

# 2016 GFWC Florida Home Life CSP Report

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**1. “Cupcakes for women and girls “** - The **Clearwater Community Junioresettes Club** joined forces with the **GFWC North Pinellas Woman’s Club** to feed the homeless and donate clothes , hygiene items , and shoes, plus providing 150 cupcakes. The woman’s club members had always gone on the first Thursday of the month. So the girls joined them one time and since then they have gone with them 5 times and donated items along with the woman’s club. The **Junioresettes** also assist the homeless by selecting sizes and helping to serve food. What a great collaborative effort for both clubs.

**2. “LOVE AND BIKES”** - The **Coral Gables Woman’s Club** sponsored a Pit Stop on the 165 mile bicycle ride fundraising event SMART RIDE FOR AIDS. This yearly event took place in November to raise funds for HIV/AIDS . This year over 600 bicycle riders rode from Miami to Key West. The Coral Gables Woman’s Club sponsored the Luggage tags (\$3200.00) for all riders. Club members had to first participate in a training class prior to being certified as Pit stoppers. Their members then manpowered 4 pit stops with water and snacks during the long 165 mile trip. They dressed up in T shirts that had something about LOVE since LOVE was the theme this year. Love in the air – All you need is Love etc. . . . This year \$1,037,000 Dollars were raised for the cure.

**3. “Who let the Dogs out “**– The **GFWC Woman’s Club of West Broward** planned ahead and partnered with **CCI** representatives that were looking into organizing a new **first Dog Fest** in Broward – the members of the club secured a park – organized committees to obtain sponsors, food trucks, enlisted volunteers from other woman’s clubs in the district and volunteers from the community and schools. They organized tents, water stops for dogs, for humans, had an arts and crafts section for kids – they even had someone dressed as Snoopy in costume. They also secured a retired Veteran from the Air Force and his dog as a speaker for the event. They reached out to the city of Sunrise and spoke in their “woofstock” meeting about the Dog Fest. **District 13** had a table manned by several members from clubs at the Dog walk – what a great success for the community and the GFWC woman’s clubs in the District. For their first walk they raised over \$40,000 in this first year and had over 1000 participants!

**4. “MADE IN AMERICA “**- **GFWC Melbourne Woman’s Club** saw the need to dress women and children not only in their state but where devastation had taken place. The members of this club made 41 homemade American dresses and a member took them to a church in West Virginia where flooding had devastated the area. In North Dakota, they identified a need for 24 little Indian girls in St Joseph School and those 24 were also sent the dresses. And last but not least, Operation Fellsmere children received 18 little dresses sewn by this clubs members with their own hands. This club seems to have its own little factory to dress America.

**5. “ Pump a Heart “** - that is exactly what the club members of **GFWC Philaco Woman’s Club of Apalachicola**, spouses and community members learned to do this past March and April. They partnered with their local hospital and the **American Heart Association** and sponsored 2 different 3 hour certification classes in the use of resuscitation equipment. These ladies reserved the use of their East Point Fire house for the education. They engaged the local hospital director

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and Fire House EMTs to teach classes. The EMTs arrived with their ambulance lights and 30 people were certified who now have the ability to possibly help in saving lives.

**6. “Easter Lunch “**– The member from **GFWC Miami Springs** took a road trip to the **Easter Seals** Florida facility. They enjoyed a presentation by the Director Angela Arcena and learned about their many programs and challenges with diseases like Dementia and Alzheimers. They learned about the HEAD STAR Program that serves children with disabilities. A surprise lunch followed, cooked by the teens in their culinary school, which provides skills and vocational training. Upon their tour of the Adult center, the club members identified the need for recliner chairs for the adult center so they went back to the clubhouse and raised funds and so far have provided 3 recliner chairs and \$250 dollars in donation. Members also delivered Arts and Crafts for their Arts program.

**7. “Citizen Alliance for Progress” (CAP)** – The **GFWC Woman’s Club of Tarpon Springs** partnered with 2 organizations – the Helen Ellis Foundation and the CAP organization. Both have a mission to deliver community-based service and partner with other providers to help families in their community. The club members served over 200 meals to families. Club members rallied together to provide over 100 backpacks and school supplies to children. They continued their participation as volunteers in the CAP Annual Health Fair, helping with registrations and attendee flow from exhibitor areas to exam areas to fellowship and food areas. Total money donations in addition to all the in kind donations was \$6,110.

**8. “Pillows and Knockers”** The members of the **GFWC North Pinellas Woman’s Club** have designed, sewn and delivered 220 pillows to breast and ovarian cancer patients for comfort. The members do this project year round. They also knit “Knockers “which are prosthetic breasts. They teamed up with the American Cancer Society and passed out pillows and knockers to all survivors. What a great time their members had at their yearly pillow stuffing party to support this project.

**9. “Keeping your Pearly Whites “**–The **GFWC Coral Gables Woman’s Club** founded a dental clinic for underprivileged children in 1939. The clinic provides free dental care to low-income children in Miami-Dade County. They held several fundraising events this year, a Halloween party for the community, a Black and White Dinner Gala, and many other smaller events in order to support the clinic. In addition they applied for and received 2 grants...all so they could see 529 patients, and provided \$189,718 in free dental care to these children. There are 3 dentists and 1 hygienist. The clinic is located right in their clubhouse in the back section with a separate doorway entrance to the 2-chair office. The ladies keep these children smiling in more ways than one.

**10. “Wig Out”** – The **GFWC Midtown Junior Woman’s Club** members had a lot of fun wearing crazy wigs and visiting their local bars and restaurants collecting donations and giving out information about WIGS FOR KIDS. Wigs for Kids provides wigs for children that are suffering from Cancer, burns , alopecia or other diseases that cause them to lose their hair. This year the ladies collected \$1961.86. This was more than enough to provide for one hair treatment for a child.

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