



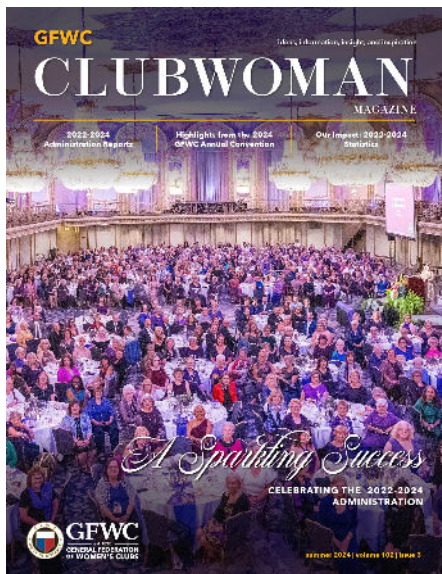
NEWS & NOTES

YOUR WEEKLY UPDATE ON GFWC NEWS

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August 15, 2024

Summer 2024 GFWC Clubwoman Magazine Out Now!



You won't want to miss the exciting wrap-up of the 2022-2024 Administration!

Highlights include:

- 2024 GFWC Annual Convention Recap
- Installation of the 2024-2026 GFWC Officers
- Accomplishments from the 2022-2024 Administration
- 2022-2024 Administration Reports

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State of Children's Safety Amid a Rapidly Evolving Tech Industry



The National Coalition on Sexual Exploitation hosted its annual summit on the Coalition to End Sexual Exploitation (CESE) from August 5–9, 2024. This event brought together advocates, practitioners, policymakers, and parents to discuss how children navigate a digital world fraught with hidden dangers and pressure. It was concluded that the best way to protect and empower children is through education, implementing protective mechanisms, holding tech and gaming companies accountable, and creating safe spaces for open dialogue.

Current statistics highlight the alarming exposure of youth to harmful content online:

- 67% of tweens and 76% of teens face bullying
- 58% of tweens and 77% of teens encounter drug-related content
- 33% of tweens and 57% of teens see content promoting suicide or self-harm
- 58% of tweens and 75% of teens are exposed to sexual content
- 8% of tweens and 10% of teens encounter predators
- 19% of tweens and 36% of teens experience anxiety
- 9% of tweens and 21% of teens develop eating disorders

GFWC is committed to supporting and advocating for the rights and protection of children from sexual violence and will continue to collaborate with organizations charting the path to a safer world for future generations. Below are resources to help parents, grandparents, and caretakers better protect youth and understand the pressures faced by children and adolescents today.

Literary Resources:

[Good Pictures, Bad Pictures](#) by Kristen A. Jenson

Digital Resources:

[Childhood 2.0 Experiment, YouTube](#)

[Keeping Safe in Cyberspace](#)

[Bark Phone and App](#)

[NCMEC Take it Down](#)

[Apple's Negligence in Preventing the Spread of Child Sexual Abuse Material \(CSAM\)](#)

Cares & Concerns

With great sadness, we share the passing of Debbie Alexander, GFWC South Carolina State President (1996-1998). View Debbie's Obituary [here](#).

