



# **General Federation of Women's Clubs New Hampshire**

## **2022 Club Awards**

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**GFWC Signature Program**  
**Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness and Prevention**  
**GFWC-NH Top Ten Projects 2022**

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**1. Supporting Families of Domestic Violence with the YWCA**

**Salem Area Women's Club GFWC NH**

In December this club was made aware of four families fleeing a domestic violence situation from the local YWCA. A list of needs was given to them for some clothing and household items. Club members rallied to assist these families and donated new and gently used items that were identified for each family. A gift certificate for each to Walmart for \$200 was also donated.

**90 hours 20 members \$800 dollars donated \$600 in kind donations**

**2. Brigid's House of Hope Housewarming Supplies and Support for House Monitor Position**

**Salem Area Women's Club GFWC NH**

Brigid's House of Hope is the first safe house for human trafficking victims in the State of New Hampshire and opened its doors to survivors in 2022. The Salem Area Women's Club members donated all of the items needed to equip all four (4) of the new bathrooms in the home. This included cleaning supplies, hygiene supplies, towels, shower curtains, bath mats, and bathroom ensemble sets. All items were in-kind donations from the SAWC members. The Salem Area Women's Club's also assisted Brigid's House with a monetary donation for the Program House Monitor Positions. The SAWC received a full description of the duties of the house monitor and a breakdown of costs to the organization. This request was received in June and reviewed by the club chairmen over the summer months. After implementing and applying the club's donation points criteria, a \$2500 donation was given to Brigid's House of Hope to support the House Monitor position.

**Hours 46 Members 65 Dollars donated \$2500.00 In-Kind Donations \$1200.00**

**3. Midnight Merriment**

**Concord Contemporary Club NH**

Club members manned a table for the Crisis Center of Central NH at Concord's Midnight Merriment, an annual event on the first Friday of December. Merchants remain open until midnight. There are food trucks, music, and holiday festivities. Members gave out swag, and recruited new volunteer with sign-up sheets contact information. Two women in need of services reached out at this event.

**5 hours 2 members**

**4. Domestic Violence Awareness**

**GFWC Dover Area Women's Club NH**

Information about events and legislation specific to Haven and NH Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence was given out to members at meetings. Their newsletters promoted their message clearly. Throughout the 2022 year events, fundraisers, Giving Tuesday, Sexual Assault Awareness Month etc. were shared via Facebook, emails, handouts given out at meetings to raise awareness.

**20 hours 14 members**

**5. Walk a Mile Committee**

**Concord Contemporary Club NH**

A club member served on the **Walk a Mile committee** of the local Crisis Center. Two members volunteered at the yearly event which brings attention to awareness and prevention of domestic and sexual violence. It is held on Concord Main Street in front of the State House in October. One member received the Volunteer of the Year Award. **11 hours 2 members**

6. **Human Trafficking Prevention Month**

**Dover Area Women's Club NH**

Members wore blue in their community to raise awareness for Human Trafficking Prevention Month. Photos and information were shared on social media, via email and at their meeting with members.

**5 hours 14 members**

7. **Comfort Bags for Assault Victims**

**Salem Area Women's Club GFWC NH**

One in 6 women in the United States will be sexually assaulted. Medical care is a priority after an assault to screen for occult injuries, treat injuries and provide prophylaxis for sexually transmitted diseases and pregnancy prevention. All women are offered to have evidence collected to be used for identifying and prosecuting perpetrators. During evidence collection assault victims have their clothing collected during the forensic exam. To avoid leaving the Emergency Department in scrubs there is a need for clothing. Toilet articles are a comfort for patients so they can shower after the exam. This project was presented at the club's Sept 2022 meeting. Members overwhelmingly agreed to go forward with project. Bolts of fabric in club colors of lavender and green were donated by a club member and 30 sacks were sewn by 3 club members.

Personal care items, new undergarments, socks, pants and shirts were generously donated by members. Items were assembled and are to be delivered in 2023 to Sexual Assault Units in Emergency Departments in 2 locations covering Southern NH and Eastern MA cities and towns.

Notes of encouragement from Salem Area Women's Club GFWC-NH were also included in the Comfort Bags.

