peninsula Keystone Club  
GFWC Kitsap Peninsula Woman's Club

MARYLAND

GFWC Metropolitan Community Club  
GFWC Woman's Club of Linthicum Heights

MASSACHUSETTS

GFWC Agawam Junior Women's Club

WEST VIRGINIA

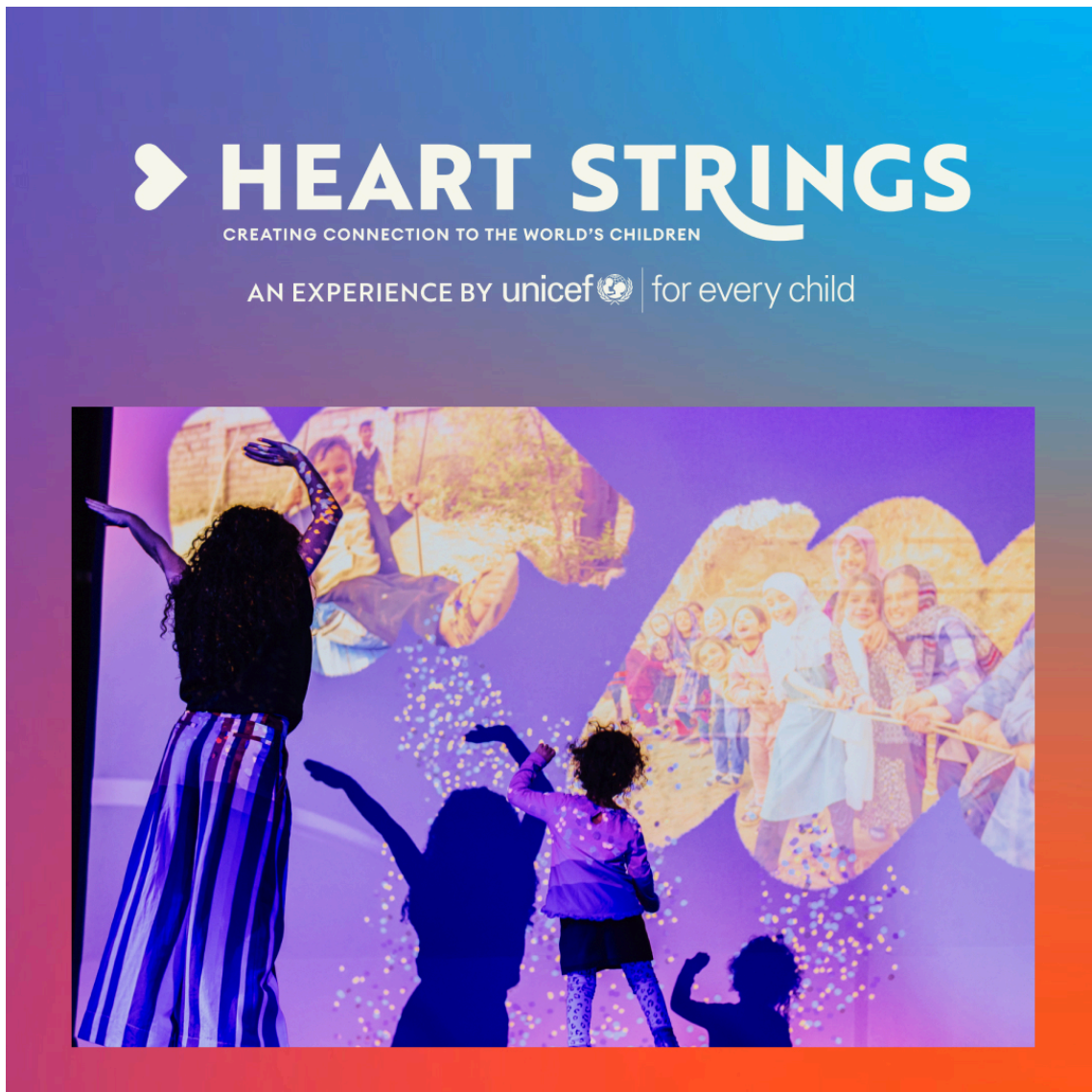
GFWC Rupert Woman's Club  
GFWC Woman's Club of South Charleston

WISCONSIN

GFWC Kenosha Junior Woman's Club

WYOMING

GFWC Women's Club of Sweetwater County  
GFWC X-JWC of Cheyenne



UNICEF USA is excited to announce the launch of its multi-city, first-of-its-kind experiential event: Heart Strings, and invites its partners at GFWC to join the experience!

