

CFWC CLUBS INCLUDED IN GFWC'S 2019 LIST OF TOP 10 PROJECTS

These are excerpts from *GFWC's 2019 Top 10 Projects* (published mid-2020). The full list highlights 10 clubs per category and can be found in the member portal at gfwc.org.

Advocates for Children

Project: Green Thumb Gardening Club

GFWC Woman's Club of Vista (CA) provided nutrition education by participating with and supporting the efforts of a gardening club working with elementary school children. Meetings were held at a local elementary school multiple times a year. Students participated in hands-on activities focused on nutrition, gardening, composting, and food preparation. Students also created nutrition signs for the garden and served as tour guides, which provided opportunities to share their new knowledge with their classmates.

Communications & Public Relations Advancement

Project: Website and Social Media

GFWC Woman's Club of Fullerton (CA), founded in 1902, utilizes a variety of social media platforms to reach out to the community, including Instagram and Facebook, which are updated weekly. They also continue to update and expand their website, which caught the attention of Ocean Subaru of Fullerton, after being optimized for search engines. The local business was so impressed by the projects highlighted on the club's website that they donated \$57,383 to the club's "Share the Love" campaign.

Domestic Violence Awareness & Prevention

Project: Transitional Housing Apartment

GFWC San Diego Woman's Club (CA) has sponsored a transitional housing complex apartment since 2004. The 25-member club furnished the apartment and provided food, paper products, and other items. As the family transitions out, they may take needed household items and furnishings as they settle into new housing. Members clean, refurnish, and replenish the apartment for the next family. They also give family members in the apartment three gifts from their wish list.

Epsilon Sigma Omicron (ESO)

Project: Interactive Story Time

GFWC Tracy Woman's Club's (CA) ESO group hosted an interactive story time at Tracy's Nursery and Garden Center. Books were read to groups of 12 children and their adult family members. Songs accompanied by a club member and a variety of interactive books and puppets kept the children, ages three to seven years, engaged during the reading sessions.

International Outreach Community Service

Project: Children's Holiday Party

GFWC Ebell Club of Irvine (CA) provided a memorable Christmas for children at the St. Theresa's Orphanage/School in Ensenada, Mexico. Members, friends, two schools, a dance group, the local parish, and community members contributed gifts, food, supplies to make angels, stockings, and hygiene products for the girls. Members drove to the orphanage for a party with games, Santa, and gifts. A monetary donation was also made.

Leadership Advancement

Project: Planning is Key

GFWC Orangevale Women's Club's (CA) Executive Board created a Strategic Plan to guide the club into the next decade. Specifically, the plan considered community needs and determined what types club projects to implement to meet their service goals.

Legislation & Public Policy Advancement

Project: Students Prepare for Legislative Action

GFWC Woman's Club of West Covina (CA) worked with the local high school to provide a program that asked students to review proposed legislation, debate the legislation, and determine how they would vote if they had the opportunity. The club also provided a pizza party to the students to thank them for their participation.

Public Issues Community Service

Project: Martin Luther King Day of Service

GFWC Dublin/San Ramon Woman's Club (CA) set up workstations on Martin Luther King Day to support GFWC's 7 Grand initiatives by: making 25 "Seatbelt Snuggles," a pillow that cushions the pressure of a seatbelt over chemo ports; cutting blankets for Operation Smile and local shelters; writing letters to Blue Star Mothers; and sorting toiletries for shelters. Each member also signed a large banner which was displayed at City Hall for a week.

Women's History & Resource Center Advancement

Project: Votes for Women

GFWC Hemet Woman's Club (CA) participated in the Hemet Christmas Parade with a plan to make the public aware of the anniversary of the 19th Amendment. Members dressed in period costume, wore a "Votes for Women" sash, and rode in a convertible in the parade route. They carried suffragist signs and a large banner proclaiming, "Hemet Woman's Club Celebrates 110 Years of Community Service."