**Hours 450.00 Number of members 35 Dollars spent \$180.00 In-Kind Donations \$1200.00**

8. **Pinwheel Project**

**Concord Contemporary Club NH**

Club members "planted" pinwheels at 2 Boys & Girls Clubs, a Law Office and the Chamber of Commerce Office to bring attention of Child Abuse.

**3 hours 2 members**

9. **Damsel in Defense**

**GFWC Dover Area Women's Club NH**

Club members heard a speaker from Simply Stunning Safety featuring "Damsel in Defense" products which offer complete self- defense products for up front confrontation long distance deterrence, convenient carry and ranger of effective tools. Their mission is to protect, prepare, and prevent. They have adopted two houses where children are rescued or resourced in their community from sex trafficking. They are given a plan full of hope, free of selling their bodies.

**3 hours 3 members**

10. **Welcome Home House Warming: Setting up a New Apartment for a Survivor**

**GFWC Concord Contemporary Club**

The Crisis Center of Central New Hampshire offers temporary, safe and supportive housing for victims of domestic abuse who are seeking safety from an abusive partner. Emergency shelter space is limited and often full. The Crisis Center contacted this club for assistance. They had a family, a mom with 3 children, which was starting out and had nothing for their apartment. The members quickly donated household and kitchen items including a set of dishes, a mixer, toaster oven, and even a pizza stone. Linens included comforters, blankets, duvet covers, dust ruffles and drapes. Many of the items were brand new or gently used.

**Hours 5.00 Number of members 5 In-Kind Donations \$300.00**



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## **GFWC-NH – Junior's Special Program: Advocates for Children** **Top Ten Projects 2022**

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### **1. Preschoolers Seeds to Pizza**

#### **Salem Area Women's Club GFWC-NH**

Our club women spent the morning planting herbs with Salem Preschool students. When the herbs have grown a local vendor will make pizzas for the children flavored with their herbs. What a great event for the children to see plant growth from seed to food.

Hours: 12, Number of Members: 6, In-Kind Donations: \$25.00

### **2. Christmas for Homeless Children**

#### **Salem Area Women's Club GFWC-NH**

Salem Area Woman's Club collected gifts to share with children who are homeless and living in a local motel with their families.

Hours: 15, Number of Members: 5, In-Kind Donations: \$1000.00

### **3. Prevent Child Abuse America Library Pinwheel Garden and Speaker**

#### **GFWC Hudson Women's Club**

At our April meeting, the GFWC Hudson Women's Club planted its first pinwheel garden at the entrance of our library in Hudson, NH. We included a club sign. Two speakers from Bridges: Domestic and Sexual Violence Support talked to club members about the effects of domestic violence on children, responsibilities of reporting, and ways that they advocate for the children and families they serve. They were especially helpful to a new member who teaches kids who are often victims. Our club made a \$100 donation to Bridges. Members also brought items for Bridges' shelter for victims of domestic and sexual violence, Janice's House, including linens, toiletries, and other items.

Hours: 18, Number of Members: 26, Dollars Donated: \$100, In-Kind Donations: \$300

### **4. Feed Our Kids**

#### **GFWC Hudson Women's Club**

The Hudson Food Pantry assists students in the Hudson Schools who have food insufficiencies. Using information from school counselors, food bags are prepared by Alvirne High School's National Honor Society students weekly so that food is available for the weekend. The Hudson Women's Club supports the program with food collections - juice boxes, cereal, PB&J, chicken/tuna for sandwiches, and beef-a-roni. We also donated \$300 to help fill the need.

Hours: 5, Number of Members: 26, Dollars Donated: \$300.00, In-Kind Donations: \$100

### **5. Big Smiles in Little Bags - End 68 Hours of Hunger**

#### **GFWC Dover Area Woman's Club**

End 68 is a weekend food program for food insecure students. We packed 120-200 food bags 1x/month, staffed a Saturday donation drop off station and helped unload food deliveries. Food bags have limited space. Before vacation recesses our club makes small zipper treat bags to pack extra treats to bring smiles to the kids. Inspired by a GFWC Officer who spoke at our GFWC-NH Annual Mtg, club members painted Kindness Rocks for every kid. Our local dentist gave us toothbrushes/paste and club members buy little treats like candy, crayons, bookmarks to color, candy canes, seed packages, cards – anything works if it fits in the bag. Members are kept up to date with emails with news from End 68, reminders of pack dates and social media photo posts of our bags and our assembly team.