Heart Strings is an original experience that invites you to take part in UNICEF's impact by powering a universal song through interactive multimedia, lighting effects, and inspiring music.

During the experience, moving from room to room, guests will travel around the world in just 45 minutes, encountering interactive points along the way. Through various activities and dynamic visuals, visitors will learn about UNICEF's efforts to ensure every child is healthy, educated, protected, and respected.

Promising to forge human connections, Heart Strings is a multisensory journey that shines a light on the world's children, transcending borders, cultures, and languages to create a deeply moving and engaging experience for all ages.

Heart Strings will be in Chicago June 15th–June 30th, while so many of you are in town for the GFWC Convention.

GFWC has provided critical support to UNICEF programs such as those reflected in Heart Strings, and this is a great opportunity to see the impact. Tickets range from \$18–\$28, and there are special group rates for groups of 10+. Please contact Marisa Ferguson, [mferguson@unicefusa.org](mailto:mferguson@unicefusa.org), if you are interested in scheduling time for a group or a private tour.

Tickets are available at [heartstringsunicef.org](http://heartstringsunicef.org).

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## **GFWC Leadership Committee Accomplishments**

By: Betty MacMaster, Leadership Committee Member

As we wrap up our leadership activities for the 2022-2024 administration, the GFWC Leadership Committee expresses deep appreciation for each and every one of the GFWC members who dedicated their time and effort to attend our leadership presentations at GFWC Region and State meetings. Your presence and participation have been invaluable to us. The committee has been diligently providing support at these meetings, as well as crafting informative articles for *News & Notes* and *GFWC Clubwoman Magazine*.

Another accomplishment was hosting the LEADS seminar at GFWC Annual Conventions. Our committee had LEADS candidates choose their level of classes to maximize their learning during the LEADS seminar. Training was provided in developing your why, resolutions, listening skills, conflict resolution, health & well-being, parliamentary procedures, public speaking, time management, and building influence. Each year, a pre-convention LEADS Zoom



meeting was held to introduce the candidates to the GFWC Executive Committee and GFWC Leadership Committee. Content on the Member Portal, GFWC history and governance, and what to expect at Convention was provided for the candidates. Follow-up Zoom training was also provided.

We are committed to providing you with the best resources possible via the GFWC Leadership Toolkit. This administration, PowerPoint presentations, and scripts were added to be used in training at the state and club levels in five different areas. The toolkit is a valuable area for you to research any questions you may have, and we are here to support you every step of the way.

Another resource supported by the GFWC Leadership Committee was the GFWC Advancements and Programs forum, where you can find additional training resources through "Teach It Tuesday" and "Thumbs Up Thursday" videos and daily postings to assist members in their work in GFWC.

In closing, I will quote Eleanor Roosevelt: "You must do the things you think you cannot do."

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## Volunteers in Action: GFWC Spring Station Woman's Club (TN)



On April 14, the members of the GFWC Spring Station Woman's Club held their first Fairytale Tea Fundraiser at a local event barn. Fairytale-themed tables were decorated with fine china and glassware. Attendees enjoyed a full three-

course tea, meeting elegant fairy ballerinas, shopping with vendors, and feeding miniature farm animals. The club donated \$605 to the March of Dimes, with the remaining funds going to the club's treasury.

Submit photos and a short story (4-8 sentences, who, when, what, where) about the awesome things YOUR club is doing in the community to [PR@gfwc.org](mailto:PR@gfwc.org).



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