

Reaching Out Internationally Program

OBJECTIVE:
Educate members and communities about global topics and provide opportunities to support and contribute to world issues

ACTION PLAN

CARE

CARE is a humanitarian organization fighting global poverty by working alongside poor women to develop resources to help whole families and entire communities escape poverty. CARE's efforts focus on improving basic education, preventing HIV, increasing access to clean water and sanitation, expanding economic opportunities, protecting natural resources, and providing aid when disaster strikes.

- o Order information materials that will assist in developing and implementing club programs. (See Resources)
- o Join the CARE fundraising and education challenge from September 2008-December 2009. Funds will be used to empower women around the world. Contact CARE at groups@care.org to request an **I Am Powerful** fundraising and education kit.

CLOWNS WITHOUT BORDERS

Clowns Without Borders is a volunteer organization composed of professional performers, artists, and teachers. The group works to spread happiness and positive social change across the world, especially in regions where children live in crisis, from refugee camps to conflict zones.

- o Support Clowns Without Borders with monetary donations or gifts of frequent flyer miles. Visit www.ClownsWithoutBorders.org.

HEIFER PROJECT INTERNATIONAL

In partnership with 58 countries, including the United States, Heifer works to alleviate hunger, poverty, and environmental damage by providing appropriate livestock and training to small-scale farmers. Families use livestock as tools to develop food security, generate income, and increase their capacity to help their neighbors.

- o Give a gift of a goat, chickens, or other animals.
- o Work toward the GFWC Women in Livestock Development fundraising goal. Track your state's progress by going to Heifer's website at www.Heifer.org
- o Share Heifer's global curriculum with teachers in local schools. Visit www.ReadToFeed.org.

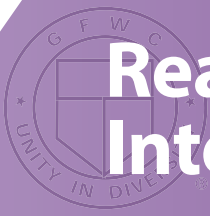
GLOBAL VOLUNTEERS

Global Volunteers is dedicated to helping build a foundation for world peace through mutual international understanding. They recognize that the mere absence of war is not peace, and that peace without justice is no peace at all. Global Volunteers encourages and enables volunteers to spend time working with and learning from local citizens in communities throughout the world.



CARE REPORTS THAT WOMEN PRODUCE HALF OF THE WORLD'S FOOD, yet they own only one percent of the world's farmland. It is widely recognized that the quickest and most sustainable way to improve the quality of life for billions living in poverty is to enhance the economic power of women.





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- o Encourage members to volunteer for one-, two-, or three-week experiences in countries around the world. Hands-on work is based on local needs and includes activities like teaching English conversational skills; nurturing at-risk children; promoting public health education and clinics; and building and renovating classrooms, clinics, and community centers.

OPERATION SMILE INTERNATIONAL

Operation Smile provides life-changing reconstructive surgery to children and adults in developing countries, as well as to uninsured American children.

- o Support Operation Smile with monetary donations.
- o Order the Operation Smile information packet. (See Resources)
- o Using the list of needed medical and office supplies available from Operation Smile, solicit hospitals, medical supply stores, and other providers for donations.
- o Prepare smile bags, smile dolls, hospital gowns, blankets, and quilts for children undergoing surgery. Contact Operation Smile for information regarding the Operation Smile information packet.

PLAN USA

PLAN USA is a global, child-centered development organization that links caring sponsors with children and families in need overseas. Through sponsorship, children and their communities are improved.

- o Order the video "The History of PLAN," free to GFWC members. (See Resources)
- o Encourage your club to sponsor a child for only \$24 a month, or support a project for as little as \$18 a month. (See Resources)
- o Support the Global Woman's Fund, a group of programs that help women help themselves. (See Resources)

PROJECT HOPE

Project Hope works to achieve sustainable advances in health care around the world by implementing health education programs and providing humanitarian assistance in areas of need.

- o Visit the Project Hope website www.ProjectHope.org for information on how your club can support their important mission.

SAVE THE CHILDREN

Save the Children is a global, nonprofit child-assistance organization whose goal is to create lasting, positive change in the lives of children in need. They work in more than 50 countries around the world and in 14 U.S. states to help children and families improve their health, education, and economic opportunities.

- o Order an informational kit that explains how to use advocacy to help more children survive to age five.
- o Join the Save the Children Action Network to receive e-mail alerts about pending legislation affecting child survival. Visit www.SaveTheChildren.org.
- o Encourage your club to sponsor a child or hold a sponsorship drive in your community.
- o Host a "Share the Joy!" baby shower to benefit the health needs of mothers and babies around the world. See the www.SaveTheChildren.org website for information.





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WORLD FOOD DAY

World Food Day is a worldwide effort to increase awareness and understanding, and encourage year-round action to alleviate hunger.

- o Observe World Food Day on October 16 of each year.
- o Support World Food Day with monetary donations. (See Resources)
- o Research issues pertaining to world hunger, including internal politics, agricultural issues, and education. (See Resources)
- o Work with local schools and network with other groups to raise awareness and funds.
- o Support or establish a local food bank.
- o Sponsor a fundraiser to raise awareness among members about food consumption in other countries. Provide traditional meal examples from across the world. Use profits for hunger relief.

CULTURAL EXCHANGE

Promote the diversity of cultures throughout the world. Educate club and community members on various possibilities to share various cultural and ethnic experiences both here and abroad.

COMMUNITY AWARENESS

- o Initiate a yearly cultural or ethnic festival at your club's meetings. Invite members to share information about travels abroad or family recipes from different cultural backgrounds.
- o Work with local cultural or ethnic groups to help sponsor a fair, festival, or parade in the community. Investigate whether your community has a sister city in another country with which you could communicate.
- o Sponsor a series of programs for youth or school groups on various cultures around the world with speakers, exhibits, and interactive projects for the attendees.
- o Consider hosting a GFWC member from an international affiliate for a visit before or after a GFWC Annual International Convention.