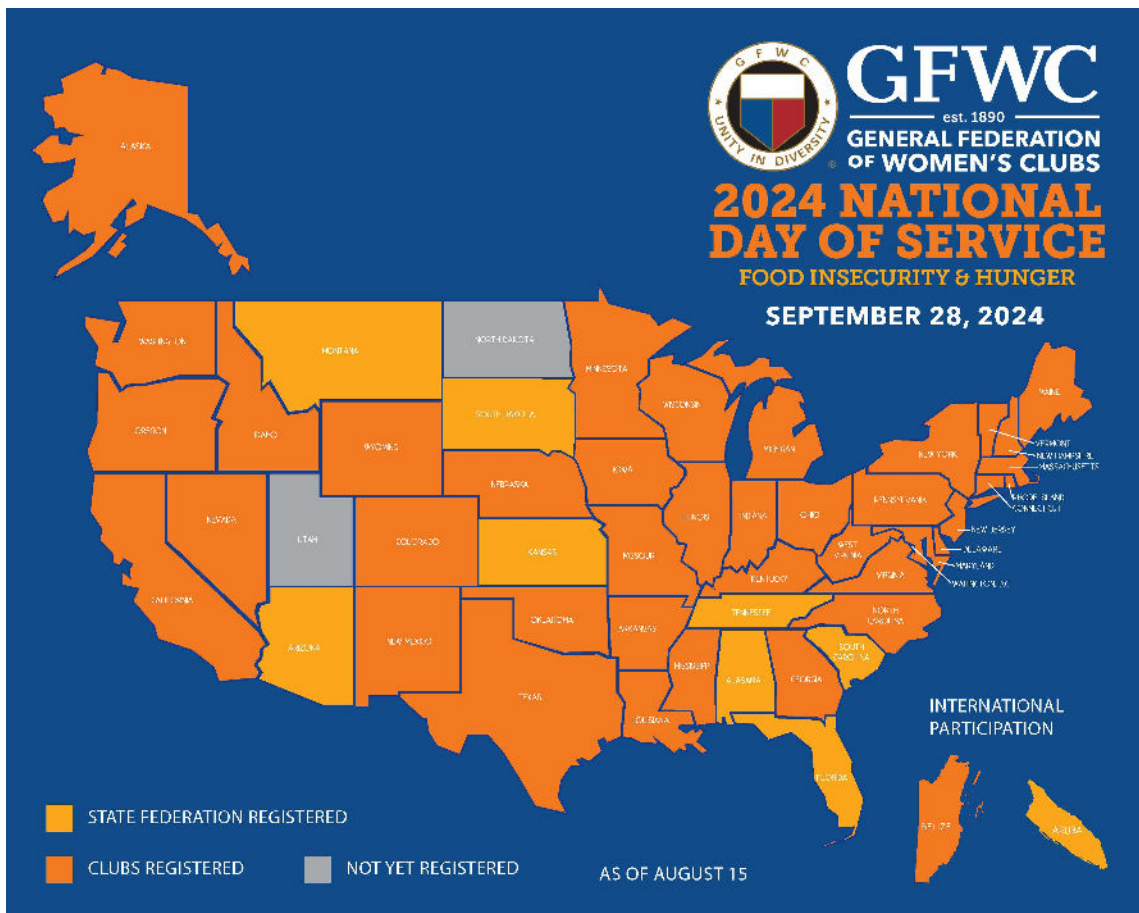
GFWC NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE POSTER TEMPLATE



Put up posters at your local supermarkets, schools, the YMCA, banks, libraries, and anywhere else you think it will be seen, to let your community know what your GFWC club will be doing on **Saturday, September 28**, and how they can participate. Make sure there are posters at your project site so your community will know it is not only your GFWC club and your community, but this commitment includes GFWC clubs in communities across the nation battling food insecurity on the same day.

CUSTOMIZE YOUR POSTER

Please note you will need to create a free Canva account at <https://www.canva.com/> to personalize the template.



GFWC National Day of Service (NDS) Map of State Participation

You have put us on the map!

Thank you to the 647 pledges representing GFWC Regions, GFWC State Federations, GFWC Districts, GFWC Clubs, and GFWC International Affiliates for registering to participate on Saturday, September 28. We're well on our way to exceeding last year's participation count of 973; and, shooting for the stars by doubling that number for an even greater impact.

According to Feeding America, 44 million people in the US are food insecure. Of these, 10 million are children. Did you know that in 2022, 49 million people turned to food programs for sustenance?

Please join our cause today!
Together we can end food insecurity and hunger!

REGISTER NOW

ADDITIONAL REGISTRATION OPTION: EMAIL

If you prefer to register by email, please send a message to GFWCNDS@GFWC.org to sign up for the 2024 GFWC National Day of Service.

