**GFWC MO Top Ten Projects**

**Advocates for Children**

**1**. **GFWC Beverly Shelton Girls Town Club** hosted a Birthday Bash where members and their friends were invited to donate an amount equal to one of the following; 1) age at their next birthday, 2) age of someone else that they wished to honor for their birthday, 3) age of MGT, or 4) a donation of any amount. This event dovetailed with the MGT ‘Moms, Dads or Grads Campaign, so donations could be designated for Mother’s Day, Father’s Day or graduation and thus, recipients would be notified about the donation. $3,402 was raised.

**2.** **GFWC Achieving by Reading Club** collected individually-wrapped snacks that families could eat for quick meals at the three KC Ronald McDonald houses. Also collected were activity and coloring books, crayons and reading books for children.

**3.** **GFWC Tuesday Club of Columbia** conducted two workshops to organize clothing and supplies at MGT. To let the girls of MGT know that they were in the club’s thoughts during the trying times of the pandemic, members sent treats for Valentine’s Day and St. Patrick’s Day as well as March Mid-Winter boost gift bags, books and treats. In April the girls did crafts and learned old school dance steps. The Christmas visit was a chance to decorate Christmas ornaments.

**4. GFWC Woman’s Club of Shelbyville** sponsored “Santa in the Ville”, where children come to the square to meet Santa and Mrs. Claus in the courthouse hallway. Treats and gift bags are passed out.

**5. GFWC Woman’s Club of Ste. Genevieve** supported MGT through their annual auction held after a lunch. Baked goods, gift baskets and decorative items were bid on and grab bags, ornaments and estate jewelry were available for purchase as well.

**6. GFWC Hayti Women’s Club** worked along with the Conran Memorial Library to prepare 435 Halloween bags for local elementary students. Bags included candy, pencils, stickers, tattoos and bookmarks.

**7. GFWC South KC Area Girls Town Club** held 3 in-kind donation drives for MGT: ‘no-show’ socks, scrunchies, notebooks, hairbrushes and sports bras at one; calculators, notebook paper, 2-pocket folders, safety scissors, tape, etc. for the back-to-school drive.

**8. GFWC Nu-Era Study Club** heard a presentation about a home for homeless teens. Members donated personal care items that are needed by the residents.

**9. GFWC Mexico Women’s Club** conducted eight projects consisting of activities with the MGT residents and organizing donations. Artwork created by the MGT residents was displayed in the local library.

**10. GFWC Kansas City Athenaeum** used some of the proceeds from the 2015 sale of their clubhouse to donate to five different groups or entities; MGT, St. Jude’s and 3 others.

**Creativity** – see #1 above