YOUTH EXCHANGES

- o Consider sponsoring an exchange student or a visiting international professional.
- o Sponsor or host parties, activities, or events for groups of exchange students in your area.
- o Hold fundraisers to assist with sponsorship program tuition for local students who wish to travel abroad.
- o Host exchange students as speakers at club meetings.
- o Utilize local high school exchange programs and groups listed in the resource section. (See Resources)





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RESOURCES

AMERICAN FIELD SERVICE

National Service Center One Whitehall ST 2nd FL | New York, NY 10004

P: 800/AFS-INFO | W: www.AFS.org/USA | E: vol.reg@afs.org

American Field Service is an international, nonprofit, volunteer student exchange organization that provides opportunities for American students to travel abroad and for American families (including single people, retired people, and families with or without children) to have an international experience without leaving home by hosting a foreign student.

CARE

151 Ellis ST NE | Atlanta, GA 30303-2440

P: 404/979-9544 | F: 404/589-2654 | W: www.CARE.org | E: groups@care.org

CLOWNS WITHOUT BORDERS

W: www.ClownsWithoutBorders.org

PLAN USA

155 Plan Way | Warwick, RI 02886-1099

P: 401/737-5770 ext. 1215 | P: 800/556-7918 | F: 401/732-0625 | W: www.PLANUSA.org

Contact: Janet Moretti janet.moretti@planusa.org | Gail Savoie gail.savoie@planusa.org

GLOBAL VOLUNTEERS

375 E. Little Canada RD | St. Paul, MN 55117-1628

P: 651/407-6100 | P: 800/487-1074 | F: 651/482-0915 | W: www.GlobalVolunteers.org

Contact: Melissa Clark-Larson | mclark@globalvolunteers.org

HEIFER PROJECT INTERNATIONAL

1 World AVE | Little Rock, AR 72202

P: 800/422-0474 | P: 501/907-4949 | W: www.Heifer.org; www.ReadToFeed.org | E:

Contact: Jessica Ford | Jessica.ford@heifer.org

OPERATION SMILE INTERNATIONAL

6435 Tidewater DR | Norfolk, VA 23509-2600

P: 757/321-7630 | F: 757/321-7660 | W: www.OperationSmile.org

Contact Dory Morrison | dmorrison@operationsmile.org

PEOPLE TO PEOPLE INTERNATIONAL

World Headquarters: 501 East Armour BLVD | Kansas City, MO 64109

P: 816/531-4701 | P: 800/669-7882 | W: www.PTPI.org | E: ptpi@ptpi.org

People to People was founded by President Dwight Eisenhower in 1956 to foster international peace and understanding. U.S. student and adult ambassadors travel abroad for several weeks during the summer on educational programs. Part of their experience includes a home stay.





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SAVE THE CHILDREN

54 Wilton RD | Westport, CT 06880

P: 203/221-4050, 800/728-3843 | F: 203/222-1067 | W: www.SaveTheChildren.org

General Information Contact: Lynne LeBarron | llebarron@savechildren.org

Survive to 5 Campaign Contact: Mary Beth Powers | mpowers@savechildren.org

U.S. NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR WORLD FOOD DAY

2175 K ST NW | Washington, DC 20437

P: 202/653-2404 | F: 202/653-5760 | W: www.WorldFoodDayUSA.org

Contact: Patricia Young | patricia.young@fao.org

YOUTH FOR UNDERSTANDING USA

6400 Goldsboro RD, STE 100 | Bethesda, MD 20817

P: 866/493-8872 | P: 800/Teenage | W: www.YFU-USA.org

YFU-USA is a nonprofit educational organization dedicated to promoting international affairs.

AWARDS

CLUB

A \$50 award is given annually to one club in the nation to recognize creativity in implementing an effective Reaching Out Internationally Program. The award is based on narrative reports. State chairmen should forward the winning state entry to the national GFWC Reaching Out Internationally Program Chairman by March 15 of each year.

STATE

GFWC certificates are awarded to one state federation in each membership category to recognize outstanding achievement in the GFWC Reaching Out Internationally Program. Award presentations are made annually in honor of junior and general membership participation.

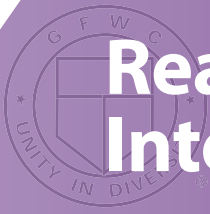
CARE

At the GFWC Annual International Convention in 2010, CARE will award a trip for up to three members of the winning club to travel to Central or South America to witness CARE's work. The award is based on narrative reports; clubs must raise at least \$5,000, in addition to presenting education programs, to be considered. State chairmen should forward the winning entry to the national GFWC Reaching Out Internationally Program Chairman by March 15, 2010. In the event of a tie, two members from each club will be awarded the trip.

HEIFER PROJECT INTERNATIONAL

Heifer awards are presented annually at the GFWC Annual International Convention to one state federation in each membership category in honor of junior and general membership participation.





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OPERATION SMILE

The Paula Cutler Awards are presented to one state federation in each membership category that raises the most money for Operation Smile during the GFWC calendar year. Operation Smile will track all cash donations. Awards are presented annually at the GFWC Annual International Convention.

PLAN USA

PLAN USA sends a certificate of participation to each club supporting the Global Women's Fund, and presents a special award to the state in each membership category that donates the most funds to the Global Women's Fund. The club in each state that donates the most money (\$300 minimum) will be entered into a random drawing at the GFWC Annual International Convention in 2010. Winning clubs will be awarded trips for two members to visit the Global Women's Fund program.

