



NEWS & NOTES

YOUR WEEKLY UPDATE ON GFWC NEWS

September 7, 2023



During the entire month of October, Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF invites all ages to join together for children worldwide through a variety of grassroots and online activities. Join the 70+ year tradition that's raised over \$195 million for children around the globe, and help bring safe water, nutrition, and education where it's needed most. Funds raised by GFWC clubs and members will go to critical, flexible funding that can be used to help children when and where they need it most.

New this year, Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF will feature a "click-or-treat" online experience that invites everyone to virtually visit communities where UNICEF works and to meet children living there. After each visit, a fun activity challenges participants to learn more about helping UNICEF continue to keep kids healthy, safe, and protected. Starting October 1, find "**click-or-treat**" at trickortreatforunicef.org, along with other ideas for getting involved online or in person — from online fundraisers to neighborhood events.

To get ready for Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF this October here are a few helpful tips:

1. Get your club members together and plan an event for October. Where are you going to host this event? Who will you invite? What fun ways are you going to get donations? Some event ideas are:
 - a. Host a costume party
 - b. Have a pumpkin carving contest
 - c. Host a 'Trunk-or-Treat'
 - d. Have a bake sale
2. Over the next few weeks, check trickortreatforunicef.org for all the resources you will need to get started (one-pagers, flyers, canister wrappers, and more)
3. Amplify the campaign in your community, at work, with family and friends, and on social media (use the hashtag #TOT4UNICEF)

GFWC's support this October will make a lifesaving difference for children around the world!



Learn how to use your voice to increase access to lifesaving vaccines—all are welcome to apply for Shot@Life's Mobilize to Immunize Fall Summit on September 29, 2023. This virtual Summit is an opportunity to hear from global health experts, connect with fellow advocates from across the country, and more. Apply by September 25, 2023, at <http://bit.ly/m2isummit>.



National Day of Service

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

Living the Volunteer Spirit

www.GFWC.org

#GFWC23NDS

Get a National Day of Service Proclamation!

There is still time for your club to get a proclamation for September 30.

Contact the governor of your state, your state representatives, county commissioners, local town council members, or your local mayor's

office to request a proclamation for GFWC's National Day of Service. Once you make contact with their offices, their staff will instruct you regarding how that particular office issues proclamations. A sample proclamation has been added to the NDS Toolkit in the Member Portal.

To participate in the inaugural NDS, please email Melanie Gisler, Membership Director, at mgisler@gfwc.org and cc Deb Strahanoski, GFWC International President, dstrahanoski@gfwc.org.

The NDS Toolkit is available in the GFWC Member Portal in the Digital Library. After you log in, click on the profile icon. Click "My Digital Library" in the drop-down menu and follow this path:

My Digital Library > Resources > N > NDS Toolkit

The NDS Press Kit is available in the GFWC Member Portal in the Digital Library at this click path:

My Digital Library > Resources > N > NDS Press Kit

NDS BUTTONS AVAILABLE!

Commemorative button for the inaugural GFWC National Day of Service.

ORDER YOURS TODAY FROM THE GFWC MARKETPLACE.

Together we can end food insecurity and hunger!



* Supplies are limited.

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Vermont State President's Project:

Dress a Girl Around
the World

By: Beverley Pallmerine, GFWC

a GFWC Vermont state meeting, I was approached by the late Joan Chader and Ceil Hunt who had just presented on a very intriguing project. They asked if I thought this would make a good state president's project, and I immediately agreed! This GFWC Vermont State President's Project goes hand in hand with our GFWC Signature Program.

Dress a Girl Around the World, a project of Hope for Women International, is associated with W.H.O. and Doctors Without Borders. It began in 2009 with the idea of providing girls with beautiful new dresses each with a distinctive, identifying label signaling that the girl wearing it is looked after and cared for, thereby discouraging sexual predators. Since then over 2 million dresses have been created by women around the world and donated to girls in 81 countries.

When a dress is given, the girls and their parents are educated on how to watch out for sex traffickers. If the girls and families are educated, they are less likely to be swayed by promises of money. Village and tribal leaders say that the girls with their new dresses are left alone because predators see that these girls have family and communities who will look for them.

Since taking on Dress a Girl Around the World as the State President's Project, women in the various clubs of GFWC VT have completed 15 dresses, helped to assemble materials for 125 dress kits, worked at a craft fair to raise money for materials, and volunteered over 300 hours.

We are working in association with the Dress A Girl chapter of Vermont. We expect to make additional dresses and participate in kit-making and "dress-rolling" workshops (preparing the dresses to be sent out) in the fall. Some club members are continuing to make dresses on their own.

Shot@Life Training –
Be a Champion for Children

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GFWC members are encouraged to join Shot@Life, a campaign of the United Nations Foundation, to speak up for childhood immunization.

During this 45-minute remote training, you will learn about Shot@Life's work and the tools and tips for advocating the message to members of Congress and local community leaders about global immunization programs.

When: September 12

Time: 7 p.m. ET

Note: Registered Attendees will receive a link to view the training if unable to attend live.

Registration link:

https://unfoundation.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Hw1_PMUKRkeA35ObNYdPpA



Join Shot@Life, a campaign of the United Nations Foundation, to speak up for childhood immunization. During this 45-minute training on Tuesday, September 12, at 7 p.m. ET, you will learn about Shot@Life's work, tools, and tips for advocating to your members of Congress and your communities about global immunization programs.

By the end of the training, you will be an official Shot@Life Champion, ready to use your voice for the cause. You will also be eligible to join other Champions for the one-day, virtual *Mobilize to Immunize* Fall Summit on Friday, September 29, where you can dive deeper into the issues, learn from experts, and connect with fellow Champions nationwide.

REGISTER HERE



Share Your Passion - Ruby

By: Linda Kreussling, GFWC Membership Committee

Passion is defined as an interest in or wish to do something. One person's passion can affect the unfolding of another's passion. What are your passions, and how do you share them with others? Are there others who may share your common goals? Never be afraid to ask people, including your club members, to get involved.

Join GFWC clubs nationwide to promote the GFWC Membership

“Sparkle and Shine” recruitment campaign for September, October, and November themed RECRUITMENT: Ruby – “Share your Passion.”

New members may be enthusiastic to assist with filling food cupboards and pantries, and these organizations are always looking for donations. Has your club signed up for the GFWC National Day of Service on September 30, focusing on food insecurities? What a terrific way to get non-members involved in your club’s GFWC National Day of Service project!

School is starting soon, and many families cannot afford basic items for their children. A backpack and school supplies drive may be just the project to help them with their needs. Share on social media that your club is collecting supplies; perhaps you’ll find a prospective member willing to help.

Assisting domestic violence shelters, veteran organizations, and humane societies with wish lists of items they desperately need is something your community could accomplish. By advertising your project and the passion you have for serving others, prospective members will be drawn to help. Club members can share their passion in many ways, which could help grow your membership. Share your passions and watch the passion of *Living the Volunteer Spirit* grow.

Volunteers in Action: GFWC Glendale Woman's Club (AZ)



GFWC Glendale Woman's Club (AZ) Veteran's Committee recently delivered two little libraries to Ashley's Place, group homes for women Veterans who are experiencing homelessness and experienced sexual trauma during their time in service. Our Veteran’s Committee purchased new bookcases, arranged delivery and installation, and then stocked each little library with new/gently used books. Club members also donated much-needed toiletry items,

makeup bags filled with makeup, and \$25 gift cards for each home to use where most needed.

Submit photos and a short story about the awesome things YOUR club is doing in the community to PR@gfwc.org.



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