

2018 Reporting Year – Top CSP Projects

ARTS

1. **GFWC Service Guild of Covington** entered a float in the local Christmas parade. The theme was “Belles of the South Ringing Out Good Will”. Club members donned colorful costumes and a sign read GFWC Service Guild of Covington Living the Volunteer Spirit. The loveliest “belle of the South” was Annabelle, a mannequin mascot who stood elevated at the front of the float wearing a Civil War era gown and holding a shiny gold bell. The club won a blue ribbon for this entry and enjoyed extending heartfelt wishes to hundreds of parade spectators. Fifteen members volunteered 225 hours. \$235 was donated directly from the club along with \$600 in in-kind donations.

2. **GFWC Stone Mountain Woman’s Club** supports the ART STATION of Stone Mountain, a wealth of multi-talented people who enrich the community through the visual arts, cabaret, plays and rhetoric. The club supports this organization in many ways, but the largest contribution is the time and effort devoted toward the Tour of Southern Ghosts, a Halloween event at Stone Mountain Park. The club members create craft items and handmade treats for this event. Work begins in early August each summer and lasts through the end of the tour in October. The ART STATION has for many years enriched the lives of club and community alike. Seventy-five members spent 680 hours volunteering. They donated \$350 from the club along with in-kind contributions totaling \$2775.

3. **GFWC Old Campbell County Woman’s Club** conducts monthly craft classes for the residents of an assisted living center from January through December with the exception of June through August. Class materials are assembled into kits and develop around a holiday or seasonal theme. Each 2-hour session is attended by 18 to 20 residents and assisted by staff aides. This past year the crafts made were the following: cotton ball snowmen, old-fashioned valentines, shamrock wall hangings, straw hat bunny faces, floral arrangements, cardboard fans, pumpkin centerpieces, pine-cone turkeys and decorated foam Christmas trees. The classes serve as both an artistic experience and a way for residents and club members to interact with each other. Six club members volunteered 77 hours with \$50 donated from club and \$140 in in-kind donations.

CONSERVATION

1. GFWC Atlanta Woman’s Club

MLK Jr. World Peace Rose Garden 705 hours \$2450 donated

Members of the Atlanta Woman’s Club maintain the “**I have a Dream**” International World Peace Rose Garden at the MLK, Jr. National Historic site. In addition to caring for the plants and grounds of the garden, these members have the opportunity to interact with visitors from around the world and share the good news about GFWC and their club. The garden is visited by over a million people a year. On a regular basis, 14 members maintain the garden; they are nicknamed the “snippets”. These members work for 32 consecutive weeks between the months of May and December. Members enjoy the interaction with the visitors and the goal of AWC is to promote Dr. King’s ideals by having those visitors walk through a garden so fragrant and beautiful that they want to stop to admire the roses and read the inspirations messages of peace that line the perimeter of the Garden.

2. GFWC Reynolds Woman’s Club

Veterans’ Garden 44 hours \$100 donated \$350 In-kind

The City of Reynolds has designated the **Veterans corner section of the Julian Knight Park** to the Reynolds Woman’s Club for upkeep. It is located at the **intersection of two main highways** in town. One major attraction is the memorial wall which lists names of Taylor County Veterans who served in

World War I, World War II, War Between the States and the Vietnam War. The other major attraction is the Army Cannon/Tank. Many tourists and locals visit this site. The club members spend a minimum of two hours per month on routine maintenance which includes keeping the shrubbery trimmed, weeds pulled, bricks swept and trash picked up. In February, special attention was given to trimming rose bushes, removing invasive plant species, and replacing the irrigation system originally installed by the club. In November a large area of Mexican Petunia and Juniper were removed which had become hard to manage. Since it was on a slope and next to the street, we had to solicit a member's small tractor with a front shovel to complete the job and smooth the dirt. This area was then landscaped. For Christmas, a **12-foot Christmas tree** was placed in the center of this area which is the site for the Reynolds Christmas Tree Lighting Service.

