



### **GFWC Florida Education Community Service Program – 2016 Reporting Year**

A total of 114 GFWC Florida Clubs with 5,648 Members - 85 General, 19 Junior and 10 Juniorette Clubs - implemented 1,389 projects...volunteered 143,820 hours...dollars donated \$319,312...in-kind \$331,831 donations. Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) - 88 GFWC Florida Clubs implemented 91 projects...volunteered 327 hours...dollars donated \$9,550. Sixteen Clubs reported participation in ESO (Epsilon Sigma Omicron) honorary education society.

**College Scholarships/Teacher Grants** – 58 GFWC Florida Clubs donated and provided \$258,237 in College Scholarships – Teacher Grants – Take Stock in Children College Scholarship Program – Juniorette College Scholarships - Hacienda Girls Ranch College Scholarships – Women Returning to College/Work Scholarships.

**Literacy/Books** – 34 GFWC Florida Clubs donated 49,459 books valued at \$28,881 to Books for Babies - Dr. Seuss/Read Across America – Laundromats – Baby Showers for Female Veterans – Adopted Elementary Schools – Homeless Shelters – Youth Day/Summer Camps – Habitat for Humanity – Child Advocacy Centers – Book Fairy Program – Juvenile Facilities – Thrift Shops – Healthy Start Coalition Baby Shower for mothers-to-be and mothers with children.

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**“Teacher Mini Grants” - GFWC Clearwater Juniors...18 Members.** Five mini-grants donated to teachers in the amount of \$100 each. Teachers at our school were asked how they would use \$100 in their classroom. Names were randomly picked at a faculty meeting the Juniors 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.

### **“Science Camp for Elementary School Students” – GFWC Sebastian River Junior Woman’s Club...26**

**Members.** Club organizes and runs a week-long full day (8:30-4) Science Camp for local elementary students. For a week we eat, live and breathe SCIENCE! We 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. The days are themed around a topic of science. We had 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. We received \$5,000 in donations as in-kind and from other sources, and our club contributed more than \$2,100 to the total camp budget.

### **“Teacher Appreciation Pins - Years of Service” for 315 Teachers...GFWC Milton Woman’s Club - 10**

**Members.** Club project since 2011, Teacher Appreciation Pins – Years of Service for Santa Rosa County Teachers in partnership with Santa Rosa Education Foundation (SREF). Club project honors teachers and their years of service as teachers in Santa Rosa County District Schools with wearable pins that feature 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. Club prepared individual packages for 315 teachers for 2016. SREF board members 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!

**“Hugh O’Brian Youth Leadership Seminar” - GFWC Capital City Woman’s Club - 35 Members.** 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 our 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. Our club also sponsored a full HOBY scholarship of \$395.

**“Public Library Summer Reading Program for Children” ...GFWC Women’s Club of Macclenny - 48 Members.** 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 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.

**“Geography and Spelling Bees” - GFWC Coral Gables Woman’s Club...66 Members.** It has become a tradition that independent schools from West Palm Beach to the Florida Keys hold their Geography and Spelling Bees at our clubhouse. The Geography Middle School Bee held February 18<sup>th</sup> and the Geography High School Bee 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 worth \$3,800. 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 our clubhouse. The club donates the use of the clubhouse worth \$1,900.

**“Books for Babies” - GFWC Woman’s Club of Tallahassee...114 Members.** Club awarded \$200 GFWC Literacy Grant “Books for Babies” to promote importance of reading to infants and very young children. 100 bags sewn by members to hold a book for each child receiving a literacy bag. The material/thread donated by club members, time spent making the bags 50 hours, 10 people. Donations/grant money funded purchase of the 100 books. Literacy bags 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.

**“Book Fairy Project” - GFWC North Pinellas Woman’s Club...126 Members.** Now in its 11<sup>th</sup> year, 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 our main source of books. This year club collected and distributed 1,800 books. Members met at the high school sorting the books into bins by grade/age level. Books distributed to community partners Kiwanis, Rotary and the Recreation Center. Books stored for distribution during the year donated to teachers for classroom use and for students to take home. Club delivers books to many places where children gather including camps, family centers, after school programs and foster care agencies. Books that club can’t use are donated to local libraries.

**“S.P.A.M.” - GFWC Woman’s Club of Stuart...163 Members.** 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. Our financial contribution of \$1,000 goes to cover traveling cost for participants, club name on Team t-shirts as a Sponsor and invited to their annual end-of-the-year Dinner/Award Presentation. Club’s name printed on t-shirts the S.P.A.M. Team wore at state level competition...which they won!

**“College Scholarships” - GFWC Woman’s Club of Stuart...163 Members.** In 2016, 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. Total of \$39,000 in college scholarships awarded by club. Many recipients are “first generation” college attendees and graduates.