Hours: 244, # of Members: 14, Dollars Donated: \$125.00, In-Kind Donations: \$891.00

**6. City of Pinwheel Gardens: Prevent Child Abuse America**

**GFWC Dover Area Woman's Club**

GFWC Dover Area Woman's Club set up multiple Pinwheel Gardens throughout the city of Dover. Pinwheels for Prevention is a public awareness campaign for Child Abuse America. Using Covid precautions, we organized mini teams of 2-3 members outdoors. Gardens were set up at our local nursing home, library, Chamber of Commerce and in multiple neighborhoods, sometimes with our children and grandchildren. Our Seacoast District Director brought Pinwheels for clubs to share and recycle of future use. Photos were taken at each garden site, sent to NH Children's Trust, (our PCA America NH Chapter) and posted on NHCT, GFWC-NH and our club Facebook pages.

Hours: 45, Number of members: 14

**7. Christmas at Webster House**

**Candia Community Women's Club**

The Webster House offers a safe home and a second chance for children ages 8 & 18 to come live when it is in their best interest to live away from their home for a period of time. Instead of sharing gifts with each other at Christmas, CCWC members purchased items that were needed at Webster House. This was a very heartwarming project knowing we provided love and support to a wonderful organization that supports so many children in need, especially at the holidays. Some of the items purchased were gift cards, art supplies, storage bin and toys.

Hours: 30, Number of Members: 22, In-Kind Donations: \$850.00

**8. WINGS for a Single Mom and her 2 Kids**

**Exeter Area GFWC**

WINGS began as a Club President's project 15 years ago to bring someone under our "WINGS" and support a family, or elderly person for a year or two to make a difference in their lives. We fund WINGS with proceeds from our *homemade* bread sale table at our club's annual Yuletide Craft Fair.

This year a local school connected us with a single Mom with 2 children – a 1st grader and a toddler. Mom works full time at the local hospital. At Thanksgiving the club supplied a \$150 grocery gift card. Christmas requests were minimal-art supplies and children's dishware. One of the greatest needs in this economy is food and gasoline.

Hours: 6, Number of Members: 37, Dollars Donated: \$408.71

**9. Activity Kits for Kids visiting incarcerated Moms**

**Hollis Woman's Club**

The Hollis club's Service Sisters decided to support the NH Women's Prison and create activity boxes for children to play with while visiting their moms in prisons. This allows for positive interaction between moms and their children while in prison.

Hours: 25, Number of Members: 20, In-Kind Donations: \$150.00

**10. Nashaway's Contributions for Kids**

**Nashaway Women's Club**

This year our club chose to make multiple, creative donations to help children. We made donations to Family Promise totaling \$1,000, Girls & Boys Club \$400, Girls, Inc. \$400, Salvation Army Campership \$350; Special Olympics \$100 and Girl Scout Camperships \$400.

We also met with the advisor of our state's only Juniorette club, GFWC Girls in Action, and supported them with \$200 for their birthday bag project.

Hours: 12, Number of Members: 20, Dollars Donated: \$2850, In-Kind donations: \$20



## **GFWC-NH – Junior's Special Program: Advocates for Children** **Club Creativity Award 2022**

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The Hudson Women's Club has been chosen as our 2022 GFWC NH Club Creativity Award winner for their in depth approach to creating visible community sparkle outdoors in their community and within the walls of an emergency shelter for victims of domestic and sexual abuse, both women and children, and included educational programming for their members and financial and in kind generosity to their local non-profit shelter all with a single project.

Many clubs across the country have planted Pinwheels for Prevention gardens in support of Child Abuse Awareness month and our past affiliate Prevent Child Abuse America. Hudson members did so much more and a created a project that this chairman believes showcases a full range of the impact one simple project can provide.

