
2020-2022 Executive Committee

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2020-2022 Theme:

“Lighting the Way in Missouri and
Beyond through GFWC”



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GFWC PROGRAM AREAS

In collaboration with our communities and our GFWC Affiliates, our clubs complete many worthwhile projects aimed at improving communities locally and around the world. Program areas include:

GFWC Signature Program:

Domestic & Sexual Violence Awareness & Prevention

GFWC Juniors Special Program:

Advocates for Children

GFWC's 5 Community Service Programs:

Arts and Culture

Environment

Education and Libraries

(Includes ESO, GFWC's honorary reading sorority)

Civic Engagement and Outreach

Health and Wellness

GFWC Affiliates include these organizations:

Prevent Child Abuse America

Heifer International

HOBY

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

Operation Smile

Shot@Life

Canine Companions for Independence

UNICEF

GFWC has many Resource organizations

for programs and projects such as:

National Endowment for the Arts

National Parks Conservation Association

Soles 4 Souls

Read Across America

STEM for HER

Habitat for Humanity

Wreaths Across America

Ronald McDonald House Charities

General Federation of Women's Clubs of Missouri, Inc.



Unity in Diversity

Your pathway to:

New friends

Networking

Community services

Leadership opportunities

Educational programs & projects



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All about GFWC Membership

What is GFWC?

- In April 1890, GFWC was founded when 61 clubs from around the US convened in New York City and formed the General Federation of Women's Clubs.
- GFWC of Missouri, Inc. was organized in 1896 and admitted to GFWC that year.
- GFWC is an international women's organization dedicated to community improvement by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service.
- GFWC has 80,000 members in 3,200 clubs in every state and more than a dozen countries.
- The 66 GFWC clubs in Missouri boast over 1,200 members.

What is our purpose?

Our members are united through district, state, and regional organizations. Members volunteer their time, talents, and resources to improve the quality of life through service to others. Members become responsible, dynamic leaders in their communities.

Who can join?

Individuals over 18 are eligible for membership in GFWC of Missouri, Inc. GFWC also offers a program for teens ages 14 to 18 years called Juniors. Our GFWC Shenandoah Club is a Missouri club for those wanting to support GFWC of Missouri projects, but who cannot attend regular club meetings.

Major Projects of GFWC of MO, Inc.

Sophomore Pilgrimage since 1934

On the second Tuesday of every April, GFWC MO Clubs send an outstanding sophomore from local high schools to Jefferson City. This project promotes good citizenship and enables the students to see our state government in action. Besides meeting their legislators, students tour the Capitol, Governor's Mansion, and Supreme Court. At a luncheon, elected officials inspire them to do their best.

Missouri Girls Town

Founded in 1953 by GFWC of Missouri, Inc., Missouri Girls Town (MGT) is a residential treatment facility near Kingdom City for abused and neglected girls in Missouri. The environment at MGT emphasizes education, wholesome activities, and work. Many GFWC Clubs continue to support MGT especially through the Reading Awards Program (RAP). Since 2007, GFWC Clubwomen have been recognizing the girls at RAP Luncheons where they receive exciting prizes based on the number of books they have read and reported on.

Scholarships & Phoebe Jane Ess

Loan Fund

GFWC Scholarships are awarded at several Missouri colleges and universities through the generosity of GFWC Clubs and Clubwomen. Since 1909, more than 600 women have received interest-free loans to continue their highest education through our Phoebe Jane Ess Loan Fund.

GFWC's Amazing Accomplishments

2017 GFWC clubwomen from across the country supported GFWC Texas and GFWC Florida's Disaster Relief Funds following hurricanes Irma and Harvey. The clubwomen raised over \$100,000 to aid local Texas citizens.

2015 GFWC celebrated 125 years of Federation at the 2015 Annual Convention in Memphis, TN.

2013 As a steadfast advocate for the elimination of abuse perpetrated towards women, GFWC was honored to attend and co-sponsor a briefing on the UNiTE to End Violence Against Women Campaign at the United Nations Headquarters.

2012 GFWC established GFWC Success for Survivors Scholarship Fund for domestic violence survivors' post-secondary education.

2011 GFWC Haiti Disaster Relief Fund raised over \$55,000 following the 2010 earthquake.

2009 GFWC advocated for pay equality bill based on the discrimination case of GFWC clubwoman Lilly Ledbetter. The President signed the bill in January.

2004 GFWC contributed \$180,000 for an ambulance for the New York Fire Department after 9/11.

2002 GFWC fulfilled a five-year commitment to raise \$13.5 million for the benefit of public libraries.

1961 GFWC's Women's Crusade for Seat Belts Program resulted in installation of more than one million seat belts in one year.

1944 GFWC endorsed a resolution supporting equal rights for women.

1942 GFWC's "Buy a Bomber" campaign generated funds to purchase 431 planes.

1933 American Library Association credited women's clubs with establishing 75% of the nation's public libraries.

1916 Mary Belle King Sherman (CO), GFWC Conservation Chairman, helped create the National Park Service and named six national parks.

1906 Helped secure passage of Pure Food & Drug Act with letter-writing campaign.