



I am so proud of all of the clubs and members. I enjoyed reading all of your reports and am proud of all you are doing to enhance your communities and work with our GFWC Partners.

I wanted to share with you my home life report, which I reported to our headquarters and acknowledge the clubs that completed these wonderful projects.

2016 Florida Home Life CSP

- 1- **“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. The member’s then man powered 4 pit stops with water and snacks during the long 165 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.
- 2- **“Who let the Dogs out “**– *The GFWC Woman’s Club of West Broward* planned ahead and partnered with CCI representative 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 even secured a retired Veteran from the Air Force and his dog as a speaker for the event. They also 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 of the community and the GFWC woman’s clubs. For their first walk they raised over \$40,000 in this first year and had over 1000 participants.
- 3- **“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 devastating the area. In North Dakota, they identified a need for 24 little Indian girls in St Joseph School and they 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.

- 4- **“ 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. Classes were taught by the local emergency room hospital director and 4 EMT from the fire house. EMT’s arrived in the ambulance lights and all and 30 people were certified which now have the ability to possibly saving lives.
- 5- **“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 Alzheimer’s. They learned about the HEAD STAR Program that serves children with disabilities. A surprise lunch followed cooked by their own teens in their culinary school which provides skills and vocational training for the teens. Upon their tour of the Adult center, the club members identified the need for recliner Chairs for their adult center so they went back to the club house and raised funds and so far have provided 3 recliner chairs, \$250 dollars in donation and also delivered arts and Crafts for their Arts program.
- 6- **“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 family in their community. The members served over 200 meals to families. They provided over 100 back packs and school supplies to children. They also participated as volunteers in the CAP annual health Fair. Total money donations in addition to all the in kind donations were \$6,110.
- 7- **“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 use with car seats or 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 they had at their yearly pillow stuffing party.
- 8- **“ Cupcakes women and girls “** - *The Junioresettes Club of Clearwater* joined forces with the Woman’s club to feed the homeless and donate clothes , Hygiene items ,shoes and provided 150 cupcakes . The woman’s club were used to going 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. In addition the Junioresettes assist the homeless with selecting sizes and helping to serve food. What a great collaborative effort for both clubs.
- 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 addition they applied 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 dentist 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.

- 10- **“Wig Out”** – *The GFWC Midtown Junior 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 provide 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.

The Creativity Award was:

“Sleepless in Miami “

GFWC Coco Plum woman’s club learned how to crochet sleeping mats out of plastic bags at a Fall Board meeting. They cut, tie and roll into a ball prior to crochet. These ladies took what they learned and crocheted 65 mats which they have given to the homeless, distributed to churches, American Legion and police depts... They did not stop there, they taught classes at the Public library and 2 churches in the community. In turn the church and library attendees are now making mats for the homeless too –

These men and women in the streets can now have a mat to sleep more comfortably. If you visit Miami and see someone sleeping on a plastic bag crocheted mat, you bet the GFWC Coco plum woman’s club was the start of it. It has taken off like a Domino effect. Teaching others and multiplying the results.

Thank you for your work again and I hope I have lots more reports to read next year.

Now it’s the time to do your half year report to see what you are missing so you have time to prepare and work on it before December.

I will like to have more Partners creative projects with CCI and Easter seals. If you need resources or ideas please email me. I am also available to travel to your clubs so please contact me.

I also wanted to remind you to make sure that your member numbers that you are writing on the reports is the number of members you have paid dues on to GFWC Florida by December 2017.