

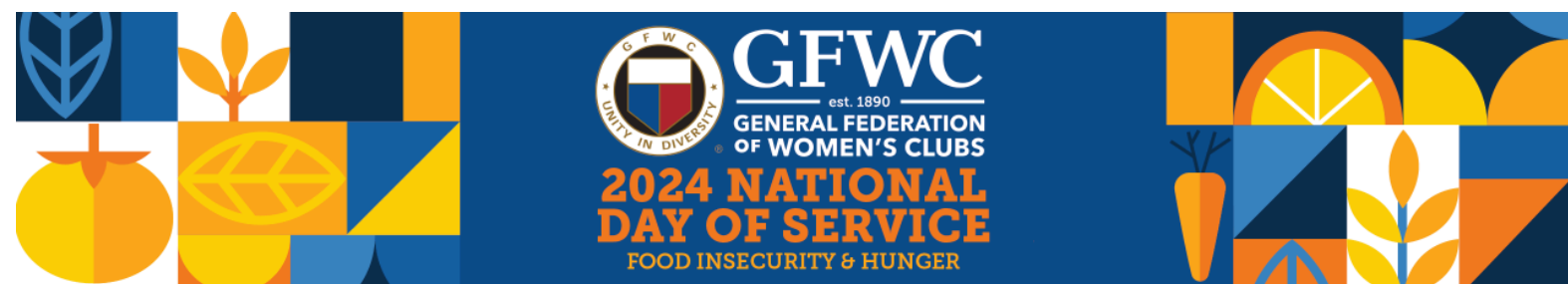


# NEWS & NOTES

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September 26, 2024



*"Volunteering is at the very core of being a human.  
No one has made it through life without someone  
else's help."*

-Heather French Henry



## **GFWC National Day of Service (GFWC NDS) — 2 Days and Counting!**

***September 28: GFWC Works to End Food Insecurity & Hunger in Your Community***

GFWC is excited to report that as of Tuesday afternoon, September 24, the total number of pledges received to participate in the second annual GFWC National Day of Service comes to 1,039 which includes GFWC State Federations, GFWC Regions, GFWC Districts, GFWC International Affiliates, and clubs. You can still

register until Friday, September 27, if your club decides to make a plan or if some club members get together and volunteer at a food bank or food center. Although GFWC has surpassed its goal of 1,000 pledges, we challenge clubs nationwide to add to the count. Don't forget to tag GFWC on social media **#GFWC24NDS!**

Also, look for the "GFWC NDS Impact Report" form from the GFWC Membership Department on Monday, September 30. We're excited to tally the results and report on our collective impact nationwide and internationally. 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](mailto: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)

### [View Full List of Clubs Registered](#)

All clubs registered will be updated on [gfwc.org/nds](http://gfwc.org/nds) on Friday, September 27.

#### ***\* New Registrations as of noon Thursday, September 24, 2024***

GFWC STATE FEDERATIONS  
GFWC Wisconsin  
GFWC Rhode Island

GFWC DISTRICT  
GFWC Montana Central District

ALABAMA  
GFWC Columbiana Vignette Club

ARIZONA  
GFWC Nogales Woman's Club  
GFWC Paradise Valley

CALIFORNIA  
GFWC Alpha Literary and Improvement Club of

KENTUCKY  
GFWC Woman's Club of Marion

MICHIGAN  
GFWC Flushing Women's Club  
GFWC Marlette Woman's Club

MISSISSIPPI  
GFWC Pontotoc Woman's Club

MISSOURI  
GFWC Chillicothe Culture Club

MONTANA  
GFWC MT Past District Queens

NEW HAMPSHIRE  
GFWC Lisbon Friend's in Council

Lompoc  
GFWC Diamond Bar Woman's Club  
GFWC Lemon Grove Forward Club  
GFWC San Diego Woman's Club  
GFWC Tustin Area Woman's Club  
GFWC Woman's Improvement Club of Corona  
GFWC Women's Club of San Bernardino

#### DELAWARE

GFWC Newark New Century Club  
GFWC Women's Club of Indian River

#### FLORIDA

GFWC Satellite Beach Woman's Club  
GFWC South Lake Junior Woman's Club

#### GEORGIA

GFWC Albany Woman's Club  
GFWC Calhoun Woman's Club  
GFWC Dawson County Woman's Club  
GFWC Lawrenceville Woman's Club  
GFWC Macon Service League  
GFWC Magnolia Civic Woman's Club  
GFWC Reynolds Woman's Club  
GFWC West Georgia Woman's Club

#### ILLINOIS

GFWC Decatur Woman's Club  
GFWC Highland Woman's Club  
GFWC Manhattan Woman's Club  
GFWC Peoria Women's Club  
GFWC St. Francisville Women's Club

