



# NEWS & NOTES

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March 20, 2025

## GFWC: Access to Professional National Staff



**June 6-9**

**Spinning Vision into  
Reality: Join Us for the 2025  
GFWC Annual Convention**

[REGISTER NOW](#)

## You Make the Peachtree Raffle Sweeter

Help make our upcoming event a success by donating items for the Peachtree Raffle! Your generous contributions help us cover the costs of hosting the GFWC Annual Convention and create lasting memories for everyone attending. Use this opportunity to share your state's unique flavor! Curate a gift basket of shelf-stable goodies like jams and honey or support a female-owned business in your community that sells art prints.

Let's work together to make this convention unforgettable—donate today and be part of something special!

[Donation Form](#)

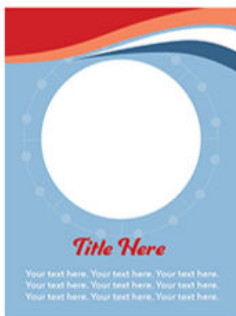


## Showcase Your Business at the 2025 GFWC Annual Convention

The GFWC Annual Convention draws between 750 and 1,000 attendees actively *Living the Volunteer Spirit*. Sponsorship supports GFWC members as they come together to learn and celebrate the grassroots efforts of improving their communities, states, and the world.

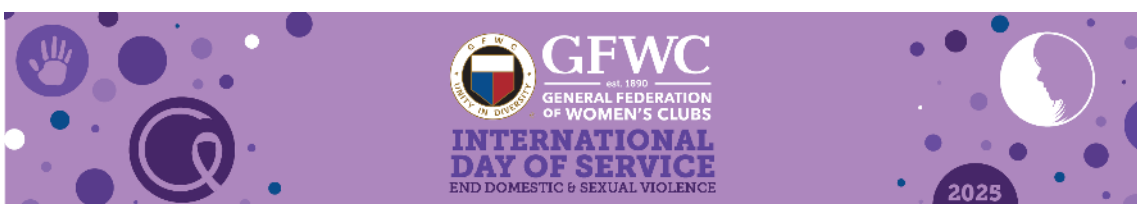
Sponsorship Opportunities are available from \$1,000-\$25,000. If interested, email Nishu Raina GFWC Events Manager, [NRaina@GFWC.org](mailto:NRaina@GFWC.org) for the 2025 Convention Sponsorship Packet.

## Act Fast: 2025 Convention Program Ads Due April 1



Don't miss the chance to highlight someone special or even your club! Place an ad in the Convention Program before time runs out. Orders and payments for Convention Program ads must be received by **April 1, 2025**, to guarantee space. Return completed forms and ad files to Design & Publications Manager Candice Gill, [CGill@GFWC.org](mailto:CGill@GFWC.org).

[Download Form](#)



# GFWC International Day of Service

## Graphic Resources

Prepare to make a meaningful impact on the 2025 GFWC International Day(IDS) of Service on Saturday, September 27! Eye-catching graphics are now available to help you showcase your plans as we stand together to end domestic and sexual violence. Your efforts will inspire others to join in!

On the GFWC website, click on Events and then to the International Day of Service Event page, where you'll find resources like:

- Facebook Cover Photo
- 2025 GFWC IDS Letterhead
- 2025 GFWC IDS Logos

Scroll down the [event page](#) to register your club for this historic day. Those registered will be recognized in *News & Notes* beginning on Thursday, March 27.

Gain new ideas, information, and resources by browsing our Member Resources. Additional ideas are added every week! Stand united with GFWC against domestic and sexual violence, working together to make a significant impact.

Register Now



## Spread Your Wings with GFWC

by: Mickey Coonfare, GFWC Iowa State President

My Iowa State President's motto is "Spread your wings with GFWC," and my logo is a blue butterfly. By spreading my own wings, I have held many different positions with GFWC.

I am encouraging all members and clubs to spread their wings and take on new challenges and for individuals to try new positions in their club or district and at the state level. Don't do all the same things every year, try something new.

My first area of interest is Domestic & Sexual Violence Awareness & Prevention. An annual observance during April is dedicated to raising awareness about the rights and needs of victims and survivors. This week serves as a platform to highlight the importance of supporting and empowering those who have been affected by these crimes. Iowa clubs are planning powerful programs in their local communities.



My second area of interest is women's health. This includes all aspects of a woman's life. As we all age, our health becomes more important. We need to stay mentally and physically active, ensuring regular doctor, dentist, and eye exams. There are many local health professionals in our communities willing to do presentations for clubs. I have shared health record forms to be carried on your person, showing your current medications and any health concerns. One club provided magnetic health forms on refrigerators for easy access during an emergency.

