

Community Service Programs

Arts and Culture - encourages members to promote and support arts activities in their clubs, schools, and communities.

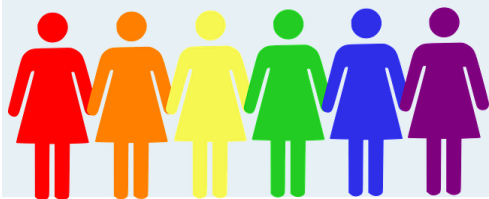
Civic Engagement and Outreach - encourages undertaking actions that will create a better quality of life and foster a sense of community locally, regionally, nationally and globally.

Education and Libraries - encourages promotion in education in both children and adults, libraries, and literacy within our communities.

Environment - encourages us to become stewards of the earth by working to preserve the world's resources, protect wildlife and domesticated animals, and beautify communities and enjoy nature.

Health and Wellness - addresses nutrition, disease prevention, and physical and emotional care.

Additional information available at gfwc.org and gfwcpennsylvania.org.



Mission Statement

For over a century, the members of the General Federation of Women's Clubs Pennsylvania have encouraged women to unite their influence and interests to promote educational, civic, legislative, moral and social measures.



For additional information to join an established club in your area, please contact us at:

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General Federation of Women's Clubs Pennsylvania

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2022-2024 President

Theme



Structure

Unlike many single issue organizations, GFWC's structure allows clubs to address the needs of their individual communities, states and the nation. Members from all walks of life and clubs choose to work on community projects, state projects, national and international projects. Thus, putting the GFWC motto, Unity in Diversity, into practice.

GFWC Pennsylvania provides its members with pertinent information, leadership and guidance through its quarterly publication, the Pennsylvania Clubwoman Newsletter, the GFWC Pennsylvania website, emails, mailings, district and state meetings.

History

GFWC Pennsylvania was organized and became a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs in 1895 in Philadelphia. GFWC, headquartered in Washington D.C., is one of the largest women's volunteer organizations in the world! Accomplishments include: Started 75% of libraries in Pennsylvania; Purchased 160 acres of prime forest land, now part of the Allegheny National Forest; U.S. Olympics received \$50,000 to train and prepare hopeful athletes; Supported Operation Smile with a total donation of over 2500 quilts; and Assisted food banks throughout Pennsylvania with financial support and needed food items.

2022-2024

President's Project

Operation We've Got Their Six

The phrase "We've Got Their Six" originated with World War I fighter pilots. This phrase means "We've got your back".

GFWC Pennsylvania Members are encouraged to support our military personnel and veterans through programs involving education, volunteering, and donation.

Suggestions from the VA website:

- ◆ Donate to the VA Food Bank, for local veterans facing food insecurity.
- ◆ Collect and donate women's clothing, for the women's health program.
- ◆ Put together "Mommy & Me" bags for distribution to women Veterans who recently gave birth.
- ◆ Donate backpacks for homeless veterans.
- ◆ Plan and hold an appreciation tea or arts & crafts event for women veterans.
- ◆ Collect and donate greeting cards for the veterans or volunteer services to use or distribute.
- ◆ Put together and donate "Glam Bags" containing personal and comfort care items for women veterans.

Members are challenged with Six Project Areas to benefit and remember our Military and Veterans. More information can be found at:

<https://gfwcpennsylvania.org/gfwc-presidents-project/>



Membership

GFWC Pennsylvania members include teachers, business owners, social workers, elected officials, medical professionals, homemakers, corporate executives, students, retirees and many more gifted women. They represent six geographical districts with 60 clubs having approximately 1,700 members.

Membership in general clubs is open to women 18 years of age and older. Our Juniorette clubs are composed of students of middle school and high school age.

Through a networking system and volunteer service, GFWC Pennsylvania members have an opportunity to develop leadership skills, exchange ideas and form lifelong friendships.

GFWC Pennsylvania Advancement Areas

- Communications and Public Relations
- Leadership
- Membership
- Women's History and Resources
- Legislation/Public Policy
- Fundraising

GFWC Signature Project—Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention

GFWC Partners

- St Jude Children's Research
- Heifer International
- Shot at Life
- HOBY
- Canine Companions
- March of Dimes
- Hope For Justice
- UNICEF