



GFWC Signature Project: Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention

By 2010-2012 GFWC Signature Project: Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention Chairman Bev Lassiter

GFWC SUCCESS FOR SCHOLARSHIP FUND

We have the funds! Congratulations and many thanks to you the clubwomen, states and districts for your many contributions to the GFWC Success for Survivors Scholarship Fund. You have done it!

Now, **TIME IS RUNNING OUT!** The applications are due by 11:59 P.M. on March 30, 2012. Please take advantage of this amazing scholarship by contacting your local battered women's shelters and encouraging them to discuss this with the survivors in their areas. What an incredible opportunity for these victims to spread their wings and begin anew!

GFWC has received only ONE application to date. Eight \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to domestic violence survivors at the Signature Project Gala in Charlotte, N.C. on Friday, June 15, 2012. To clarify the number **EIGHT scholarships** – this **DOES NOT mean that there will be ONE from each of GFWC's eight Regions. Ironically, it was just a number that was selected. Please don't get confused.**

PREVENT CHILD ABUSE AMERICA

1. PCAA's Pinwheels for Prevention. The Pinwheel is the national "flag" if you will for PCAA. You can order these from PCAA's website. Will your communities have a Pinwheel garden in April? (Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month)
2. In a recent newspaper article, I read the following quote from a young teenage girl: "Love and respect yourself and others will love and respect you." It was an article about teens aiming to help

their peers cope with abuse. Suggest projects in your states that help support Teen Abuse Awareness. More than ever, teens are participating in risky activities. Not just high school, but middle school students are also being bullied each and every day. Make sure your communities in your states have Teen Help Cards – names and numbers of help agencies in local areas that can be passed out in schools, YMCA's, local church youth groups, and more.

You, the clubwomen, are what have made this Signature Project the success that it is and will continue to be for GFWC. I hope to see each of you at the GFWC Signature Project: Domestic Violence Awareness & Prevention Gala on Friday, June 15, 2012, where the eight scholarships will be presented.