### **Prevent Child Abuse America Library Pinwheel Garden and Speaker**

#### **GFWC Hudson Women's Club, Hudson, NH**

At their 2022 April meeting, the GFWC Hudson Women's Club planted its first pinwheel garden outside at the entrance of our library in Hudson, NH. They also included a club sign to identify their club as the "gardeners". At that meeting two speakers from Bridges: Domestic and Sexual Violence Support talked to club members about the effects of domestic violence on children, responsibilities of reporting, and ways that they advocate for the children and families they serve. In addition to in depth programming, Bridges also offers a safe, confidential emergency shelter in a comfortable home in a residential environment where advocates offer support to women and children staying in the home. The speakers that night were especially helpful to a new member who teaches kids who are often victims. Our club made a \$100 donation to Bridges. Members also brought items for Bridges' shelter for victims of domestic and sexual violence, Janice's House, including linens, toiletries, and other items.

Hours: 18, Number of Members: 26, Dollars Donated: \$100, In-Kind Donations: \$300





## **GFWC-NH Arts and Culture**

### **Top Ten Projects 2022**

**Sheila Casey and Mary Ryan, Co-Chairmen**

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#### **1. Speaker Series – Imperial Russian Faberge Eggs**

##### **Woman's Club of Concord, NH**

Members and guests were treated to great presentation on Faberge eggs with photos of the Faberge collections in Russia's palaces and museums and collectors around the world. The eggs have a fascinating history including their connections to the Romanovs and the Bolshevik Revolution. This program was made possible by the NH Humanities Council.

**Hours 10.0 Number of members 8**

#### **2. Where the Arts Come Alive!**

##### **Salem Area Women's Club-GFWC New Hampshire**

The Palace Theatre is a historic, non-profit performing arts venues that host a variety of programs that enrich the surrounding communities. They host their own professional company of local and traveling talent for main stage shows, run top-tier quality youth and teen theatre programs, and scour the country for the best touring acts! SAWC is proud to be a 'Marquee' member of this New Hampshire historic and cultural landmark. Our donation not only helps to keep this important icon alive, it also allows for us to plan club events to attend their shows; with ticket purchases giving further support as well as fostering camaraderie among our members. **Hours 4.00 Number of members 4 Dollars donated \$250.00**

#### **3. Laughter Mixed with Support Feels Great!**

##### **Salem Area Women's Club-GFWC New Hampshire**

EmpowerHER® is an international nonprofit organization founded in 2013 with a mission to build community for girls and young women who have experienced the loss of their mothers. In an effort to support this worthwhile cause, 10 members attended a comedy dinner fundraiser at \$65 per person, totaling \$650 in support. While there, we all also purchased raffle tickets to further contribute to their fundraising efforts. This event also had the dual purpose of developing camaraderie among members, particularly with several new members attending. This activity was published in our newsletter, on Facebook, in the President's monthly Brief email blast, and at general membership meetings.

**Hours 55.00 Number of members 10**

#### **4. Tree Decorating for Exeter Community Children's Fund at Annual Festival of Trees**

##### **Exeter Area GFWC**

The Exeter Area GFWC purchased, for \$60, an undecorated Christmas tree to support the Exeter Area Community Children's Fund. With the proceeds earned from the online auction of the decorated trees, the CCF supplies vouchers to children for the purchase of warm winter clothing and bedding. A group of 9 members participated in planning, making ornaments, purchasing decorations and decorating the tree. Additionally the Club purchased nautical themed gift items to include with the tree. Trees were auctioned off online and money raised was donated to the Community Children's Fund. Our tree was auctioned for \$250.

**Hours 44.00 Number of members 9**

#### **5. Sponge Painted Vases**

##### **GFWC Dover Area Woman's Club**

For our May 2022 Plant Sale we sponge painted jelly jars to sell as vases. One member had done this technique before and suggested that we do this for our Plant Sale. We experimented with different patterns and color mixtures to make a variety of vases. The vases turned out very colorful and attractive. They were popular items at our Plant Sale.

**Hours 6.00 Number of members 4 In-Kind Donations \$15.00**

6. **Dover History Walk**

**GFWC Dover Woman's Club**

GFWC Dover Area Woman's Club took a one hour walking tour sponsored by the Chamber. The purpose was to learn about Dover history and to research potential projects for our Club.

**Hours 1.00 Number of members 1 Dollars donated \$10.0**

7. **Craft supplies for Riverside Rest Home**

**GFWC Dover Area Woman's Club**

During 2022 GFWC Dover Area Woman's Club members collected books, puzzles, puzzle books, craft items and ribbon. The craft items included: colored paper, beads, crayons, glue, markers and cord.