#### KANSAS

GFWC Sedgwick Amittie

#### NEW JERSEY

GFWC Woman's Club of Colts Neck  
GFWC Woman's Club of Merchantville

#### NEW YORK

GFWC Junior Women's Club of Bellerose

#### NORTH CAROLINA

GFWC Edenton Woman's Club

#### NORTH DAKOTA

GFWC Bottineau Study Club

#### PENNSYLVANIA

GFWC Community Club of Collegeville

#### TENNESSEE

GFWC The Monday Club of Johnson City  
GFWC TN Virtual Volunteers  
GFWC Tullahoma Woman's Club

#### TEXAS

GFWC Bluebonnet Drama Club of Kingsville  
GFWC Texas Past District Presidents Club

#### VIRGINIA

GFWC Jonesville Woman's Club

#### WASHINGTON

GFWC Capital Woman's Club

#### WISCONSIN

GFWC Lakeside Youth Club

## GFWC National Day of Service Photo Tips

We need your help to show the impact GFWC is making in our communities. Here are some quick tips to remember as you document your project this weekend.

- **Pick a subject.** Focus on 1-2 people actively contributing to your project at a time.
- **Show action.** Take photos of members handing food to others, chopping vegetables, packing bags, and pushing carts to tell us about your project.
- **Show us something unique!** Do you have an unusual and creative project planned? Show us how your club is tackling food insecurity.
- **Think horizontal AND vertical.** Make sure to take both landscape and portrait photos.
- **Show us your smile.** Let the infectious joy of helping others show in your photos!

Here are some examples of great photos collected from participants in 2023. We are so eager to see photos and videos from your project!



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## **GFWC Leaders Celebrate 90 Years of Service with GFWC Woman's Club of Aruba**

GFWC International President Suellen Brazil and President-elect Wendy Carriker joined the GFWC Women's Club of Aruba (WCA) to celebrate its 90th anniversary. Founded in 1934 and an International Affiliate since 1937, GFWC Aruba has been a key partner in community service.



The celebration started with a warm welcome from the club leadership and was followed by a meeting with Interim Governor Agustin Vrolijk, where they discussed initiatives focusing on women's rights, leadership, and community development, and particularly addressing domestic and sexual violence.

That evening, community members celebrated the anniversary with a gala featuring local music and a presentation about the history of the Women's Club of Aruba. GFWC presented the club with a commemorative granite emblem to recognize their milestone anniversary.



Later, Brazil and Carriker, along with representatives of the WCA, visited Fundacion Pa Nos Comunidad (FPNC), Aruba's only food bank, learning about its support for families in need and how the community can assist. The Women's Club of Aruba partners with the food bank and plans to volunteer there for the 2024 GFWC National Day of Service Project.



The groups also met Prime Minister Evelyn Wever-Croes to discuss key initiatives to advance women's rights, leadership, and community development. Additional topics included domestic and sexual violence and the critical role of educational programs in combating social challenges. The delegation meeting with the Acting Governor and the Prime Minister included key leaders from the WCA, Women's Steering Committee Curacao, and representatives of the Fundashon Sentro di Dama (SEDA) Curacao.



To mark the anniversary, the club launched "90 Mata pa 90 Aña" (90 Trees for 90 Years), planting the first Palo di Boonchi at the National Library of Aruba, aiming to revitalize this and other endangered species.

To preserve their legacy, the Women's Club submitted historical documents dating back to 1934 and spanning the years for digitization at the National Library, ensuring access to their impactful work over the decades.

After 87 years of partnership, the General Federation of Women's Clubs and the Women's Club of Aruba showcase the strength we have when we come together to make a difference. We know that it is in great thanks to their commitment to volunteer service that places like Aruba can be "One Happy Island."

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## THE GFWC LEARNING GATEWAY SERIES

GFWC MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO REGISTER FOR THE NEXT *GFWC LEARNING GATEWAY* WEBINARS PRESENTED BY THE 2024-2026 GFWC HONORARY CHAIRMEN.

OCTOBER 1 @ 7 P.M. – *Smash the Stigma of Mental Health* with Suzanne Fox, Co-Founder & Director of Global Initiatives, The Yellow Tulip Project, a determined youth-driven movement to bring about immediate change and to remind folks that there is help and hope out there. You will be introduced to the programs they provide to enable your club to promote mental health in the community.  
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OCTOBER 23 @ 7 P.M. – *Celebrate Child Advocacy Week*. David Coffey, Safe Surfin' Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit Cyber Safety and Responsibility educational initiative created by law enforcement professionals who are dedicated not only to protecting youth from those who would do them harm but also pro-actively educating youth in the safe and responsible use of today's ever-changing technology.  
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Unlock expert insight in these webinars from 2024-2026 GFWC Honorary Chairmen. Sign up today and attend these informative webinars.

