



2016-2018 GFWC Education Community Service Program

GFWC clubs know that education can open doors and expand opportunities and freedoms for their members, their communities and the world. Education contributes to fostering peace, democracy, and economic growth, as well as improving health and reducing poverty. Throughout this administration, the goal of the GFWC Education Community Service Program will be to develop projects that will help improve the quality of life and create a better world.

***“LIFE WITHOUT EDUCATION IS LIKE AN UNSHARPENED PENCIL,
IT HAS NO POINT.”***

GFWC EDUCATION COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

“When you read a book, you hold another’s mind in your hands.”

LIBRARY IDEAS

- ...host story hours, parties or adult book discussions at your local library**
- ...have a club meeting at your local library**
- ...deliver library books to homebound citizens in your community**

“One pencil has the power to change a child’s life.”

SCHOOL IDEAS

- ...donate school supplies to students at local schools throughout the school year**
- ...support teachers throughout the school year with recognition at Teacher of the Year events – Rookie of the Year events – Years of Service Teacher Pins – Teacher Supply Depots offering free school supplies for classroom teachers**
- ...work and support the Consortium of Florida Education Foundations (CFEF) with your county’s Education Foundation...support “License For Learning” Florida license plate tags with a proceed going to enhance your county’s CFEE Education Foundation**
- ...support Florida’s Take Stock in Children College Scholarship Program by serving as a mentor for middle/high school students**
- ...support STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) in your local schools**
- ...support Robotics education in your local schools inspiring students through participation in a science and engineering based Robotics competition**

“A #2 pencil and a dream can take you anywhere.”

LITERACY IDEAS

- ...work with literacy organizations on existence of learning disabilities**
- ...participate and support students with Dyslexia that will be a 2016-2018 emphasis area in GFWC Florida Education CSP**
- ...help adult students with obtaining their GED**
- ...donate free gently-used children’s books at local club outreach events**
- ...support Books for Babies distributions at local community events and by providing “Literacy Packets” to new-born babies and families in local hospitals**

...donate books to local domestic abuse and homeless shelters...create reading nooks at local laundromats including magazines and books for adults and children

“A child without education is like a bird without wings.” Tibetan Proverb
SCHOLARSHIPS

...honor students with financial or personal hardships with scholarships
...award students who excel in a sport, activity, or academic field
...memorialize a club member with a scholarship in that person’s name

*“Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at twenty or eighty.
Anyone who keeps learning stays young.” Henry Ford*

EPSILON SIGMA OMICRON (ESO)

ESO is a structured reading program that is educational and stimulates a desire for self-improvement. ESO materials available online at www.gfwc.org/what-we-do/community-service-programs/epsilon-sigma-omicron.

...start ESO chapter in your club
...select one or two books from the reading list to discuss at club meetings
...organize a book fair...sponsor a book-signing event
...promote local authors and their works...promote reading at all age levels
...work with your local library or book store in reading to children events

“No one is perfect – that’s why pencils have erasers.”

GRANTS

Focus on literacy club grants...literacy club grants of up to \$200 are available to GFWC clubs and funds may be used for purchasing books for tutors to use, providing books to children and/or a variety of other literacy needs. Refer to the applicant for a number of other suggestions, available at www.GFWC.org/membership/awards-contests-and-grants/.

*“I don’t mind if I have to sit on the floor in school. All I want is education.
And I’m afraid of no one.” Malala Yousafzai*

GFWC PARTNERSHIP – HOBY (Hugh O’Brian Youth Leadership)

...support a high school sophomore for \$395 covering the cost of meals, lodging, and leadership training materials for a State Leadership Seminar weekend
...spread the word about HOBY programs to your local high schools.
...support CLeW (Community Leadership Workshop) - HOBY’s one-day introductory leadership program for high school freshmen
...help schools select and register sophomore students for the State Leadership Seminars
...volunteer at the events...provide gifts-in-kind
...think of a unique way your club can help!

*“Sometimes we just need someone who is like a pencil with an eraser,
to write happiness, and erase all the sadness.”*

