

2022

GFWC VIRGINIA LEE DISTRICT AWARD WINNERS AND SUMMARIES

(Based on Projects completed in 2021)

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM GFWC Signature Program Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness and Prevention, Chairman: Becky Pollard

SMALL CLUBS (1-20)

BEST OVERALL GFWC KANAWHA WOMAN'S CLUB

Donation to GFWC Success for Survivor's Scholarship Fund, offered Lee District Special Award.

COMMUNITY SERVICE Best Single Project GFWC REGENCY WOMAN'S CLUB

Held its annual Clothes Exchange Alternative event virtually as well as in person, in spite of COVID, and donated over \$2000 to 4 organizations which support prevention, awareness, and domestic violence victims support.

AFFILIATE : Best Single Project Winner: NO WINNER

MEDIUM CLUBS (21-29)

BEST OVERALL HENRY CLAY WOMAN'S CLUB OF GFWC

Planted a Pinwheel Garden, collected cleaning supplies for local shelter, adopted family from local shelter at Christmas, recognized Domestic Violence Awareness month at October club meeting by having members wear purple and distributing brochures.

COMMUNITY SERVICE Best Single Project: GFWC ASHCAKE WOMAN'S CLUB

Donated over \$250.00 worth of snacks and drinks to Stop Child Abuse Now (SCAN) to be used for SCAN's Child Advocacy Center and Family Support Program. Also, 5 new backpacks and 6 gently used duffle type bags were also donated.

AFFILIATE : Best Single Project Winner: GFWC WORTHINGTON WOMAN'S CLUB

Five Projects for PCAA including 300+ pinwheel garden; supported Families First with a club program, book and CD donations, diapers and baby wipes donations, and Thanksgiving food basket donations.

LARGE CLUBS (30+)

BEST OVERALL THE TRI CLUB WOMAN'S CLUB

Supported Safe Harbor, a local shelter, with donations of cash and gift cards and by making 72 comfort bags to be distributed by Safe Harbor. In addition, they provided a basket of goodies for the volunteers and office staff.

COMMUNITY SERVICE Best Single Project: GFWC GOOCHLAND WOMAN'S CLUB

Supported Safe Harbor by participating with a team leader in the Walk It to End It virtual event. The Team Leader informed and encouraged the members to contribute, with \$1,500 being donated from members, friends and family.

AFFILIATE : Best Single Project Winner: NO WINNER

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM **GFWC Junior Special Program Advocates for Children,**
Chairman: Joy Matkowsky

SMALL CLUBS (1-20)

BEST OVERALL per CSP PROGRAM NO REPORTS RECEIVED FOR SMALL CLUBS

COMMUNITY SERVICE Best Single Project:

AFFILIATE : Best Single Project Winner:

MEDIUM CLUBS (21-30)

BEST OVERALL per CSP PROGRAM **HENRY CLAY WOMAN'S CLUB OF GFWC**

The Henry Clay Woman's Club of GFWC donated Valentine treat bags to the River City Stars and continues to support them with monetary donations.

COMMUNITY SERVICE Best Single Project: No Winner

AFFILIATE : Best Single Project Winner: **HENRY CLAY WOMAN'S CLUB OF GFWC**

One member of one club participated in the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital GFWC Virginia walk team and raised funds.

LARGE CLUBS (30+)

BEST OVERALL per CSP PROGRAM **JUNIOR FEDERATED WOMAN'S CLUB OF CHESTER**

The Junior Federated Woman's Club of Chester donated 10 reusable water bottles and 68 sets of ear buds to a local organization called "Community in Schools". In addition, this club donated 78 stuffed animals to the Chesterfield County Police Department.

COMMUNITY SERVICE Best Single Project **THE GOOCHLAND WOMAN'S CLUB**

The Goochland Woman's Club support local CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children) efforts with monetary donations. This club also collected 12 small stuffed animals to be donated to the Goochland Social Service Dept for CASA children.

AFFILIATE : Best Single Project Winner: No Winner

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM - Arts and Culture, **Chairman: Sandy Hartley**

SMALL CLUBS (1-20)

BEST OVERALL per CSP PROGRAM **PAMUNKEY WOMAN'S CLUB**

This club held a card making workshop. Members enjoyed expressing themselves and creating cards under the theme of "playing with colors"

COMMUNITY SERVICE Best Single Project. **PAMUNKEY WOMAN'S CLUB**

This club collected art supplies such as paint and brushes, colored pencils and crayon sets. These items were donated to the local YMCA Youth Arts Program.

AFFILIATE : Best Single Project Winner: No winner

MEDIUM CLUBS (21-29)

BEST OVERALL **GFWC ASHCAKE WOMAN'S CLUB**

This club donated art supplies to two local daycare centers to encourage arts and crafts participation for children. Paint, brushes, paper, crayons, and markers were among the various items donated.

COMMUNITY SERVICE Best Single Project: **GFWC VARINA WOMAN'S CLUB**

This club designed, decorated and delivered Halloween Bags filled with various sundries and some treats. These bags were delivered to 4 local adult homes and one club member who could no longer get out.