3. GFWC Service Guild of Covington

Recycling and Water Pollution Prevention Lessons 157 hours, \$287 In-kind

A member gave PowerPoint presentations and demonstrations on water pollution prevention to the Oxford Lion's Club and to three school groups. A member taught **water pollution prevention, landfill, and recycling lessons** at three Golf & Science Camps held outside at a local golf course during the summer. The water lesson uses a lake model and demonstrates how runoff occurs. The landfill lesson uses an "**Enviroscape**" model that shows how leachate is removed. The recycling lesson allows students to make art from items usually recycled or thrown away. Members collected items usually recycled and taught recycling lessons for 6 Learning Labs at local elementary schools and led "**Trash to Treasure Art**" activities where students made art projects from collected items.

EDUCATION

1. GFWC Woodbine Woman's Club Library Project - Due to the lack of a library in this city and with only one other in the country, three years ago this club began organizing a library. Working with the city, they obtained an old fire station for the building as well as HVAC system. They have worked with Habitat for Humanity and the high school Skills USA team on the building itself. They have applied for grants to help make the building ADA compatible. The school district is committed to \$10,000 a year for operating costs. The club is heavily involved in literacy and fundraising campaigns. They partnered with the library and the local Lions Club for one fundraiser and with a student group for another, raising almost \$7,000 for the library renovations. The zeal of the Woodbine Woman's Club is such that the director of Three Rivers Regional Library Board said "I have never seen a library organized and making so much progress in such a short time." **30 members 183 hours \$1100 in-kind**

2. *GFWC Service Guild of Covington Special Needs Students - Clubwomen volunteered in three special needs classrooms in the community. They helped the children write letters to Santa, make "My Picture, Listening/Talking Lapbooks" and gifts for parents, provided books, school/teaching supplies, reading pillows and parties. They helped tutor in math and reading and read to students.

23 members 339 hours \$1499.44 donated \$184.53 in-kind

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3. GFWC Carrollton Civic Woman's Club HOBY Leadership Workshop -

Thirty-five freshmen students from seven high schools were chosen by their counselors to participate in discussions with community leaders and enjoy leadership activities. Members spent the day with the students and provided morning snacks, pizza lunch with homemade desserts and afternoon snacks.

74 members 268 hours \$300 donated \$388 in-kind

HOME LIFE

1. GFWC Dunwoody Woman's Club

Interfaith Outreach Home (IOH) provides a safe, secure, and nurturing environment for homeless families. Families in the IOH program live in one of the 10 small self-contained apartments. This year all apartments were remodeled with fresh paint and mattresses were donated for all twin beds. Five members refurbished four apartments making it a clean, comfortable space for the new residents. We provided bath and bed linens, all necessary pots/pans, dishes, flatware and small appliances. Our members have been very generous and purchase these items during the year. When the family leaves, they are able to take all accessories and linens to their new home. Club funds were used to resurface four bathtubs (\$825) and we donated to the Capital Funds Campaign (\$200) during the Harvest of Hope celebration (3 members, \$150). Our year began with 4 members dismantling Christmas decorations and storing them for the next holiday season. Six members decorated the lobby and activity room for the Christmas holidays.

113 members, 46 hours, \$450 In-Kind, \$1,175 Dollars Donated

2. GFWC Stone Mountain Woman's Club hosted a Christmas Brunch for the 12th consecutive year for members and staff at Side by Side Brain Injury Clubhouse. SxS mission is to help adults with brain injuries transition from a medical environment, such as Shepherd Spinal Center, to becoming a productive member of the community. Coordinated and planned the event, prepared homemade breakfast casseroles, coffeecakes, fresh fruit and juices plus famous eggnog punch. Members started arriving at 10 AM dropping off their homemade goodies. 13 members stayed to set up the kitchen and plate all the food, which is then served to the SxS members. We served 55 members and staff of SxS. Arranged for a local singer to come and lead them in Christmas caroling. We then spent time in fellowship with SxS members. We also presented SxS with a \$500.00 check to be used for their Scholarship Fund.
- 33 members, 162 hours, \$334 donated in kind & \$500 donated from Club**