Riverside has an activity committee that can use craft items all the time. They will be appreciated and used. **Hours 15 Number of members 8 In-Kind Donations \$185.00**

8. **Woody Entertainment**

**Nashaway Women's Club**

Woody Entertainment was our program for our Christmas program and luncheon. He had all singing Christmas songs and dancing at the Nashua Country Club.

**Hours 23 Number of members 17 Dollars donated \$150.00**

9. **Craft Day**

**Women's Club of Somersworth**

Club members and one guest spent a good part of the day making items to sell at a craft fair in December. We worked on 5 different projects and enjoyed lunch of leftovers from the Seacoast District meeting.

**Hours 17.5 Number of members 7 In-Kind Donations \$75.00**

10. **Quilts of Valor**

**Lisbon - Friends in Council**

A Quilt of Valor® (QOV) is a quality, handmade quilt that is machine or hand quilted. It is awarded to a Service Member or Veteran who has been touched by war. The Quilt says unequivocally, "Thank you for your service and sacrifice in serving our nation." Our Club was excited to work together to make and donate our own QOV to this wonderful charity.

**Hours 100.00 Number of members 3 In-Kind Donations \$100.00**



**GFWC-NH – Arts and Culture**

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**Quilts of Valor** – Lisbon Friends in Council's project has been selected by the Co-Chairs of Arts in Culture NH for the Club Creativity Award.

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**Hours 100.00 Number of members 3 In-Kind Donations 100.00**



## **GFWC-NH – Civic Engagement and Outreach**

### **Top Ten Projects 2022**

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Totals of Top 10: HOURS: 3,698, Dollars Donated: \$57,635.00 In-kind: \$61,597.00 Dollars Raised: \$13,347.00

1. The president of the **Exeter Area GFWC Club**, Exeter, NH, chose **Food Insecurity** as her President's Project. She chose five nonprofit, 501© 3 seacoast organizations as recipients of a cash donation of \$1000.00 each and arranged with each for the club to provide hands-on work. Gather, St. Vincent de Paul, Seacoast Family Promise, End 68 Hours of Hunger and New Generation were the chosen nonprofits. Gather is an outdoor, mobile food mart. Vans travel to central points along the seacoast to offer nutrition packed food to low-income families/individuals. Gather offers fresh produce and a food pantry. 18 Club members volunteered to assist to pass out food for a combined 77 hours. St. Vincent de Paul supports citizens and families facing food insecurity. Members held a food drive at a local grocery store, informing shoppers of St Vincent and asking for food donations. 15 members worked for 28 hours to fill the St. Vincent van. Seacoast Family Promise is transitional housing for those families suffering from food insecurity and homelessness. 5 members assisted staff with cleaning up the yard and the children's play area. Toiletries valued at \$160 were donated, along with essentials for toddlers at a value of \$307.00. New Generation is emergency transitional housing supporting homeless pregnant women or those with babies. Their immediate needs last spring were Birthday Bags. Club members filled 12 bags with age appropriate books, toys, birthday celebration items valued at \$270.00, 24 hours. End 68 Hours of Hunger supplies food to a child at school on Friday to take home and eat throughout the weekend – 68 hours! Members collected, sorted, stacked on shelves, packed into packs at the main facility and delivered to schools. 8 members spent 55 hours. 36 members, 194 hours, \$5000.00 dollars donated, \$737.00 InKind
2. **Hollis Women's Club** has a special project called "**Service Sisters**." Each month they choose a project that will aid their community. April, 2022, they planted bulbs as part of an Arbor Day ceremony. In October, 30 members gathered to sign holiday cards for the Holliscards4MilitaryChallenge. In November, 20 Service Sisters worked at the NH Food Bank. December's project supported a local family in need of basic items for the holiday. 90 Members, 70 hours, \$250 donated, \$900. InKind
3. 12 Members of the **Exeter Area GFWC Club** held a fun and purposeful workshop to decorate **Christmas Stockings for Women Veterans**. Four members had recently joined the club and one woman walked into the workshop, participated in the project and joined the club that evening! This was an opportunity to get to know each other and to experience one of the many hands-on projects that the club accomplishes. Stockings were decorated with shaped buttons, felt, appliques. The Program Manager of the VA Medical Center of Manchester, NH, supplied a list of the top 5 most needed products for the women, which were purchased or knit by members. Members stuffed each stocking with a hand-knit hat and scarf, a pair of heavy wool socks and a holiday themed pair of socks, a large container of Aveeno hand/body lotion, Chapstick, a bag of Lindt truffles, a hand-written holiday card. 110 stockings were stuffed! Additionally, \$500.00 in grocery gift cards were given for the women veterans. Following Christmas, stockings at very reduced prices were purchased by members and now waiting for next year. 36 members, 636 hours, \$500. Dollars donated, \$3305.00 InKind
4. **Candia Community Women's Club** "**Stitching Up the World**", ongoing knitting and sewing project, has become well-known throughout New Hampshire. The knitters and seamstresses work year-round to provide, hats, mittens, scarves, sweaters, dresses – which are donated to nonprofit organizations such as the Nashua Children's Home, Shepard's Way food pantry, project Linus, Families in Transition. 1827 hours, \$10,713 InKind, \$10,000 in additional yarn donations.