Please include:

- Club Contact and Information
- Official Club Name
- Your State Federation
- Brief Description of the Club's Project, If Known (not required)

*** New Registrations as of noon
Tuesday, August 15, 2024**

GFWC STATES
GFWC South Carolina

GFWC DISTRICTS
GFWC Georgia – Northwest District
GFWC West Virginia – Eastern District

GFWC NATIONAL CLUB
GFWC Shelby's Stars

GFWC INTERNATIONAL AFFILIATE
GFWC Garden City Girls Belmopan – Belize

IOWA
GFWC Delhi Federated Woman's Club

KANSAS
GFWC Ad Astra

MARYLAND
GFWC Woman's Club of Chevy Chase
GFWC Woman's Club of Westminster, Inc.

MICHIGAN
GFWC Mecosta-Heart of the Lakes
GFWC Rogers City Area Civic League

MISSOURI
GFWC Creve Coeur Women's Club

GFWC CLUBS BY STATE

ALABAMA

GFWC Columbiana Culture Club

ARKANSAS

GFWC Culver City Woman's Club

CALIFORNIA

GFWC East County Junior Woman's Club

GFWC Moorpark Women's Fortnightly Club

GFWC North Little Rock Woman's Club

GFWC Rowland Heights Women's Club

GFWC San Clemente Woman's Club

GFWC Shafter Woman's Club

FLORIDA

GFWC Casuarina Woman's Club, Inc.

GFWC Clearwater Community Woman's Club

GFWC Hollywood Women's Club

GFWC Oviedo Woman's Club

GFWC Seminole Junior Woman's Club

GFWC Woman's Club of Port Charlotte, Inc.

GEORGIA

GFWC Athens-Oconee Junior Woman's Club

GFWC Marietta Woman's Club

GFWC Roswell Cares Service League

GFWC Sylvania Junior Woman's Club

GFWC Toccoa Woman's Club

GFWC Vienna Woman's Club

ILLINOIS

GFWC Effingham Women of Today

GFWC Lisle Woman's Club

GFWC Lombard Junior Women's Club

GFWC Lombard Service League

GFWC Marion Woman's Club

GFWC Woman's Club of Bismarck

Lincoln-Way GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Illinois

GFWC Mina Sauk Club

GFWC Monday Club

NEW YORK

GFWC Southern Saratoga County Women's Club

OHIO

GFWC Circleville Junior Women's Club

GFWC Eastlake Woman's Club

OKLAHOMA

GFWC Anadarko Philomatic Club

GFWC Durant Fortnightly Club

GFWC Waurika Sorosis Club

TENNESSEE

GFWC Centennial Woman's Club of Tullahoma

GFWC Spring Station Woman's Club

GFWC Suburbia Woman's Club

VERMONT

GFWC Bellows Falls Woman's Club

GFWC Castleton Woman's Club

VIRGINIA

GFWC Goochland Woman's Club

GFWC Powhatan Junior Woman's Club

WEST VIRGINIA

GFWC North Central Junior Alumnae Club

WISCONSIN

GFWC Oconomowoc Woman's Club

GFWC Woman's Club of Kenosha, Inc





Honor the Legacy – Sustain the Future

The GFWC Annual Giving Program theme is “Honor the Legacy – Sustain the Future.” Israelmore Ayivor, a well-known Youth Leadership Coach, author, and speaker states, “Giving does not only precede receiving; it is the reason for it. It is in giving that we receive.”

Members have spent the last 134 years helping improve the lives of others in their communities and beyond. Through our volunteer work and donations, we have done so much for so many. Think about the personal growth GFWC offers each member. It is now time for our members to invest in GFWC to secure our legacy and keep our organization strong and vital for the future so that we can continue to make this world a better place for all.

The GFWC Annual Giving Program encourages members to donate on a regular basis, monthly, quarterly, or annually. Sustained giving is vital to the health of our organization.