3. EXAMPLE of a Creative Report

Healthy

Lifestyles are a big part of the Home Life CSP agenda. To promote this, the **GFWC Cartersville Woman's Club** grew a community garden. The garden was in the back acre of the members land. The plan was to grow enough vegetables for Club members to enjoy and donate the surplus to the Homeless Shelter and the Local Food Pantry. We grew tomato plants from seed in March. We began tilling the garden in April. We tilled it 5 times before the dirt was loose enough to plant. We also included a compost pile. In May we planted Cantaloupe, Butternut, Yellow and Zucchini Squash, Kale, Cabbage, Corn, Green Beans, various Peppers, Radishes, Cucumbers, Basil, Rosemary, and Mint. After planting members watered and weeded the garden. We also had a "Garden Blessing" over the garden and 1 member led a group of 4 members on a scripted blessing and we sang "Morning Has Broken" by Cat Stevens. We ended the "Blessing" with Mint Juleps made from the fresh mint in the garden.

We began harvesting vegetables in June. We started harvesting Radishes. 50 Radishes were taken to the Homeless Shelter. In June we also picked kale, cucumbers and squash. 3 large sacks of Kale, 16 Zucchini and 8 yellow squash were donated to the Food Pantry. We also brought surplus to the Senior Center for distribution. Fresh tomatoes and cucumbers were used for our Luncheon when we served the Domestic Violence Board. Tomatoes and butternut squash were distributed at our August meeting. We made lasagna with garden tomatoes to serve at our Relay for Life Fundraiser.

One member had a "Farm to Table" dinner at her house. Key ingredients came from the garden. Funds raised went to Relay for Life. 2 members demonstrated and prepared a Farm to Table dinner for 6 members. Instructor demonstrated to the group how to make Mojitos using the mint from the garden. She showed how to make homemade Pesto from fresh basil and then made Pesto Chicken for the main course. They also made the French bread with fresh oregano. The assistant cleaned and prepared the green beans from the garden while the instructor demonstrated how to shuck and clean corn from the cob. For dessert, she made and served Butternut Squash Pie and discussed with the group several ways to peel or prepare the squash. Corn was frozen and used later to make a corn pudding for our Christmas Party dinner.

20 members participated in this project, donating 242 hours of their time and approximately \$230 of fresh vegetables donated to community efforts.

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH

GFWC Lafayette Woman's Club- Assistance to Economically Less Developed Areas Project- 33 members - 458 Hours- \$11,574.75

Members were educated and encouraged to educate their families about other countries, cultures, International news and events. As a result, members came together to make "Crisis Care Kits" to be sent to Africa. Members cut and sewed 15 sundresses and donated 32 pair of flip flops. One member worked on a well project, asking friends and family to help support. To raise money they held an auction, 2 yard sales, a chili cook off, sold tickets to a gospel sing, and sold bag lunches for 2 weeks to a local business. The business owner matched what the ladies made. With the support of other donations, and these fundraisers, they were able to raise the \$8000.00 needed to complete the project.

5. Moultrie Junior Woman's Club- "Taco's for Tutus" Fundraiser- 12 Members- 36 Hours- \$200.00 - 165.00 In Kind

Moultrie Woman's Club held an event at their local clubhouse called "Tacos for Tutus" the event was held to benefit Traveling Tutus. Members gathered together to make tutus and collect needed dance attire items to provide dance attire to children around the world. Club members made this a fun festive event and provided Taco's, condiments and desserts to those in attendance. A total of 4 tutus were made and members collected 21 new tutus, 15 pairs of new dance tights, 6 new leotards, and 4 pair of ballet dance shoes. The dance attire ranged from a variety in sizes and colors. All items were mailed to Traveling Tutus to be distributed to children around the world.

