



## A Better World for Every Girl

What an exciting time! President Mary Powell has brought our longstanding State project, the Hacienda Girls Ranch, back to the forefront for us with her goal to establish the **GFWC Florida Hacienda Girls Ranch Legacy Fund**. Her theme “A Better World for Every Girl” is one that not only touches on our incredible legacy with the Hacienda Girls Ranch (HGR), but also encompasses our desire to provide for our girls now, and far into the future.

The most immediate need is the safety and security of the girls and staff at Hacienda. The fence and gate have been identified as key to that safety and security, and is the first goal for the Legacy Fund. There are areas both short and long term that the Legacy Fund will address, identified in four general categories: “safety and security”, “comforts of home”, “girly thing”, and “into the world”. Make sure to check our brochure for a more detailed explanation of each.

Obviously the Legacy Fund is started with actual dollars, so fundraising efforts will be “full steam ahead”. Our President’s Project Fundraising chairmen Margie Harper and Madeline Markowitz will be working hard at our Fall Boards and Spring Conventions to provide you opportunities to donate. We are excited to also see what great fundraisers you do at the Club level. Many clubs have already started! Remember, when you are ready to donate those dollars, write the club check out to “GFWC Florida” and send it to GFWC Florida Headquarters, with “GFWC FL Hacienda Girls Ranch Legacy Fund” on the memo line.

Although the President’s Project is primarily focusing on the creation of the Legacy Fund, we are also encouraging each club to explore the ways they can get involved at a more personal level. Some of the clubs have been involved with the HGR for many years, and have donated physical items or have done activities with the girls. We hope those wonderful efforts will continue, and clubs who haven’t been so involved will find ways to do so now. Our GFWC FL State Hacienda Chairman, Lee Thompson serves on the CHS/Hacienda Board as our representative, and keeps us informed of the more immediate needs of the girls. She is also your liaison to help you coordinate visits and donations of physical items.

Don’t forget to contact your President’s Project District Chairman! She is a great resource for a club program about the President’s Project and other helpful handouts. She can help find answers to any question you may have as well.

You of course will want to report all the exciting things you do with Hacienda. During this term, anything to do with the Hacienda Girls Ranch will be reported under “President’s Project” only and sent to me. I recommend that you organize your projects and events in the following manner:

- 1) Things done **with** the girls at Hacienda or elsewhere;
- 2) **Items** gathered and donated to Hacienda;
- 3) **Dollars** donated to the GFWC Florida Hacienda Girls Ranch Foundation (checks submitted to GFWC Florida with “Hacienda Foundation” on the memo line);

- 4) Dollars and Goods in Kind for **other** Hacienda needs, such as birthdays, scholarships etc. (This includes any money sent directly to Hacienda, with GFWC Florida on the memo line.)

Remember to check the [gfwcflorida.org](http://gfwcflorida.org) website for the most current reporting form.

I am honored to be serving as your GFWC Florida State President's Project Chairman. I, and the rest of the team, hope you will utilize us whenever needed. I encourage you to post your events and activities on our Facebook page under GFWC FL President's Project 2016-2018 and submit related articles to The Clubwoman and Membership Monday. I am excited to see us together accomplish great things to make "A Better World for Every Girl"