I know through new challenges and outside-the-box thinking, GFWC Iowa club members will spread their wings in their communities.

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## Promote Membership at State Conventions

By: Debbie Fiore, Membership Committee Member

I remember my first State Convention and how excited I was to see GFWC at another level, the BIGGER picture. Just being with other clubs from my state and meeting new GFWC sisters who had the same interests and goals as me was thrilling and inspirational. Seeing all the awards given and hearing about other clubs' projects started me to think about my own club and new ways we could help our community. Working together with members and forming bonds while doing all our incredible volunteer service is very rewarding and reinforces the benefit of belonging.

State Conventions are a great place to promote membership by showing members they are appreciated and valued. Leaders at State Conventions award individual clubs and members, recognizing their hard work and accomplishments. These awards celebrate the dedication and achievements of participants, fostering a sense of community and encouraging continued

excellence. Additionally, State Conventions provide engaging opportunities for everyone, featuring informative workshops, inspiring speakers, and enjoyable events.

So, how do you get members to attend? Maybe have a drawing to pay for registration for your new members and/or first-time attendees who would like to attend. Encourage or arrange carpools for members to travel together. They won't realize what they're missing until they experience it for themselves, and they'll get "hooked," become regulars, and bring friends along next time.

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## **Making the Right First Impression: How to Leave a Lasting Impact**

By: Becky Wright, GFWC Annual Giving Program Committee Member

First impressions are powerful! A positive first impression can open doors, build trust, and set the tone for future engagements. We have an opportunity to help maintain that positive first impression for our historic GFWC Headquarters through our participation in the GFWC Annual Giving Program.

Did you know you could leave a lasting impact by donating to the GFWC Headquarters Façade Restoration and Beautification Project Fund? Every donation brings us closer to our goal of restoring our Headquarters façade to its full glory, helping restore the iconic white front-facing exterior walls of GFWC's beloved Headquarters buildings.

This project is also vital to maintaining the beautiful interior. Over time, bricks and stonework's mortar can deteriorate, and water can seep into the building, causing significant damage.

Restoration work will include stripping existing paint, cleaning and sealing, repairing mortar and stonework, repainting, and more. This restoration will enhance the beauty of our headquarters, protect the historic interior spaces and collections, and secure the buildings' long-term structural integrity.

Please help us make the right first impression and be recognized with your name in print! Donations given to the [GFWC Façade Restoration and Beautification Project](#) received before April 25, 2025, will be acknowledged in the 2025 Convention program.

Together, we can make a difference. Join us today in restoring our GFWC Headquarters façade and help us leave a lasting impact.

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## GFWC Measles Mission

Shot@Life, a grassroots advocacy campaign for global childhood immunization and a GFWC affiliate organization for over twelve years, is excited to work with clubs on GFWC's Measles Mission. With measles cases rising around the world (including in the U.S.), this initiative will help provide lifesaving measles vaccines to children around the world.

For only \$5—the cost of a cup of coffee—one child can be protected for life against measles. By raising \$80,000 from 2024–2026, we will help protect 16,000 children from measles.

Check out the online fundraising hub [here](#), where you can donate or find the tools to get started with fundraising. We appreciate your support in getting word out to your state about this exciting new initiative, which is exclusive to GFWC clubs.

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## Golden Ticket Raffle Tickets



Dreaming of sunny days and warm sand beaches? Win a 5 night vacation for two to a tropical resort through the Golden Ticket Raffle!

Treat yourself to a dream getaway and experience the perfect blend of luxury, relaxation, and adventure amidst the blissful beauty of Mexico and the Caribbean.

Entries are open to all. Winners will be drawn during the 2025 GFWC Annual Convention.

[Get Your Ticket](#)



**Volunteers in Action:  
GFWC Woman's Club of Newport News (VA)**

The GFWC Woman's Club of Newport News generously donated \$2,027.50 raised through its annual Bottle Auction fundraiser to support the implementation of the "Prevention Project" curriculum in Newport News Public Schools. Club officials presented their check to Jennifer Mulrine, NNPS health and physical education instructional supervisor, at the school division administration building in January, Human Trafficking Awareness Month.

The Prevention Project is provided by Freekind, a nonprofit that educates the community to increase awareness, prevention, and advocacy to fight human trafficking. "This impactful human trafficking curriculum is designed to empower and educate students in grades six through eight during their family life classes," Mulrine said. This thoughtful contribution will help equip our students with the skills to recognize and prevent human trafficking, fostering awareness and safety in our community.

**Want your club project to be featured in an upcoming issue of  
News & Notes?**

Simply send your full club name, State Federation, and 100 words describing your club's favorite project to [PR@GFWC.org](mailto:PR@GFWC.org).  
Make sure to add a great action shot or two that brings your project to life!



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