

# 2016 GFWC Florida Education CSP Report

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**1. “Teacher Mini Grants” - GFWC Clearwater Juniores** Five mini-grants were donated to teachers in the amount of \$100 each. Teachers at a local school were asked how they would use \$100 in their classroom. Names were randomly picked at a faculty meeting that the **Juniores** attended and they awarded five mini-grants in the amount of \$100 each. Some of the requests awarded were for portable drawing boards for outdoor art projects, theater library scripts, solar conversion kits and a log cabin for the preschool at the high school.

**2. “Science Camp for Elementary School Students” – GFWC Sebastian River Junior Woman’s Club** The club organizes and runs a week-long full day (8:30-4) Science Camp for local elementary students. For a week everyone involved eats, lives and breathes SCIENCE! Each day, the members are the first ones to show up at the church and the last ones to leave. Every single minute of the day is planned out with fun, educational activities. Each day is themed around a topic of science. There was a chemistry day, physical science day, ecology day, biology day, Indian River Lagoon Day, and critter day. During the science camp week alone, 10 members spend 200+ hours working the camp full-time. The club received \$5,000 in donations as in-kind and from other sources, and contributed more than \$2,100 to the total camp budget.

**3. “Teacher Appreciation Pins – GFWC Milton Woman’s Club** This has been a club project since 2011. Teacher Appreciation Pins for “Years of Service” for Santa Rosa County Teachers is done in partnership with Santa Rosa Education Foundation (SREF). The club project honors teachers for their years of service as teachers in Santa Rosa County District Schools with wearable pins that feature a design of a schoolhouse with a red apple. Pins can be worn on blouse/shirt/lapel. Pins presented in increments of years of 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40 years. The club prepared individual packages for 315 teachers for 2016! SREF board members were responsible for presenting pins at each of our 33 schools. Two SREF board club members visited eight schools for I-TV presentations. 315 teachers - 4,325 combined years of teaching!

**4. “Hugh O’Brian Youth Leadership Seminar” - GFWC Capital City Woman’s Club** Club members assisted with various activities in the weekend long Hugh O’Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) Workshop held in Tallahassee. They provided assistance in reading essays, organizing a community service project for the students and doing interviews. The high school students along with club members spent the day at a local food bank helping HOBY Students with their Day of Service. The North Florida Seminar is a project supported by all four GFWC Tallahassee Clubs. In addition to their club, the **GFWC Woman’s Club of Tallahassee, the GFWC Junior Woman’s Club of Midtown and the GFWC Tallahassee Junior Woman’s Club** support and help HOBY. The HOBY relationship has been a 36 year relationship continuing to grow stronger every year. This club also sponsored a full HOBY scholarship of \$395.

**5. “Public Library Summer Reading Program for Children” GFWC Women’s Club of MacClenny** From June 14 through July 26, 2016, the Emily Taber Public Library sponsored and conducted six (6) Summer Education Programs held at our Clubhouse. The classes were a wide variety of fun: *Fit Girls*

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*Chronicles...Juggle with Juggling Jongleurs...Surprise of Fun and Games...Horse Around with live horses and equine literature...Be Amazed with a Magician...Twist & Shout around with a Yoga Instructor.* Members attended programs assisting with the children.

**6. “Geography and Spelling Bees” - GFWC Coral Gables Woman’s Club.** It has become a tradition that independent schools from West Palm Beach to the Florida Keys hold their Geography and Spelling Bees at the clubhouse. The Geography Middle School Bee was held February 18<sup>th</sup> and the Geography High School Bee was held on March 10<sup>th</sup>. Approximately 300 middle and high school students and 45 coaches participated. The club donates the use of the clubhouse, valued at \$3,800 (vs. rental income). The South Florida Spelling Bee for independent schools was held November 10<sup>th</sup> for 90 5<sup>th</sup> graders and 40 coaches representing 25 independent schools of South Florida at the clubhouse. The club donated the use of the clubhouse, valued at \$1,900.

**7. “Books for Babies” - GFWC Woman’s Club of Tallahassee.** The club awarded \$200 GFWC Literacy Grant “Books for Babies” to promote importance of reading to infants and very young children. One hundred literacy bags were made by club members to hold a book for each child. The material and thread were donated by club members. The time spent making the bags was 50 hours by 10 people. Donations/grant money funded purchase of the 100 books. Literacy bags were distributed to new mothers at the Brehon House and through visiting nurses to Gadsden, Leon, Madison and Taylor counties through Project S.A.F.E. and the Healthy Families program.

**8. “Book Fairy Project” - GFWC North Pinellas Woman’s Club.** Now in its 11<sup>th</sup> year, this club’s “Book Fairy Project” collects and distributes gently used children’s books. The Florida Future Educators Association (FFEA) at the local high school is their main source of books. This year the club collected and distributed 1,800 books. Members met at the high school, sorting the books into bins by grade/age level. Books also are distributed to community partners Kiwanis, Rotary and the Recreation Center. Books were stored for distribution during the year and donated to teachers for classroom use and for students to take home. The club delivers books to many places where children gather including camps, family centers, after school programs and foster care agencies. Books that the club can’t use are donated to local libraries.

**9. “S.P.A.M.” - GFWC Woman’s Club of Stuart.** This club is a sponsor of S.P.A.M. (Speed, Power, And, Maneuverability) Robotics, a team of high school students from Martin County, mentored by adults employed in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) fields and various other professions and occupations. In a six-week build season, they design, fabricate, assemble, program and test a fully-functioning robot to compete in intense challenges against teams from around the world. The club’s financial contribution of \$1,000 goes to cover traveling cost for participants, having the club name on Team t-shirts as a Sponsor and being invited to the annual end-of-the-year Dinner/Award Presentation. The GFWC Woman’s Club of Stuart’s name was printed on t-shirts the S.P.A.M. Team wore at state level competition...**which they won!**

**10. “College Scholarships” - GFWC Woman’s Club of Stuart.** In 2016, the club provided scholarships to seven (7) female graduates from each of their public high schools for a total of \$25,000; Indian River State College, provided \$7,000 to three (3) adult women students; Police Academy Scholarship \$3,300; Nursing Scholarship \$1,700; Returning Student Scholarship \$2,000. There was a total of \$39,000 in college scholarships awarded. Many recipients are “first generation” college attendees and graduates.

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