NEXT TUESDAY

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## Cares & Concerns

We express our sincere condolences on the passing of Ruth Hermon, GFWC Kansas State President (2006-2008). View Ruth's Obituary [here](#).

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## WSR Members Reach for The Stars

By: Pam Briggs, 2024-2026 Western States Region President



My theme for the Western States Region is “Reach for the Stars.” I encourage our members to set their sights and goals high as plans are made for the work they will do in their clubs, State Federations, Region, and GFWC. Remember, the only way to win the high jump is to set the bar high! Some tips to help reach those goals include:

**S** – Stretch out of your comfort zone. Don’t be afraid to try new things.

Regular stretching can really expand your reach!

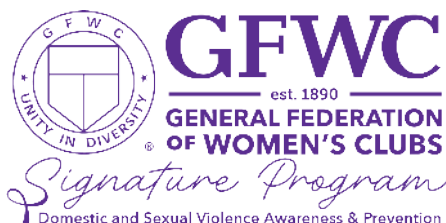
**T** – Talk about your goals and projects. Get others excited about what you are doing. Excitement is contagious!

**A** – Ask others to join you. The more people helping, the more you can accomplish!

**R** – Reach out for help and advice. Take advantage of the knowledge others, within and outside your club, have to share!

**S** – Share your accomplishments and successes. Blow your horn loudly so others know what you have achieved and want to join your next project!

At our Region Conference, we learned valuable tools to help us “Reach for the Stars” as individuals and clubs. Rather than choosing a Region project for this administration. I encourage members to support important GFWC program areas and partners. At the WSR conference, information about the Shot@Life Measles Campaign was shared by one of our Region Shot@ Life Champions. Conference members donated a total of \$500 to help fund the Measles Campaign! What a great start on our journey to Reach for The Stars!



## How well do you know our GFWC Signature Program?

by: Carrie Zimmerman, GFWC Signature  
Program Chairman

Become a champion and “Be the Voice for those that have no Voice.” The General Federation of Women’s Clubs Signature Program has a unique perspective. Why you ask? Because we have eight focus areas that offer a varied cultural perspective.

Our eight focus areas are Campus Sexual Assault, Elder Abuse, Intimate Partner Violence (IPV), Child Abuse, Military Sexual Assault, Human Trafficking for Sexual Purposes, Teen Dating Violence (TDV), and Violence Against Native American Women.

It is essential for every member to promote and support the GFWC Signature Program. How can this happen? It will happen as clubs accept the challenge of completing at least one project each club year that fits within the Signature Program. Clubs can choose projects to suit their community's culture, population, needs, and advocacy interests **because** the program is diverse!

Almost every month there is an awareness campaign that aligns with one of our Signature Program focus areas. **October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month.** Clubs can support an awareness campaign this month such as the "Purple Ribbon" campaign. Simple, yet effective.

Reach out to your elected officials on legislation that supports victims of any of the eight focus areas. Establish a connection with state domestic violence coalitions and have them speak at your meetings. Sign up and use the [GFWC Legislative Action Center](#) (LAC) for current Federal legislation and choose what to support.

Advocacy is powerful when we become a champion to "Be the Voice for those that have no Voice."



## Legislative Corner

*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.*

Congressional leaders are facing deadlines as they prepare to recess for the election and return mid-November to complete the work of the 118th Congress

(2023-2024). Any legislation not enacted by the end of the year will need to be reintroduced next year.

**Online Child Protection Bills Move Forward:** In late-July, the Senate approved a bill (S. 2073) combining the Kids Online Safety and Privacy Act (KOSA) and the Children and Teen’s Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA 2.0) by an overwhelming vote of 91-3. Many thanks to GFWC clubwomen who acted through the Legislative Action Center to support these bills.

On September 18, the House Energy and Commerce Committee marked up its KOSA bill, but omitted a critically important provision included in the Senate bill which holds Big Tech accountable, a legally relevant “duty to care” standard for online apps and platforms to responsibly design their products in a manner that is safe for children. Therefore, the House versions of KOSA and COPPA 2.0 were approved by voice vote in committee, without bipartisan support, and with promises made by Chairman Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-WA) to work with Members to improve the bills throughout the legislative process. Now the challenge is to get the bills to the House floor for a vote, then they can be conferenced with the Senate.

