



# **Top Projects**

## *From the 2016 Award Entries*

These programs and projects were selected as the Top Projects by the GFWC Special Project, Community Service Program, and Advancement Area Chairmen. The lists were comprised from the State Award Entries and Club Creativity Award Entries submitted by state chairmen.

## **SIGNATURE PROGRAM: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION**



### **Teen Dating 101**

The Woman's Club of Ocala (FL) and the Little Women of Ocala Juniores partnered with their school district, the local domestic violence center, the police department, and the County Victims Advocate to present their own Teen Dating 101 program at the local high school.

### **Comfort Packs for Sexual Assault Victims**

After the Woman's Club of Perkasio (PA) heard specially trained forensic nurses explain the procedures followed after a violent sexual attack, the members created comfort packs for the sexual assault survivors containing sweatshirts, socks, wash cloths, shampoo, soap, and a caring note from the club.

### **One Billion Rising Dancing Event**

The Ladies Community Club of Tooele (UT), organized in September 2015, participated with other domestic violence coalitions and sexual assault organizations to support a One Billion Rising dancing event at a local Veteran's Park. The club secured a large outdoor screen and monetary donations which were presented to the local police department advocate. The club also recruited 3 new members at the event.

### **Take Back the Night**

The Opelousas Woman's Club (LA) participated in the community's "Take Back the Night" event which included a walk in support of women who have been victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. They also sponsored a proclamation signing to the local council with a presentation provided by a victim of sexual assault.

### **Clubhouse Support**

After being contacted by the County Attorney General's office, the Florence Woman's Club (AZ) opened their clubhouse to support meetings for sexual assault victims which were facilitated by the Sexual Violence County Coordinator.

### **Free Will Garage Sale**

The Genesco Woman's Club (IL) held their 7<sup>th</sup> Annual "free will" garage sale of items donated by community members which were then sold to the public. The \$1400 raised was given to a local shelter and unsold items were donated to resale shops that support the shelter.

### **5K Walk/Run**

The Junior Woman's Club of Westminster (MD) raised funds for the Family and Children's Services Domestic Violence Safe House with a 5K Walk/Run. Partnering with a local running club, the club members drafted 60 business sponsors, prepared race packets, set up for the event, and circulated flyers throughout the community. The \$4,266 raised from the event was earmarked to help pay for repairs and provide direct services to the clients.

### **Birthday Party**

The Anchorage Woman's Club (AK) combined Federation Day with a birthday party for the children at a local shelter. Members bought new puzzles, games, books, and decorations while providing all the necessary party refreshments and activities, including making their own pinwheels. Children were allowed to choose their own books and the leftovers were placed in the shelter's library.

### **October Purple Posy Project**

The Montgomery Woman's Club (OH) participated in the October Domestic Violence Awareness Purple Posy Project initiated by the Signature Project State Chairman. Members decorated 30 purple mums with painted pots

and ribbons and accented them with handmade placards using the GFWC purple ribbon image and information about the Signature Project. The plants were delivered to city hall, boards of educations, libraries, hotels, laws firms, medical offices, and a hospital.

### **End Child Sexual Abuse**

The Lilburn Woman's Club (GA) hosted Darkness to Light: Stewards to Children training for the prevention of child sexual assault. The club posted flyers and notified school counselors and churches about the free two hour training. They also secured a meeting place at City Hall, obtained a grant to purchase guide books, and hosted a breakfast for the participants.