



Top Projects

From the 2016 Award Entries

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Bridge Flag Project

Warren Junior Women's League (OH) promoted patriotism and honored the military through their "Bridge Flag Project." The club refitted 60 flags, each measuring 35 by 60 inches, with extra grommets to hang properly on the highway overpass bridge leading to Youngstown Air Station. Military and civilian personnel travel to and from the Air Station daily and/or depart for deployment. Thousands can see the flags from the nearby interstate.

Substance Abuse Awareness Events

The Woman's Civic League of Cheyenne (WY) sponsored two substance abuse awareness events featuring a well-known professional athlete who shared his history of prescription drug abuse and addiction. The club worked with local substance abuse awareness committees on planning, fundraising and promotion. A total of 625 school-aged children, college students, and adults attended the events.

Jefferson Teen Scene

The Junior Woman's Club of Jefferson Township (NJ) partnered with their community Rotary Club to open "Jefferson Teen Scene," a recreation center where themed events are held for teenagers. Monthly events sponsored by the club attracted 60 to 200 students in sixth to ninth grade. The project took 10 years to complete.

Easter Bunnies for Veterans

Members of the Suburban Woman's Club (KY) bought Easter bunnies and then dressed them in dresses, hats, and other Easter "finery." Club members dressed in their own Easter "finery" to deliver the bunnies to women veterans at Thomas-Hood Veterans Center. The event, scheduled at an unlikely time of remembrance, was especially appreciated.

Formal Wear for Marines

Members of the Bonsall Woman's Club (CA) collected donations of formal wear and dressy clothes for use by lower-ranking Marines at Camp Pendleton who might not otherwise be able to afford to attend base functions such as the annual Marine Corps Ball.

Self Defense Workshops for Students

GFWC Northboro Junior Woman's Club (MA) sponsored self-defense workshops for middle and high school students and young adults. A local Karate Dojo developed and ran the two free workshops. Attendees contributed nonperishable foods to be donated to the local food pantry. Middle school workshops included information on stranger danger and bullying. High school/young adult workshops included information on rape prevention and how to increase personal safety.

Fire Prevention Program for Schools

GFWC Safford Woman's Club (AZ) sponsored a Fire Prevention Program attended by more than 370 students at six local schools. Participating firefighters wore full "turn out" uniforms to show how they would look in a fire emergency. Included in the program was a fire evacuation plan for the students to take home and discuss with their parents. Awards were given for a coloring contest.

Disaster Preparedness and Toolkit

The Woman's Club of Rock Hill (SC) sponsored a program on Disaster Preparedness and developed "A Toolkit to Use During a Natural Disaster." The guide included information on recovery plans and communications. In addition to the guide, the club also built a disaster preparedness kit which was raffled off at a club meeting.

Tornado Response

The GFWC Millington Junior Woman's Club (MI) responded to a tornado disaster in their community. This club

of only six members provided food, supplies, water, and ice to victims and workers. Members also participated on recovery committees to oversee fundraising and set up a local food pantry.

Veteran's Park

The Papillion Junior Woman's Club (NE) helped with the creation of a Veteran's Park which was dedicated on Veterans Day. The club worked with the local Community Foundation and VFW Post. Members donated a park bench.