5. The **Salem Women's Club** continued their **TOTE (Transitional Opportunities to Evolve) program** with Family Promise, a residential facility that houses homeless families and provides support to assist them to rejoin the community with job skills, financial advice and education opportunities and furnishings for a new home when possible. Their program included the following highlights: 1. Members donated a monthly meal, purchasing and bringing the food to Family Promise facility, where it was cooked and prepared while interacting with the residents. The club served 600 meals in a 10 month period at the cost of \$220 per meal (all InKind) 2. The club worked with Family Promise to design and decorate their family room. 3. All club outreach was displayed on FP website, Salem Area Face Book page and Salem and Nashua town sites. 4. Members donated clothing and furniture for those residents moving out of transition. 5. For the holidays, members took the name and wish list of a resident (adults and children) of Family Promise and provided gifts to all. 85 members, 242 hours, \$5700. InKind Donations
6. **Hollis Woman's Club** lit up their community with the **Annual Luminaria Stroll**, an all-day event organized and sponsored by the club, with ALL labor by the club, to celebrate the holidays and encourage the community to joyously gather. The event was comprised of a gingerbread house contest, lighting the luminaria all over the town center, chili supper at a central church, craft vendors at Town Hall, lighted truck and tractor parade, photos with Santa, cookie sales (baked by club and sold in fancy boxes), town band concert at the High School in the evening. \$1300. was raised for the club's scholarship fund. 90 members, 100 Hours, \$1400.00 Dollars Donated, \$250. InKind
7. The **Portsmouth Women's City Club** **renovated the kitchen and upstairs of their historic house** in downtown Portsmouth, NH. They were selected by the local Rotary as the recipient for hands-on assistance and financial donations. Rotarians and club members worked together for three months doing such tasks as gutting the kitchen ceiling, removal of the kitchen floor, painting the kitchen cabinets, walls, trim and radiators, installing a new roof, electrical repairs, gardening and landscaping. The home needed this work in order to keep it safe, up-to-code and up-to-date so renters will continue to live there - providing funds for the club to maintain the home. The Rotary Club valued their work at \$30,000. Members volunteered 125 hours working weekends. 90 Members, Dollars Donated: \$50,000, InKind: \$30,000.
8. The **Hudson Women's Club** is a valuable and trusted part of the **town's election machinery!** They sponsored a Candidates' Night prior to the 2022 March election. They assisted the Moderator in collating the pages of the town ballot and then counted school and town ballots in piles of 50 to verify the number of votes. Following the March election, members met at Town Hall to reconcile voter books and tally ballots marked by hand. Members were also asked to assist in a recount. The club was paid by the town for these duties and earned money by providing dinners to poll workers and a bake sale. 36 Members, 335 hours, \$600.00 InKind, \$2047.00 Dollars raised
9. The **Greenland Women's Club's** **Holiday Giving Committee** organized **Home Visits** for 20 homebound residents, giving each a gift bag with useful items such as tissues, flashlights, tea, candies. Grocery gift cards were also given. 35 members, 100 hours, \$485.00 Dollars Donated, \$512.00 InKind.
10. **Candia Women's Club** joined forces with the Cub/Boy Scouts by organizing a community food drive, **"Scouting for Food"**. The scouts mailed a flyer to all residents of Candia to inform them of the event and the items most needed for the Candia Food Pantry. The following week, the scouts/families drove around town and picked up the donated items, delivering them to the food pantry. Candia club members, scouts and families then sorted, dated, and stocked the food pantry with all donations. 2,940 items were collected. 14 members, 72 hours, \$8,820.00 InKind



