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LIVING THE VOLUNTEER SPIRIT THROUGH GFWC

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Achieving Success through Education

"She is a single parent of two amazing young children. She has secured housing, childcare, a job, and transportation for herself and her children. She actively seeks out support services to help with her academic goals. She is a resilient woman, a survivor of intimate partner abuse, who plans on continuing her education with the goal of assisting others who have been in similar situations and are on their own healing journey."

This year, GFWC received over 40 applications for assistance through the GFWC Success for Survivors Scholarship program. Each of the applicants submitted letters of recommendation that contained inspirational and touching descriptions like the one you just read. Due to your generous financial contributions, four of these deserving women received an award of \$2,500 which will aid them in achieving their educational and professional goals.

The scholarship recipients expressed a deep appreciation for the many social workers, first-responders, and medical professionals who helped them overcome abusive circumstances. As a result

GFWC — an international women's organization dedicated to community improvement by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service

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of their experiences, each has selected a career path that will not only allow them to support their families, but to improve the lives of others in abusive relationships. The 2017 scholarship awardees include a future nurse, social worker, clinical therapist, and trauma specialist.

Since the scholarship's inception in 2012, GFWC has awarded over \$60,000 to assist those impacted by intimate partner abuse who are pursuing higher education. One recipient recounts her success this way, "After leaving my abusive husband, I have received my GED; was the valedictorian of my community college; and was admitted to a prestigious university. Ongoing therapy has enabled me to use my story as a tool to inspire others....I graduated with honors and accepted my diploma with my head held high."

GFWC clubwomen should take great pride in their continued support of these courageous women.

Download the [Success for Survivors Scholarship Fund](#) donation form by [clicking here](#).



Set Sail with GFWC and Princess Cruises

MARCH 21-31, 2018

You're invited to join GFWC International President Sheila E. Shea and your fellow clubwomen for a once-in-a-lifetime experience – sailing the Panama Canal.

While explorers began dreaming of a route between the Atlantic and Pacific oceans over 400 years ago, carving of the 51-mile

Membership Services Manager Kate Garlick at kgarlick@gfwc.org and you're all set!

Cares & Concerns

We send our belated condolences to the friends and family of **Brigidann Turadek**, Past GFWC New York Director of Junior Clubs (1991-1994). Mrs. Turadek passed away in December 2016 and will be greatly missed by her Federation sisters.

Now Available! GFWC Partner Videos

Many GFWC Partners produced new videos for the 2017 GFWC Annual Convention in Palm Springs, California. The videos are now available on [GFWC's YouTube channel](#). Please share these inspirational and informative presentations with your fellow clubwomen.

Stand Up for Our Children's Health

Home visiting programs reduce child abuse, neglect and injury, domestic violence, and crime!

It is time for Congress to reauthorize both the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) program and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). Both

canal was not completed until 1914. Travel through this man-made wonder of the modern world with Princess, the number one cruise line in the region. Go beyond the locks to explore the wildlife-filled rainforest of Central America. While on the voyage you will dine on fresh, local cuisine, visit colorful towns, and unwind on sun-kissed beaches.

Ports of call will include: Fort Lauderdale, Aruba, Cartagena, Colon, Costa Rica, and Jamaica. Fares for the 10-day tour, departing and returning to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, start at \$1,499 plus additional taxes of \$370 per person. A deposit of 20 percent per person is required by September 1 with final payment due by December 20, 2017. To reserve your cabin contact Avoya Travel Representative Linda Stone at 866-617-2470.

[Click here](#) to download the tour flyer.

GFWC Utah: Supporting a Cause, Inspiring Leaders

According to the International Labor Organization, an estimated 21 million people worldwide are subjected to human trafficking, including an estimated 5.5 million children. "Left unchecked, human trafficking will continue to flourish in environments where traffickers can reap substantial monetary gains with a relatively low-risk of getting caught or losing profits," reports the National Human Trafficking Hotline.

GFWC Utah President Mohea Sprouse was inspired to join the movement to free children trapped in slavery and selected Operation Underground Railroad (O.U.R) as one of the Special Projects for her administration. O.U.R. is a nonprofit organization that leads coordinated rescue efforts of human trafficking victims throughout the world. President Sprouse first heard about O.U.R after attending a screening of their documentary, as well as hearing O.U.R representatives speak at the GFWC Utah State Conference. Sprouse and several other GFWC Utah clubwomen now make monthly contributions to end child sex trafficking. This fall, GFWC Utah will donate all proceeds from their annual fundraiser to O.U.R.

programs provide critical services to children and families, improving their health, educational achievements, and economic stability. Both programs also provide federal support... to help states build effective childhood systems which provide better coordinated care.

Urge Congress to reauthorize the Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) program for five years with \$800 million annually allowing expansion to more children and families and to reauthorize the Children's Health Insurance Program for another five years.

[Click here](#) to utilize the GFWC Legislative Action Center to contact your members of Congress today!



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How can clubwomen continue to make an impact on the world? President Sprouse believes it begins with empowering and educating future leaders at the local level. "Our state has a hard time getting ladies to step up and take leadership positions. But how can you find leaders if they are not trained?" Sprouse asked herself. The answer was to transform the mid-winter conference into a Leadership, Education, and Training, Seminar (LEADS) workshop. President Sprouse, International President Sheila E. Shea, and past Utah LEADS graduates were called into action to teach the new seminar. At the workshop, 35 members learned about leadership skills, participated in the One Billion Rising Dance, and talked to President Shea about *living the volunteer spirit*. GFWC Utah hopes that continued training will empower additional clubwomen to come forward and take on leadership roles.



Marketplace: Pashmina Scarves

GFWC brings you three shawls made from carefully selected, high-quality, soft fabrics chosen for their rich texture, vibrant colors, and pleasing feel. The GFWC Pashmina Scarves feature beautiful detailing

and are guaranteed to both lend elegance and complement any outfit. All scarves feature a 2-1/2" GFWC emblem in tone-on-tone embroidery. Dimensions: 28" x 70" including fringe. Available in red, black, and ash grey for \$15 each at the [GFWC Marketplace!](#)

We've got everything you need to get started in our Free Sample Kit!

Request one today: (800) 323-0775 dept. 210 terrilynnfundraising.com

In the News

Read about illustrious GFWC California clubwoman Aurelia Henry Reinhardt in [The Press Enterprise](#). From 1916-1943 Reinhardt served as president of Mills College, a woman's liberal arts college located in Oakland, California. Reinhardt was also involved in a variety of causes on the national level. For example, she worked tirelessly for peace and served as a delegate to the founding meetings of the United Nations in San Francisco in 1945.

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