Donating to the GFWC Annual Giving Program is very easy. You can go to [GFWC.org](https://www.gfwc.org) and locate the donation button at the top right of the website homepage. Additional information and a printable donation form are available in the [Digital Library](#) of the Member Portal. Forms will also be available at the Fall Region Conferences. If you wish to complete the form at the Region Conference, an Annual Giving Committee representative will be glad to assist you and accept the completed form and donation.

Please consider donating to GFWC regularly to ensure the future legacy of our beloved organization.

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Putting Action Into Your Writing

by: Jeanne O’Sullivan, GFWC Communications and Public Relations Committee Member

Do you consider yourself an active person? If you are a GFWC volunteer, your answer is probably “Yes!” We are a dynamic group of women who take the initiative to make things happen in our communities. When posting about our volunteer work, we want to ensure our writing reflects this.

Current best practices recommend using an active voice. When a sentence is in the active voice, the subject of the sentence is the one doing the action expressed by the verb. The passive voice is typically formed with a form of the verb be—such as is, was, or has been. Passive writing comes across as less empowering or engaging. As GFWC members, we need to use correct grammar and write in an active voice so our posts stand out. We want our words to pull the reader into our conversation. Research shows we have only 2-4 seconds to gain their attention, especially on social media. Compare the following examples of passive vs. active writing style (passive verbs are underlined and bold):

- Donations of more than \$10,000.00 were made to several local charities this past year. (passive)
- The GFWC Community Club donated more than \$10,000.00 to local charities this past year. (active)

- Vegetable seedlings will be sold at our annual plant sale. (passive)
- We will be selling vegetable seedlings at our annual plant sale. (active)

- Guests are welcomed at our monthly meetings. (passive)
- We welcome guests at our monthly meetings. (active)

As you can see, the active voice sounds better when posting club activities on social media as well as in printed articles. Include an action picture or video with your article to catch the reader’s attention.

Let’s make our writing stand out by putting ourselves back in the action!

Shot@Life's Introductory Advocacy Training with GFWC September 3



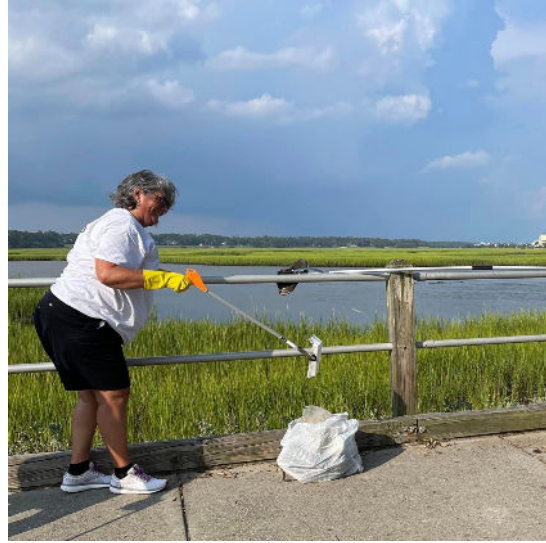
GFWC members are invited to join Shot@Life, a campaign of the United Nations Foundation, to speak up for global childhood immunization. Register for this 45-minute remote training, and learn about Shot@Life's work and the tools and tips for advocating to Congressional leaders and local community leaders about global immunization programs. Attendees will then be eligible to join Shot@Life for future events, including the virtual Summit on **September 27**.

When: Tuesday, September 3 at 7 pm ET

Note: Registered attendees will receive a link to view the recording if unable to attend live.

[Sign Up Today!](#)

Volunteers in Action: GFWC North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club (SC)



The GFWC North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club Environment Committee met this week to clean up the Russell Burgess Coastal Preserve following Hurricane Debby. They collected 10lbs of trash, including one lone sneaker! Thank you to the City of North Myrtle Beach for providing a long-handled grabber and short grabbers to retrieve trash from the Marsh.



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