PUBLIC ISSUES

1. GFWC Four Corners Woman's Club: Automobile Safety

Club members led hands-on- automobile safety activities for 80 students at the "Back to School Celebration at a local elementary school. Students made candy-bar "cars" using a fun-sized candy bar, icing, M&Ms, and a teddy graham cracker. The craft activity was to get their attention and emphasize Back-to-School bus and automobile safety. Along with the edible crafts, students were given bus and pedestrian safety rules information, word search activity sheets and coloring sheets. Members talked about bus and auto safety with students and their families. The no cell phone use while driving law was emphasized. Students were given DNT TXT N DRV cell phone screen cleaners, as well as bus and auto erasers as reminder to follow safety rules.

2. GFWC Vienna Woman's Club: Seatbelt Safety Program

9 Hours \$14 In-Kind

The club sponsored seat belt safety programs for 160 students and teachers at an area library and at the Vienna Head Start. Members, dressed as elves, presented the book entitled "Jingle's Christmas Adventure" The book written by a member, tells the story of Jingle the elf who learns the importance of buckling up. Children were also taught a seat belt safety song. Copies of the song were distributed, as well as candy grams with the message: "Smartees wear seat belts; Dum-dums don't."

3. GFWC Sylvania Junior Woman's Club: Veterans/Poppy Project

75 Hours \$75 In-Kind

To bring awareness to the National Museum of the Mighty Eight Air Force's Poppy Project the club promoted it to all GFWC Georgia clubs through emails, materials provided for Pubic Issues booth at Institute, through the club's Twitter account, on the club's and GFWC Georgia's Public Issues Facebook pages and by text messages. The club obtained the marketing materials for the project which was also distributed at local events and at Institute. The club contacted local school groups and the public library's

Standard Point System for Judging 2018 – 20

Individual projects can achieve no more than 10 points total. Narratives are limited to no more than 10 projects therefore, total report score can be no greater than 100. If “bonus points” are awarded you must be able to justify based on the collective work in the reporting area, an exemplary project, cover sheet data outstanding, etc.

Project points may be awarded with the following values in mind:

1 point = Worked within the GFWC/GFWC Ga suggested guidelines – basic work

2 points = Involved members of the club in a meaningful way (planning and actions were taken)

2 points = project was beneficial to the community or club

2 points = Money was raised by the club for the project – keep in mind, some clubs use 1 or 2 fundraisers to fund all projects and not one fundraiser for each specific project

3 points = Included involvement from community members or other organizations such as schools, citizens or civic organizations

Up to 10 points = Project exhibited excellence all around: great project, well executed, worthy of praise, exemplary work, great impact

When scoring reports consider the following:

1. The involvement of the membership. Remember, regardless of the size of the club, not all members have the same passions or desires. Not all clubs have a membership profile that can actively participate physically in some events.
2. All members may be involved in publications such as a newsletter or web post discussing a certain topic. All members may also be counted when monies are spent from the club treasury.
3. Hands on projects are more impactful than newsletter articles or handouts. However, do not discount the education of members on different subjects and concerns through those avenues.
4. Consider how funds were raised for projects in the narratives. Did members donate out of pocket? Was a silent auction or raffle held? Was there some actionable way funds were raised?
5. Did the club involve community members or other organizations outside of the club membership? Did they increase awareness of GFWC and the issues we support?
6. Consider the impact of the project Does it fill a specific need in the community (such as back to school supplies for undeserved children, food for the homeless, clothes for refugees, etc)? Did the project make a difference in the community (beautification, ease of access, education, etc.)? Can the results of the project be measured in some way? Did the club receive recognition for the work from the community or other organizations?
7. Did the project have long term impact?
8. How long did the project take (a day, month, year)?

Score each individual report, add the scores and rank the reports accordingly. Do not judge reports from your own clubs or where you think you may have a bias. In the event of a tie, ask others to read and judge the reports.