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### **GFWC-NH Portsmouth Women's City Club, NH – Creativity Award Project**

#### **Holiday Market**

The GFWC-NH Portsmouth Women's City Club owns a historic house in downtown Portsmouth, NH, which is their club house. They rent rooms to allow them to maintain the house. Special fundraisers are also necessary to help with repairs. In November 2022, the Portsmouth Women's City Club hosted their first Holiday Market. The holiday market concept came to be as the club had members who had requested to do "pop-up" sales for their crafts and businesses. The club decided to hold an annual event and invite the public to attend. The PWCC main floor held 12 vendors, a bake table and Lottery Trees. Members donated 50 + lottery scratch tickets and secured them onto 4 trees made from foam cones with the tickets attached with large pins. All vendors had to purchase a \$50.00 Hannaford grocery gift card to secure a table. The gift cards were donated to Operation Blessing to help purchase Thanksgiving meal foods. Operation Blessing delivers Thanksgiving baskets to low-income housing residents in Portsmouth as well as those in senior housing in the city. Members baked items for the bake sale and the club held a raffle for our Lottery Trees. The Lottery Tree funds went to house reserves to help with ongoing maintenance and projects to maintain the house. Vendor fees: \$600.00 on Hannaford gift cards that were donated to Operation Blessing. Bake Sale: \$540.00 donated to Operation Blessing Lottery Trees: \$600.00 – These funds went to house reserves to help with ongoing maintenance.

Hours: 87 Number of members: 25 Dollars Donated: \$1140.00 (combination of vendor fees and bake sale)  
InKind Donations: \$500.00





## **GFWC-NH Education and Libraries**

### **Top Ten Projects 2022**

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#### **1. Salem Area Women's Club GFWC-NH : Stay Warm and Read :**

Salem Area Women's Club's Education & Libraries Committee worked in collaboration with two local businesses to collect, clean, and donate winter clothing for families in need in Salem. Items collected were donated to the Salem End 68 Hours of Hunger program and Isaiah 58. We collected hundreds of hats, scarves, mittens, and coats. This project started as a "stay warm and read" initiative, and the book donations will be delivered in spring. As part of this collaborative project, the Education and Libraries Committee handled advertising this clothing drive through social media posts and placing flyers around town.

**Hours 24. Number of members 15. In Kind Donations \$1000.**

#### **2. Hudson Women's Club. Read Across America:**

Hudson Women's Club Members celebrated Read Across America Day at their March Meeting. The Library director spoke on her plans and progress at Rodgers Memorial Library. Members brought books for a book exchange. A Cat in the Hat frame was available for selfies, and it was then donated to the Children's Room at the Library. Members were invited to bring Dr. Seuss books or other books for a "book bag" project, and thirty two "book bags" were assembled at the March meeting. We delivered them to Lamprey Health in Nashua, NH. to be used in the pediatric waiting room. Each gallon plastic bag contained a reading book, coloring book and crayons. These books were distributed by the staff at Lamprey Health to their youngest patients, some of them just learning to read or learning English.

**Hours 25. # of members 26. In-Kind Donations- \$245.00.**

#### **3. Women's Club of Concord ("WCC") . Enrichment program and book club at the Women's Correctional Facility:**

Before COVID, Women's Club of Concord ("WCC") offered a monthly enrichment program and book club at the Women's Correctional Facility. Members encouraged women there to their complete their high school diploma by taking the High School Equivalency Test (HiSet). They offer Funding to pay for the HiSet tests through the WCC Opportunity Fund. In addition, they also encouraged women to go for training that will help them to develop self-sufficiency skills. WCC members were invited to speak at the Corrections High School Graduation. The Opportunity Fund used \$6729 to help these women with training and to pay for exams when needed. 2 full \$1500 scholarships went to women pursuing education in the medical field, two awards went to incarcerated women at an in-house cosmetology program. Post COVID WCC plans to resume programming at the prison

