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I hope that all of our Florida clubs are taking action for our four partners as requested by GFWC and spreading the word to others. Although all help to charities is important, particular attention will be paid to our partners when looking at club reporting.

GFWC's four partners in International Outreach are **Heifer International**, **Operation Smile**, **Shot@Life** and **UNICEF**. Go to Facebook and "Like" each of these charities. This will allow you to see what each is doing and learn about any events they have planned. Share these posts on your Facebook page. It may or may not bring donations to them, but it will definitely raise awareness of them.



79% of Americans have said they would rather have a charitable gift given in their name. Heifer provides a card with each donation so it's easy to honor someone special with your gift during the holidays or any time.

When you do, not only does your loved one know you care, but you'll be making twice the impact because your gift is matched. When you give one goat, heifer or sheep, two animals get delivered to hard working families, helping them rise out of poverty.

From sending a girl to school, to donating a flock of chicks or geese for \$20, a goat or sheep for \$120, or a heifer for \$500 and several others in between, your gift can empower women and make a lasting difference. The impact is increased when families that receive your gift then become donors when they pass on the gift to other families in their communities.

You can send a gift:

- for any occasion: <https://www.heifer.org/gift-catalog/occasion/index.html>
- for any holiday: <https://www.heifer.org/gift-catalog/holiday/index.html>

**Operation Smile** GFWC has launched a fundraising campaign called the **Campaign for Children's Smiles**. This is a \$150,000 fundraiser to sponsor an Operation Smile medical mission.



As you begin to plan for the next club year, we ask every club to commit to helping to raise the funds needed to meet this goal. There are hundreds of children waiting for surgery and for a chance to be free from the stigma and isolation of life with a facial deformity. A child's cleft lip or cleft palate can be repaired for as little as \$240 and in as few as 45 minutes. Our GFWC campaign will help hundreds of kids.



GFWC has partnered with the United Nations Foundation's Shot@Life program for nearly five years to decrease the 1.5 million deaths from vaccine-preventable diseases that still occur each year and to give every child a shot at a happy and healthy life.

The world has made great strides towards ending polio and the disease is now down 99% since 1988, but it is not yet eradicated. The news of the recent polio outbreak in Nigeria serves as a reminder that until every child is vaccinated against polio, the disease will continue to pose a threat to the world. Besides Nigeria, we need to work in Afghanistan and Pakistan to end Polio there.

While speaking about our partners during Fall Board, I told you that just \$1 can buy a polio vaccine for a child in a developing country through the Shot@Life campaign. That means that for every \$365 we raise, we are donating the equivalent of one Polio vaccine per day for one year.

Besides donating, you can help by getting your flu shots at Walgreens and encouraging everyone you know to do the same. With their **Get a Shot, Give a Shot** program, Walgreens donates one immunization to Shot@Life for every flu shot they give.

Advocating to your members of Congress is also very important. Let them know you want them to vote for funding global vaccines. Help us defeat polio for good.



Hopefully most clubs had the **Trick-or-Treat UNICEF boxes** in October. These have been a tradition in the US since 1950 and have helped millions of children around the world.

The **UNICEF Tap Project** was created in 2007 and the funds go towards providing impoverished children with clean drinking water. With \$1, UNICEF can provide a child with access to clean, safe water for 40 days.

GFWC and UNICEF's newest partnership, **UNICEF USA's End Trafficking Project**, focuses on raising awareness about child trafficking and mobilizing communities to take action to protect children. The award-winning movie **Sold** shows the horrors of child trafficking with the story of Lakshmi, a 13-year-old girl who is trafficked from her village in Nepal to a brothel in Kolkata, India. Based on a true story, **Sold** gives a heartbreaking look at what these children are forced to endure, and reinforces the importance of GFWC's involvement with the project.

GFWC will be hosting an exclusive screening of **Sold** on 7 December at 11:30 am, the same day as GFWC's Holiday Open House. You can attend the movie at the AMC Loews Georgetown in Wash, DC and then go to HQs for the Holiday Open House at 3pm. To buy tickets to this event: [https://www.tugg.com/events/sold-n4y3?blm\\_aid=0](https://www.tugg.com/events/sold-n4y3?blm_aid=0)

You can also make a donation when buying your ticket. If you are unable to attend the movie, you can still donate to UNICEF on this site. Please mention which GFWC club you are a member of when you purchase or donate.

If you're not able to make the screening in D.C., you may consider bringing **Sold** to your community by hosting the movie at a theatre near you! **Sold** has partnered with Tugg.com to help people set up personalized screenings in movie theatres. To learn more, visit <http://www.soldthemovie.com/request-a-screening/>

Please subscribe (<https://www.soldthemovie.com/take-action/>) to the **Sold** mailing list and follow the movie on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/SOLDmovie/>).

5,000 schools were destroyed in the 2015 earthquake - 32,000 classrooms. Over 1 million children in Nepal do not have a school to attend, leaving them much more vulnerable to traffickers than ever before. If you keep children in school until 16, they are 80% less likely to be trafficked.

**Challenge:** There are 8,000 GFWC club members in Florida. If each of us donated \$1 for each of the four partners plus the UNICEF USA's End Trafficking Project (that's just \$5 per member), we could raise \$40,000 for all five from the state! Just think how much more we could raise if we gave \$5 or \$10 for each partner and ask our friends and family to help us!

We could then use our time to do hands-on projects like making blankets for the children of Operation Smile, pillowcase dresses or hosting a shoe cutting party for Sole Hope (<http://www.solehope.org/>); collecting eyeglasses or cell phones; inviting international students in our communities for a get-together; or learning about and educating others about international trafficking and Female Genital Mutilation (both of which are in our Resolutions).

Please email me what your club is doing so I can share in the next Bulletin.

Thank you,

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**Remember.....GFWC encourages our clubs to reach out globally to make a lasting difference**

**Become better world citizens through advocacy, education, and action.**