AFFILIATE : Best Single Project Winner:

LARGE CLUBS (30+)

BEST OVERALL JUNIOR FEDERATED WOMAN'S CLUB OF CHESTER

This club hosted their 10th annual 8th Grade Cotillion. Students attended an etiquette class taught by a professional Cotillion instructor. Manners and dinner conversation were taught in preparation for the event held at a local country club.

COMMUNITY SERVICE Best Single Project **ESSEX JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB**

These members donated items for a Spring-themed Basket to be raffled at a Farmers Market. Proceeds of this were donated to a club member in memory of her daughter to help with funeral expenses.

AFFILIATE : Best Single Project Winner: No Winner

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM - Education and Libraries Chairman: Liz Sabbatini

SMALL CLUBS (1-20)

BEST OVERALL - PAMUNKEY WOMAN'S CLUB

This club supported two scholarships, made a donation to their local library and donated books to the Little Free Library.

COMMUNITY SERVICE Best Single Project: - **PAMUNKEY WOMAN'S CLUB**

This Club decided to support the Little Free Libraries project and delivered hundreds of books to a local Little Library over the year.

AFFILIATE : Best Single Project Winner:

MEDIUM CLUBS (21-29)

BEST OVERALL - GFWC ASHCAKE WOMAN'S CLUB

This Club made donations to three organizations that support the furtherance of children and adults with special needs, support their local schools, both children and teachers, and developed a read and share program to encourage members to read.

COMMUNITY SERVICE Best Single Project - **GFWC VARINA WOMAN'S CLUB**

To promote Read Across America, this club donated 40 copies of "The Boy, the Mole the Fox and the Horse" to all teachers at 2 elementary schools for read aloud and discussion. They delivered the books with cookies, tea bags and napkins for the teachers.

AFFILIATE : Best Single Project Winner: No Winner

LARGE CLUBS (30+)

BEST OVERALL GFWC GOOCHLAND WOMAN'S CLUB

This club is active in supporting local schools, including donating shoes to a high school program designed to alleviate bullying over brand name shoes, volunteering in classrooms donating water etc. and funding scholarships. They also support their library and participated in the Dolly Parton Imagination Library project.

COMMUNITY SERVICE Best Single Project:- **THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF ESSEX COUNTY, GFWC**

This club supports "Jacob's Ladder" which focuses on gifted children who are considered at risk. They followed this with a club program presented by a young lady helped by the program and who is expecting to go to college and study medicine.

AFFILIATE : Best Single Project Winner: No Winner

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM **Civic Engagement and Outreach** **Chairman: Tricia Duvall**

SMALL CLUBS (1-20)

BEST OVERALL GFWC KANAWHA WOMAN'S CLUB

This club supported the district project, supported the troops, attended wreath laying ceremony, made donations to the USO, worked with Mission BBQ on many projects and supported the Warrior and Family Care Program.

COMMUNITY SERVICE Best Single Project: **GFWC REGENCY WOMAN'S CLUB**

This club supported Goochland Cares, an organization well as collected women's personal hygiene and undergarments. They collected food items. They volunteered with the organization by working at a Covid center and volunteering two days a week where needed.

AFFILIATE : Best Single Project Winner: No winner

MEDIUM CLUBS (21-29)

BEST OVERALL GFWC WORTHINGTON WOMAN'S CLUB

This club supports Chesterfield Colonial Heights Alliance for Social Ministry (CCHASM). They supported the Chesterfield/Colonial Heights Christmas Mother, FeedMore, Chesterfield Food Bank, Powhatan Food Bank, Chesterfield Animal Shelter, Wounded Warriors, Sweats4Vets, Pink & Pearls, the State and District projects, RVA Backpacks and more.

COMMUNITY SERVICE Best Single Project: **HENRY CLAY WOMAN'S CLUB OF GFWC**

This club had the Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Elections, Chris Piper, attend a club meeting. They invited other clubs to participate and family and friends. Mr. Piper leads the department with a focus on election security and works with the localities to insure proper voting is taking place. The Hanover County Registrar's office was in attendance.

AFFILIATE : Best Single Project Winner: **GFWC ASHCAKE WOMAN'S CLUB**

March of Dimes – This club shared a story about a man with autism named Michael, whose passion and hard work led him to becoming a paleontologist. There was a human-interest story on local television and club members watched his story. He has uncovered bone fossils dating back to the pre-dinosaur era. This story showed the importance of The March of Dimes' work related to autism.

LARGE CLUBS (30+)

BEST OVERALL GFWC GOOCHLAND WOMAN'S CLUB

This club supported Goochland Cares in many ways. They volunteer at the front desk, they collected food items and made monetary donations. They supported the Goochland Christmas Mother, adopted a family and served on the board. They supported the District Project, Sweats for Vets, Habitat for Humanity and first responders.

COMMUNITY SERVICE Best Single Project: **THE TRI CLUB WOMAN'S CLUB**

This club supported McGuire Veterans Hospital by making 120 treat bags filled with snack items and a card, they also collected pre-wrapped snacks put in lunch bags along with thank you notes. They held a ticket drop that featured home made food items. The money earned was used to purchase hats, gloves and scarves for the veterans and McGuire Hospital.

