



NEWS & NOTES

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April 4, 2024



**2024 GFWC Annual
Convention:
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**2024 GFWC Annual Convention Service
Project: Freedom House**

FREEDOM  HOUSE
Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Services

Freedom House Illinois is grateful to acknowledge the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) for their generous support. GFWC's decision to designate Freedom House Illinois as the beneficiary of their Service Project at their upcoming Convention reflects a shared commitment to addressing and combatting domestic and sexual violence within communities. It underscores the significance of collaborative efforts in raising awareness, supporting, and advocating for policies that protect and empower survivors. If you cannot attend the Convention in June or don't want to travel with your donation, please consider making an advance donation using the Amazon Wish List link below.

Amazon wish list for GFWC

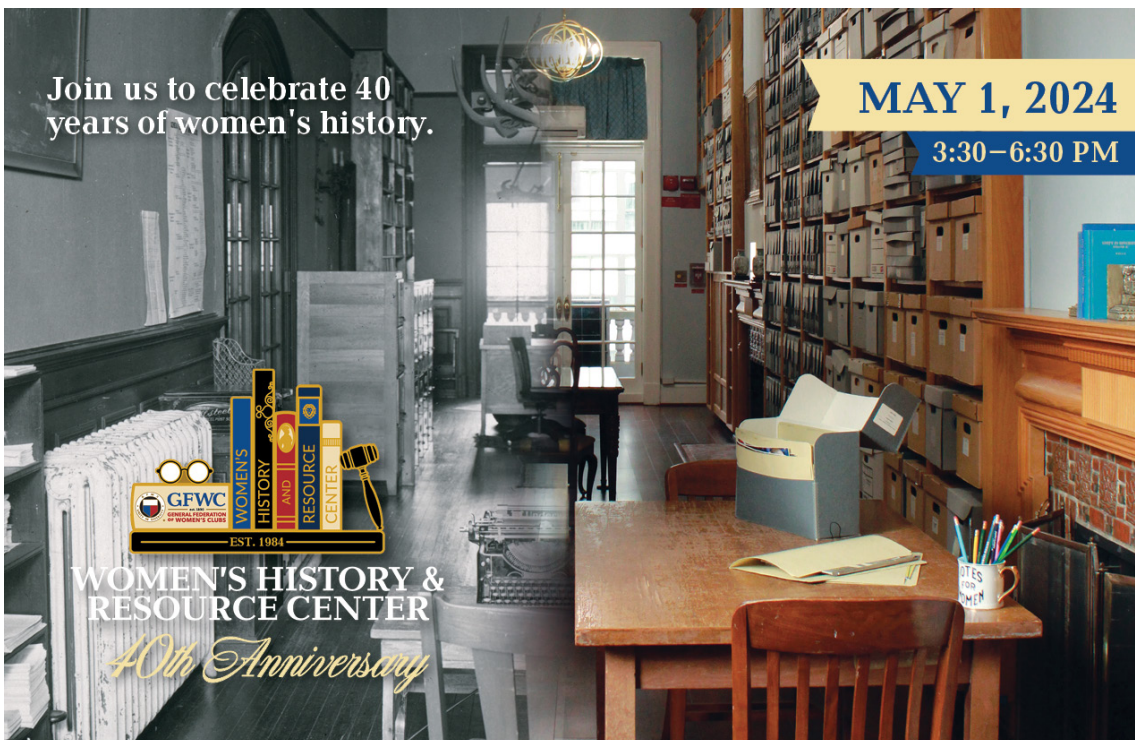
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For further information on Freedom House, go to their website at <https://www.freedomhouseillinois.org>.

Keynote Speaker: Scott Tillema

Make plans to attend the Saturday Morning Business Session in Chicago for Scott's presentation, "Leading with Influence: Effective Communication & Navigating Difficult Conversations."





Women's History and Resource Center 40th Anniversary Celebration

Wednesday, May 1, 2024, from 3:30 to 6:30 pm

IN-PERSON EVENT at General Federation of Women's Clubs Headquarters -
1734 N Street, NW – Washington, DC 20036

Please join us at a special reception to celebrate the Ruby Anniversary of the GFWC Women's History and Resource Center (WHRC). Founded on May 1, 1984, the WHRC has spent forty years preserving the history of GFWC clubwomen and ensuring that this legacy of community service is accessible to all. Help us commemorate this important milestone as we look forward to the next forty years!

This event will feature tours of our historic Headquarters (including the WHRC Archives and Library), as well as exhibits highlighting favorites from the WHRC collection.

