

NEWS & NOTES

LIVING THE VOLUNTEER SPIRIT THROUGH GFWC

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Dear GFWC Clubwomen,

Thanksgiving is always a special time of year. Spending quality time with friends and family and expressing our thanks and gratitude make this season quite memorable. But this year feels even more special than normal, as I have been given the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to serve as your GFWC International President. The last several months have been exciting and rewarding as I spend every day working to represent you. I have always been thankful for GFWC, but this year, especially, my heart is overflowing with admiration and sincere thanks for each and every one of you. This role has opened my eyes even more to the life-changing work that GFWC clubwomen do on a daily basis. As I sit down for dinner today and talk about the things I am thankful for, your enthusiasm for volunteering and your love for GFWC will be at the top of my list. Volunteers often go unnoticed for the work they do, but I sincerely hope you know that here at GFWC Headquarters we notice the extra effort you put into your club work.

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My spirits are especially high this year as I have even more to be thankful for. I am so grateful for your generosity, especially with your contributions to the GFWC Campaign for the Future. Because of your donations, we are even closer to reaching our goal in securing the future of GFWC in years to come. Thank you for continuing to support this important campaign. In addition to serving as your 51st President, I am incredibly grateful for my first grandchild and look forward to spending the holidays with her. I am also grateful for the wonderful opportunity to live and work at GFWC Headquarters in Washington, D.C., and I hope to see many of you here on December 7 for the Holiday Open House. Thank you for all that you do, and I wish you a wonderful day filled with friends and family.

Forever *Living the Volunteer Spirit* Through GFWC,



Sheila E. Shea
GFWC International President



Celebrating and Supporting Caregivers

November is National Family Caregivers Month. **For more than 90 years, Easterseals has been dedicated to serving people with physical and cognitive disabilities, including older adults and those who care for them.** The number of older adults with cognitive disabilities is expected to double in the next 30 years, which will have a significant impact on their

Simply provide your name, mailing address, email, and club name to GFWC Membership Services Manager Kate Garlick at kgarlick@gfwc.org and you're all set!

Dartmouth Decibelles

On Sunday, December 4, Dartmouth's oldest all-female a cappella group will be performing at GFWC Headquarters as part of their winter tour. [The Decibelles](#) set will begin at approximately 7:45 p.m. and will include contemporary pieces and holiday favorites, arranged and sung by the vocal group. Local clubwomen are welcome to attend, and we encourage you to bring a guest that may have interest in joining GFWC. If interested, please email dtenant@gfwc.org or call 202-347-2938 for more details.

GFWC Sponsors a Screening of the Movie *Sold* on December 7

GFWC is excited to announce that we will be hosting an exclusive screening of the movie *Sold*. Based on true stories, *Sold* aims to inspire people to rise up against child slavery. The movie gives a heartbreaking look at what these children are forced to endure, and reinforces the importance of GFWC's involvement in UNICEF USA's End Trafficking Project.

Attend the screening on December 7 at 11:30 a.m., the same day as

health and well-being. They also are associated with increased health care use and higher costs. With this comes a growing need for caregivers, and Easterseals' expertise is needed—to provide caregivers with a place to go for help and for answers. And, because caregivers provide the home and community based care that allows older adults to age in their communities of choice, Easterseals provides services and information to support caregivers.

Easterseals has developed a number of resources for caregivers and families alike. To find out more about Easterseals, visit www.easterseals.com.

Students Excel with HOBY

HOBY is excited to kick off another school year with GFWC! Thousands of schools across the country have received the 2017 [HOBY Registration Kit](#) to register their 10th grade students for the [State Leadership Seminars](#). Our unique leadership training curriculum is based on the Social Change Model of Leadership and develops leadership from three perspectives: Personal, Group, and Societal. All 70 Seminars take place nationwide between May and June 2017. After their 3-4 day HOBY experience, students return to their community with more self-awareness, confidence, and skills to lead and serve others.

Join the hundreds of clubs that have supported HOBY, either through student sponsorships, volunteerism, and/or gifts-in-kind. Fulfill a Seminar's wish list of supplies or download our [donation form](#) to give in any amount. All donations go toward making a difference in the lives of our youth. Contact Sunshine Navarro Shively at 818-851-3980 x321 or shivelys@hoby.org for more information.

GFWC's Holiday Open House. Make the most of your time in D.C. by joining us at the AMC Loews Georgetown, 3111 K St NW, then attending the Holiday Open House at 3:00 p.m. [Click here](#) to buy tickets to *Sold*.



You're Invited to the GFWC Holiday Open House

Every year, the historic GFWC Headquarters is transformed into a holiday wonderland – complete with a floor-to-ceiling Christmas tree, traditional holiday décor, and a buffet of delicious holiday treats! This year, we invite you to once again join us in celebrating the holiday.

1734 N Street NW, Washington DC
Wednesday, December 7
3 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Kindly RSVP by November 30 to gsoiano@gfwc.org, or [click here](#) for more information and to [register online](#).

Partner Spotlight: St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

Thank you to GFWC for your continued support of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Does your club have a creative idea to raise funds for St. Jude? Go to stjude.org and create an online fundraising site to host an event of your choosing in your area. Be sure to identify yourself as a GFWC club. You can also help by dedicating your club's birthday to St. Jude. Go to stjude.org, Ways to Give and Dedicate Your Birthday. It's easy to do. Register your birthday, personalize your birthday page and share with friends and family! Many of you will be participating in St. Jude Dinners, Galas, and Golf Events. Please make sure to include GFWC in team names and donations information. Update Deb Allen with your fundraising results! For more information on ways to support St. Jude, contact Ashley Ramsdell at ashley.ramsdell@stjude.org.



Black Friday & Cyber Monday Sales

Celebrate the holiday season with sales at the GFWC Marketplace! Shop Black Friday, November 25, to get **15% off your entire purchase**. Shop Cyber Monday, November 28, to get **25% off your entire purchase**! Don't miss out on these great deals.

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