

NEWS & NOTES

LIVING THE VOLUNTEER SPIRIT THROUGH GFWC

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Helping Children Succeed in School

Summer vacation will be gone in the blink of an eye and it will be time for coats, backpacks, and homework once again. While many parents have cherished memories of their own favorite lunch box or notebook, providing required school supplies for their children can be a burden. The National Retail Federation estimates families will spend an average of \$647 per child on back-to-school supplies and clothing -- an amount many low-income families simply cannot afford. Thankfully, GFWC clubwomen across the country are working to bridge the gap between what families can afford and what students in their communities need to succeed.

The **Woodstock Junior Woman's Club** (Georgia) partners with the nonprofit organization Give a Kid a Chance to provide children in Cherokee County all they require to head back to school. Items provided include: two pairs of socks, undergarments, two gently used outfits, books, haircuts, medical exams, and of course a brand new backpack filled with age-appropriate supplies. The club began supporting the charity in January 2016, when they were asked to serve as



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backpack coordinators. As clubwoman Nitasha Ginn says, "The program spoke to our hearts and we jumped on board." Over the last two years, by working behind the scenes and with the assistance of local churches and businesses, the club collected almost 6,000 backpacks for children in their community.

Another club working to help students thrive is **GFWC Temple Terrace Junior Woman's Club** (Florida). The club has adopted Temple Terrace Elementary for the 2017-2018 school year due to the overwhelming need of the school's students -- a majority receive free or reduced price lunches. The club's first project to assist the elementary school is the provision of school supplies. Club members went house to house placing 1,000 flyers and brown paper bags in resident's mailboxes. Soon, clubwomen and members of the Temple Terrace Juniorettes will retrieve the brown bags filled with school supplies suggested in the flyer. Club President Coleen Garner says, "We expect the project to be a great success with over 100 donations arriving through the brown bag program."

There are undoubtedly numerous other GFWC projects underway, or about to get started, to ensure low-income students have the school supplies they need. Please inform GFWC's Communications and Public Relations staff about your efforts by emailing pr@gfwc.org. We will be posting another article on back-to-school projects to GFWC's blog in September.

Garlick at kgarlick@gfwc.org and you're all set!

Cares & Concerns

We send our condolences to Past GFWC Director of Junior Clubs and Past GFWC Missouri State President Barbara Popp on the passing of her son, [David W. Popp](#). David was buried with full military honors at Barracks National Cemetery in St. Louis on July 31.

Please keep Past GFWC North Dakota President Bonnie Thom, clubwoman Kendra Faa, and their family in your thoughts and prayers. [Dylan Jenson](#), Kendra's son and Bonnie's grandson, passed away at the age thirteen on July 16. Dylan's obituary in the *Grand Forks Herald* tells of a remarkable young man who will be greatly missed.

Best Wishes, Jackie Junio!

Anyone who has called GFWC Headquarters over the last two years is certain to remember the friendly and helpful voice of Office Coordinator Jacielyn (Jackie) Junio. Jackie did so much more than assist in answering the phone. She kept the office running smoothly and gracefully dealt with every concern -- never losing her smile. President Shea, the Executive Committee, and Headquarters' staff wish Jackie every success as she leaves her



2017 GFWC Annual Convention Awards Program

Each year, clubwomen come together to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of their fellow members at the Annual Convention. [Click here](#) to download the 2017 GFWC Annual Convention Awards Programs to learn which individuals, clubs, and states were applauded for their invaluable contributions to the Federation, to our GFWC Partners, and to communities across the nation.

Congratulations to all 2017 award winners!



GFWC Ohio: Defining Unity in Diversity

GFWC Ohio Director of Junior Clubs, Deidra Devore, knows that when clubwomen come together they can accomplish great things. The motto of her joint project with Ohio State

position at GFWC for the warmer weather and sunshine of California.



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President Lisa Hendrick, "Ohio United," was chosen to encourage communication and collaboration between clubwomen. "We want all Ohio clubwomen -- whether they be Juniors, Woman's Club members, or Juniorettes -- to work together as a united group," Deidra explained.

One of the projects Ohio's clubwomen are embracing is the [GFWC Campaign for the Future](#). The campaign, begun at the 2015 GFWC Annual Convention in Memphis, Tennessee, is a long-term fundraising effort to secure and sustain the property and programming of the Federation. Deidra and Lisa's goal for GFWC Ohio is to raise \$50,000 by encouraging each of the state's clubs to raise \$1,000. GFWC Ohio's pledge will entitle them to the naming rights of the Chief Operating Officer's Office at GFWC Headquarters in Washington, D.C.

Deidra believes that uniting Ohio clubwomen under one campaign will garner a greater appreciation for GFWC heritage and remind women why *Unity in Diversity* is our organization's motto. Clubwomen across the state of Ohio are already getting into the spirit of fundraising. The GFWC Ohio Warren Junior Women's League hosted a "Sip-n-Paint" event at Party Art Café and Studio. Members had fun painting canvases and pottery, and even held a basket raffle. All proceeds went toward "Ohio United" and Campaign for the Future.

The success of GFWC Ohio's clubwomen in supporting the [Campaign for the Future](#) is a reflection not only on the passion of a few women, but the significance of what *Unity in Diversity* means today.

Partner Spotlight: Heifer International

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extreme poverty. With partners like the GFWC clubwomen, Heifer's goal is to lift another four million families out of poverty by 2020. Your leadership and support puts this goal within reach!

To learn more about Heifer's work, and how you can be involved visit www.heifer.org/gfwc today.

Movie Screening with UNICEF at GFWC Headquarters

When people hear the name UNICEF, they often think about UNICEF's work in providing children with necessities like emergency aid, therapeutic food, clean water, and medical care. UNICEF also has a strong record in protecting children from violence, exploitation, and abuse. That is why GFWC has joined UNICEF in its End Trafficking Campaign to stop human trafficking both domestically and internationally.

On **Wednesday, November 8, 2017, at 4 p.m.**, GFWC and the U.S. Fund for UNICEF will be sponsoring a movie screening of the film "Not My Life" at GFWC Headquarters, and we hope to see you there! Filmed in a dozen countries on five continents, "Not My Life" takes viewers into a world where millions of children are exploited every day, through an astonishing array of practices including forced labor, domestic servitude, begging, sex tourism, sexual violence, and child soldiering. At the end of "Not My Life," a challenge is presented: Now you know. What will you do?

Please note the movie screening will take place Wednesday, November 8, 2017 at 4 p.m. The July + August issue of Clubwoman Magazine incorrectly listed another date.



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GFWC Williamson Woman's Club

(West Virginia) is hosting their first GFWC Open at the Twisted Gun Golf Course in August. Proceeds from the event will benefit the club's scholarship fund and other projects that aid the Tug Valley community. "We love where we live and work every day to express that," said club president Dana Wright. Learn more about the GFWC Williamson Woman's Club and their upcoming fundraiser by [clicking here](#).

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