Light refreshments will be served.

Music by Kristen Jepperson, Harpist.

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Special Hotel Room Rate for WHRC Anniversary Celebration, May 1, 2024

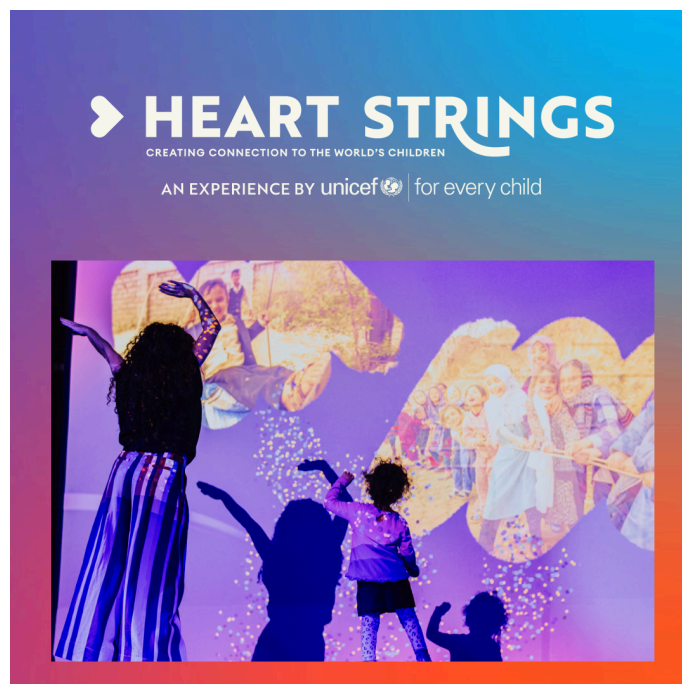
Book your room at the Courtyard by Marriott, directly across the street from GFWC Headquarters.

Rates are available Tuesday, April 30 – Friday, May 3. Bookings close **Tuesday, April 16.**

Book Group Rate Room

Cares & Concerns

It is with a heavy heart that we share the passing of Pat Swan, who was GFWC Georgia Junior Director (1980-1982), GFWC Georgia State President (1994-1996), and GFWC Southern Region President (2008-2010). Cards may be sent to the family through her daughters Deanne Swan and Sharon Sapp at 583 Villa Drive, Lilburn, GA 30047. Her obituary is available [here](#).



UNICEF USA is excited to announce the launch of its multi-city, first-of-its-kind, experiential event: Heart Strings.

Heart Strings is an original experience that invites you to take part in UNICEF's impact by powering a universal song through interactive multimedia, lighting effects, and inspiring music.

During the experience, moving from room to room, guests will travel around the world in just 45 minutes, encountering interactive points along the way. Through various activities and dynamic visuals, visitors will learn about UNICEF's efforts to ensure every child is healthy, educated, protected, and respected.

Promising to forge human connections, Heart Strings is a multisensory journey that shines a light on the world's children, transcending borders, cultures, and languages to create a deeply moving and engaging experience for all ages.

Heart Strings will visit four locations across America this Spring: Houston, Atlanta, Boston, and Chicago, with more dates and cities coming in 2025. Current tour dates are as follows:

Houston - March 22nd – April 7th

Atlanta - April 19th – May 5th

Boston - May 17th – June 2nd

Chicago - June 15th – June 30th

Tickets are available at heartstringsunicef.org.

UNICEF USA invites its partners at GFWC to join the experience. Organize a visit with your club in place of a club meeting, or bring your family and friends to showcase the great work your club is supporting!

GFWC has provided critical support to UNICEF programs such as those reflected in Heart Strings and has continuously supported UNICEF USA's mission of relentlessly pursuing a better world for every child.

For more information on Heart Strings, tour dates, and how to be a part of the experience, visit heartstringsunicef.org.

Shop the GFWC Marketplace



These new GFWC Notecards (pack of 10) are the perfect way to say thank you.

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Our Pullovers are available in ladies & unisex cuts and feature the updated GFWC Emblem embroidered in gold thread.

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Volunteers in Action: GFWC Progress Club of Las Cruces (NM)



The GFWC Progress Club of Las Cruces (NM) assembled 900 pinwheels to add to their collection from 2023 and on April 2nd put up 1,500 in front of the local library and city building at a memorial park. The pinwheels are a part of the *Pinwheels for Prevention* campaign that starts in April, Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month. The pinwheels will remain up for about two weeks as an art installation and awareness campaign on behalf of the club in support of *Pinwheels for Prevention*.

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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