AFFILIATE : Best Single Project Winner: No Winner

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM **Environment** **Chairman: Linda Turner**

SMALL CLUBS (1-20)

BEST OVERALL – CAPITOL WOMAN'S CLUB

This club saved used mascara wands to donate to A Wand For Wildlife to be used to help clean up the environment for wildlife.

BEST SINGLE PROJECT: PAMUNKEY WOMAN'S CLUB

This club had a special program presented by the Chief of Animal Control about their Four Legged Friends.

MEDIUM CLUBS (21-29)

BEST OVERALL GFWC VARINA WOMAN' S CLUB

This Club signed an agreement with "Keep Henrico Beautiful" to pick up trash in a designated area 4 times a year. 15 members of the club participated at a local boat landing. They worked for 45 hours and collected 25 large bags of trash. The Varina Woman's Club joined the Arbor Day Foundation at a cost of \$15. and 10 trees were sent to a National Park.

BEST SINGLE PROJECT GFWC ASHCAKE WOMAN'S CLUB

The Ashcake Woman's Club were frequently reminded of the importance of recycling electronic devices. Thanks to Best Buy's electronic recycling program, club members recycled two computers with monitors, a DVD player, four cell phones, a set of landline phones, as well as numerous electronic cords.

LARGE CLUBS (30 +)

BEST OVERALL THE TRI CLUB WOMAN'S CLUB

This club spent most of their club year through ZOOM meetings by donating used shoes, helping another club donate eye glasses and pull tabs off of cans for the Ronald McDonald House

BEST SINGLE PROJECT GFWC GOOCHLAND WOMAN'S CLUB

GOOCHLAND PET LOVERS /ANIMAL SHELTER - The Goochland Woman's Club is in partnership with Goochland County to help with rescue and adoption experiences for both the animals and the community.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM - Health and Wellness

Chairman: Judy Lee

SMALL CLUBS (1-20)

BEST OVERALL

GFWC KANAWHA WOMAN'S CLUB

This club fell into the category of overachievers. They supported a recovered drug addict and her daughter with cash and in-kind donations totaling \$1,000. The donations included Christmas gifts and college funds for the daughter. They donated funds to Hospice of Virginia and Voices for Virginia Children. They donated clothing valued at \$16,346 to the Thrift for Life store whose proceeds go directly to the Massey Cancer Institute. The Club worked 311 hours on 18 projects, donated \$675 monetary donations and \$17,767 in in-kind donations. Covid did not slow them down.

COMMUNITY SERVICE Best Single Project GFWC KANAWHA WOMAN'S CLUB

This club worked 63 hours and donated \$16,346 in in-kind items such as clothing and furniture which is sold with all profits going directly to the Massey Cancer Insititute.

AFFILIATE : Best Single Project Winner: No Winner

MEDIUM CLUBS (21-29)

BEST OVERALL per CSP PROGRAM HENRY CLAY WOMAN'S CLUB OF GFWC

Members supplied birthday gifts (valued at \$170) to the residence of Alpha House, a facility to house Alzheimer's patients. They supplied a cake and gift but, due to Covid restrictions, were unable to enter. They made monetary donations to ARC of Hanover, Ashland Christian Emergency Services, the Hanover Christmas Mother, Operation Smile and Heifer International. These totaled \$765. They also collected 6 pounds of pop tops for the Ronald McDonald House. They had a Veteran give a program on what a puppy goes through to become a life-long companion for the patient. \$280 was donated between the club and an individual member.

COMMUNITY SERVICE Best Single Project: TIE GFWC VARINA WOMAN'S CLUB

7 members spent 75 hours and \$90 worth of donated yarn and made 61 "Twiddle Muffs" which were donated to 4 area nursing homes. One nurse said it excited one patient so much she spoke for the first time in over a year. The 'muffs' are crocheted, knitted or sewn and then large buttons and touchable materials and objects are sewn onto them. These are designed especially for Alzheimer's patients to twiddle with.

TIE METROPOLITAN WOMAN'S CLUB

11 members spent 60 hours and tied 50 blankets and delivered them back to Jill's Blankets for disbursement.

AFFILIATE : Best Single Project Winner: No Winner

LARGE CLUBS (30+)

BEST OVERALL WOMAN'S CLUB OF ESSEX COUNTY, GFWC

This Club donated 21 hours at a Blood Drive for the Red Cross. 3 members volunteered 14 hours at the Tappahannock free clinic and the club donated \$100. Many of the members donated 50 coats at a value of \$1,250. They donated 50 to the Susan G Korman Organization as well as donating 25 lap blankets (valued at \$250) to 2 local nursing homes. This Club assisted a local family whose house had burned down with \$1,260 worth of items. 3 members volunteered at the local hospital for 911 hours; they wear pink coats to identify who they are.

COMMUNITY SERVICE Best Single Project THE TRI CLUB WOMAN'S CLUB

This Club's major project this year was to feed the hungry. 22 members spent 60 hours and collected \$850 worth of goods and donated them to various pantries wherever the need arose,

AFFILIATE : Best Single Project Winner: No Winner