

**Home Life**  
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I wanted to share the Newsletter from our International Home Life Chair as it focuses on our International Partners.

## **Canine Companions for Independence**

### **In the words of Nancy Murry:**

For those that attended the convention in Palm Springs, I hope you had the opportunity to meet puppy Shea, named in honor of our 2016-2018 GFWC President Sheila Shea. Shea is being raised by a fellow clubwoman - Kathleen, with the hope that he goes on to become an assistance dog for a child, veteran or adult with a disability.

**\$50,000** - that's what it takes to raise, train and place a Canine Companions for Independence® assistance dog along with the lifetime of care and support provided to the graduate team. However, Canine Companions provides their assistance dogs to the recipients absolutely **FREE** of charge. Watch this video so you can see how these dogs change lives. Click <https://youtu.be/67S4Uf5mvlU> for the video on the GFWC YouTube channel.

The GFWC has been a long-standing supporter of Canine Companions, including raising over \$125,000 in 2016 through DogFest Walk 'n Roll™ and general donations from individual clubs, districts, regions, state federations and individual club women. The funds raised help place these exceptional dogs with children, adults and veterans across the country.

Now there is another way to get involved and help Give a Dog a Job™ by funding the development of an assistance dog that will increase independence for a person with a disability. Ask your club to form a team and then register today at [www.cci.org/GFWCFundraise](http://www.cci.org/GFWCFundraise). Together, we can raise enough to fund at least one more graduate team in 2017! We know we can do it. Plus the top 10 "teams" and individual fundraisers will be listed on the website. Don't you want to see your name on the list! Plus, each person that raises at least \$125 by December 31 will receive a Give a Dog a Job™ tote bag. Encourage everyone in your club to register and raise \$125 each, so you can all show your support. Or for fundraising teams that raise an average of \$125 per team member, everyone on the team will receive a tote bag.

## In the words of Teresa Summers

Easterseals is changing the way the world defines and views disabilities by making profound, positive differences in peoples' lives every day. Easterseals has been helping individuals with disabilities and special needs, and their families, live better lives for more than 90 years. From child development centers to physical rehabilitation and job training for people with disabilities, Easterseals offers a variety of services to help people with disabilities address life's challenges and achieve personal goals.

Our vibrant community of friends and supporters stands with those who face challenges by volunteering, advocating, donating and participating in events that inspire us all and sustain our cause.

- Locate your local Easterseals affiliate by visiting [www.easterseals.com](http://www.easterseals.com)
- Visit and tour a local Easterseals affiliate center.
- Meet the Easterseals CEO near you and see how you can work together.
- Arrange for an Easterseals representative from your affiliate to speak at your club meeting to learn more about services for children and adults with disabilities in your community.
- Increase club and community on **Autism Awareness** and services for individuals with other disabilities.
- **APRIL IS AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH.** Reach out to an Easterseals affiliate to get involved with Autism Awareness programs during the **month of April.**
- Get **involved** with your Easterseals affiliate.
- Check out the **Caregivers** program and Military and Veterans Services.
- **Volunteer** at one of Easterseals Camps or Recreation programs.
- Join the Easterseals affiliate Facebook page.
- Sign up to receive **monthly** e-newsletters ([www.easterseals.com](http://www.easterseals.com))
- Support "**Walk with Me**", where you have the opportunity to walk with an Easterseals client in your town.
- Learn how children grow and learn at different rates. Visit **Make the First Five Count** ([www.easterseals.com/mtff](http://www.easterseals.com/mtff)).

**Home Life Community Service Program** is designed to inform members about issues that affect the well-being of individuals, families, and communities by providing opportunities and resources to meet and address needs through volunteering.

**Home Life** also works to promote a healthy lifestyle, increase awareness, treatment, prevention and research of diseases.

**Home Life** also targets personal development and addresses the issues of hunger, inadequate housing, and homelessness.

**Home Life** works to prevent and/or correct financial difficulties.

**Home Life Community Service Program** ideas continue to be endless and allows for work with individuals of all ages.

**Here are just a few suggestions that can be passed along to your clubs:**

**The items underlined are hyperlinks to additional information. Please click on the item and hold down the control button on your computer to find valuable information. Or simply google the topics for even more information.**

**August**

***National Immunization Awareness Month***

- [National Immunization Awareness Month](#)
- [Human Papillomavirus \(HPV\) Vaccination](#)
- [Vaccines for Pregnant Women](#)

**August 1**

***National Girlfriends Day***

- [Girlfriends' Health and Safety Tips](#)
- [Women's Health e-Cards](#)

**September**

***Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month***

- [Gynecologic Cancer](#)
- [Ovarian Cancer Awareness](#)

***National Childhood Obesity Awareness Month***

- [Childhood Obesity Facts](#)
- [Progress on Childhood Obesity](#)

***Fruits & Veggies – More Matters Month***

- [Healthy Meals and Snacks](#)

**September 27**

***National Women's Health and Fitness Day™***

- [Physical Activity for Everyone](#)