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GFWC Success For Survivors Scholarship Applications Open To Intimate Partner Abuse Survivors *Each \$2,500 Scholarship Aims to Encourage and Help Victims Pursue Career Goals*

November 2, 2015 (Washington, D.C.) – The General Federation of Women’s Clubs announced in October that applications are now being accepted for the organization’s Success for Survivors Scholarship. This unique opportunity encourages intimate partner abuse survivors to reclaim and rebuild their lives by advancing their academic pursuits through a \$2,500 scholarship.

“GFWC clubs all across the country have embraced the GFWC Signature Project: Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention and are making a difference in the lives of survivors of domestic abuse with educational scholarships, donations to hotlines, shelters and other programs aimed at helping those who need it the most,” explained GFWC International President Babs Condon. “Ending domestic violence is not just a dream...it can be a reality if we come together with a common set of goals.”

In June 2015, GFWC awarded \$10,000 in scholarships. The scholarships are funded through generous donations from GFWC members, partners, and friends to the GFWC Signature Project: Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention Fund.

“According to studies, a higher education can help survivors obtain careers and provide a brighter future,” stated GFWC Signature Project Chairman Chris Sienkielewski. “We are grateful for our generous donors who positively impact individuals’ pursuit of education and independence.”

Survivors of intimate partner abuse seeking higher education to advance their careers, train for a new career, or reenter the job market are encouraged to apply for the GFWC Success for Survivors Scholarship. Candidates must be enrolled or planning to enroll at an accredited post-secondary or vocational institution. In addition, candidates must be recommended by a licensed or accredited domestic violence agency, counselor, and/or social worker.

The scholarship application deadline is February 5, 2016. For more information and to download the application, visit www.GFWC.org/success-survivors/.

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About the General Federation of Women’s Clubs

The General Federation of Women’s Clubs is a unifying force, bringing together local women’s clubs, with members dedicated to strengthening their communities and enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service. With nearly 100,000 members in affiliated clubs in every state and more than a dozen countries, GFWC members are community leaders who work locally to create global change by supporting the arts, preserving natural resources, advancing education, promoting healthy lifestyles, encouraging civic involvement, and working toward world peace and understanding.