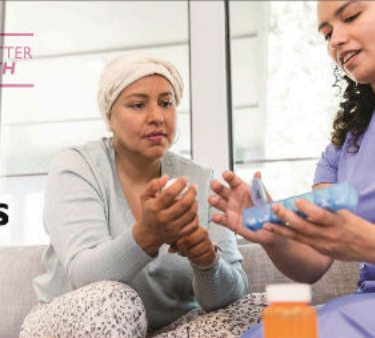
**Alzheimer’s Bills Move Forward:** On September 17, the House of Representatives passed the BOLD (Building Our Largest Dementia) Infrastructure for Alzheimer’s Reauthorization Act (H.R. 7218), which supports public health strategies that promote brain health, address dementia, and support individuals living with Alzheimer’s and their families. Action is pending in the Senate.

On September 23, Congress enacted both the National Alzheimer’s Project Reauthorization Act (S. 113), and the Alzheimer’s Accountability and Investment Act (S. 134). Many thanks to the clubwomen who supported these three bills by acting through the GFWC Legislative Action Center. GFWC is proud of its new affiliation with the Alzheimer’s Association and our support for critically important federal legislation.

**Federal Appropriations:** Relevant to our efforts to support funding for Violence Against Women and Family Violence Prevention and Services programs, vaccines through Shot@Life, food insecurity programs including food banks, free and reduced priced school meals, meals on wheels, and more, the end of the FY 2024 federal fiscal year is Monday, September 30. Congress is planning to approve a temporary funding measure, called a Continuing Resolution (CR), to keep the government programs operating until December 20. Negotiations continue to resolve differences in the twelve FY 2025 appropriations bills.

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HEALTHY CONVERSATIONS THAT MATTER  
GIVING VOICE TO WOMEN'S HEALTH



## Improving the Outcomes of Cancer

Tuesday, October 8, 2024 | 7 – 8p.m. (EDT)

The American Cancer Society estimates that the U.S. will see just over 2 million new cancer cases in 2024, and more than 611,000 cancer deaths. Johns Hopkins oncologist and Director of the Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins, **Dr. William G. Nelson** goes behind these numbers and shares optimistic research underway for improving the outcome for cancer, including research on personalized combination of various immunotherapy medications.




**William Nelson, M.D., Ph.D., D.Sc.**  
Director, Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins  
Marion I. Knott Director and Professor of Oncology

**REGISTER NOW** for this complimentary monthly live webcast discussion between Johns Hopkins faculty physicians and moderator Kelly Geer Ripken, national chair of A Woman's Journey.

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## Gold Pins

Celebrating 50 years of GFWC Membership

Bobbi Burdick  
GFWC Treasure Coast Women  
(Florida)

Susan Bird  
GFWC Treasure Coast Women  
(Florida)

Carolyn Aldhizer  
GFWC Treasure Coast Women  
(Florida)

Lollie Adair  
Enderlin GFWC Clio Club (North  
Dakota)

Bonnie Daub  
Enderlin GFWC Clio Club (North  
Dakota)

Pat Lindemann  
Enderlin GFWC Clio Club (North  
Dakota)

Jenny Allen  
GFWC Stephenville Study Club  
(Texas)

Sharon Clark  
GFWC Dunwoody Woman's Club  
(Georgia)

# Club Anniversaries

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GFWC San Gabriel Woman's Club  
(Texas)

80

GFWC Woman's Club of Loudon  
(Virginia)

70

GFWC The Women's Club of Odessa  
(Delaware)

90

GFWC Fine Arts Club of Waynesboro  
(Mississippi)

75

GFWC Gulf Shores Woman's Club,  
Inc (Alabama)

110

GFWC Fort Benton Woman's Club  
(Montana)

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## Volunteers in Action: GFWC Woman's Club of Raleigh (NC)



On a bright, sunny, summer afternoon, members of the Civic Engagement and Outreach CSP from The GFWC Woman's Club of Raleigh met to complete a special project. One hundred Hope/Re-Entry Bags were assembled for formerly incarcerated women. Four eight-foot tables were piled high with items that club members donated. The items, collected all year for the bags, included: tissues, feminine hygiene products, soap, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, toothpaste, toothbrushes, lotion, lip balm, combs, pens, socks, and notebooks.

A representative from the parole commission picked up the bags that will be distributed to ladies transitioning from prison to a much different world. Finding a job, housing, going shopping—all of these are challenges. Much appreciation was expressed for the bags as they were put into the parole officer's car. Having something designed especially for these women shows someone cares and builds confidence in those starting a new chapter of their lives.

*We want to feature YOUR club! Send us a short story and 1-2 photos of your club in action for an opportunity to be featured in News & Notes.*

*Please send your full club name, State Federation, and 100 words on your project to [PR@GFWC.org](mailto:PR@GFWC.org)*



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