**Hours 50. # of members 50. Dollars donated \$6729.00.**

#### **4. GFWC Hudson Women's Club. Open House at Schoolhouse #9:**

GFWC Hudson Women's Club members hosted an Open House at Schoolhouse #9 on the Saturday of Hudson Old Home Days weekend in August. Members promoted this event via Facebook, Hudson Town Cable, flyers, and signage outside the historic school. The Hudson Old Home Days Committee also helped by including it in their promotions. *The #9 School was the ninth one room school to be built in Hudson. Our work with this schoolhouse in the past earned our club the State 2021 Creativity Award in this category. It was built in 1886. Children from grades one through eight were taught in one room, without electricity, with a wood stove for heat, and with an outhouse in the nearby shed. In 2018, the GFWC Hudson Women's Club chose to help to renovate the school as a legacy project.* In addition to helping give tours for the annual third grade Hudson History Tours, club members hosted tours for the public to coincide with the annual Old Home Days weekend. Various activity stations included: writing with chalk on slates, writing using a fountain pen and ink well, playing Jacobs Ladder, marbles, viewing the large prints of classes from the 1900s, giving talks about the school's history. Young and old loved their visits. It was especially gratifying to host children who missed out on their third grade field trips due to COVID. Club members also served refreshments, including lemonade and water and their famous molasses cookies! We also promoted our club and had several women take a brochure and show interest in joining. **Hours 24. # of Members 6. In-Kind donations \$30.**

**5. Salem Area Women's Club GFWC-NH : Wonder Books:**

The Salem Area Woman's Club in coordination with the Salem Lions Club each presented a \$1,000 check to the Kelley Library to buy Wonder Books for the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Program. These books are designed with a special audio chip that reads the story to the children.

**Hours 5. # of members 4. Dollars donated \$1000.**

**6. Greenland Women's Club. Eagle Scout Project:** Greenland Women's Club has long supported those Scouts working on their Eagle Scout Project. This year we donated \$500 towards the Eagle Scout Project of Scout, Max Murdach, who designed and built an outdoor pergola on the grounds of the Greenland Central School to be used as outdoor classroom space.

**Hours 2.5. # of members 3. Dollars donated \$500.**

**7. Hollis Woman's Club. School Nurses Supplies:**

Hollis Woman's Club collected items for the nurses of primary schools to have such supplies on hand to distribute (socks, under ware, juice boxes, snacks) as well as making a monetary contribution of \$125. This donation was made in recognition that often children go to school hungry and cold-an environment that makes it more than difficult for them to learn.

**Hours- 25. # of members 92. Dollars donated. \$125. In-Kind Donations \$200.**

**8. GFWC Dover Area Woman's Club. Book Club:**

GFWC Dover Area Woman met monthly for Book Club during 2022. A book was chosen by various Club member be read. We found a Zoom Book Club most convenient for members. An open conversation of important elements of the book were discussed, and opinions shared. Not all the same conclusions were drawn. Some of the books that we enjoyed during 2022 were : "The Last of the Moon Girls", "The Keeper of Happy Endings ", "The Sunflower Sisters "and "This is the Way it Always Is", We have tried various authors and subjects. We will continue the Book Club to promote educational and interesting reading and discussions.

**Hours 78. Members 8.**

**9. GFWC Hudson Women's Club Scholarships:**

GFWC Hudson Women's Club is proud to award three scholarships each year to graduating seniors in high school, The Gail Linck Memorial Scholarship for \$1200 and the Hudson Junior Women's Club Scholarship for \$1000. Hudson Women's club awards an additional annual scholarship, this year with a special meaning: a \$500 Vet Tech scholarship used to be awarded to a senior who participated in the veterinarian studies at Alvirne High School's Wilbur Palmer Career and Technical Education Center. That scholarship was renamed the Linda Kipnes Memorial Veterinary Scholarship in honor of one of our most active, dedicated, beloved members who passed away in 2021. Sadly, Linda unexpectedly passed away after surgery on the day before the 2021 Rabies Vaccination Clinic .Linda had brought our club together with the vet tech students and a local animal hospital to host an annual Rabies Vaccination Clinic, which is always popular and a great fundraiser for us. For the first time, the Linda Kipnes Memorial Veterinary Scholarship in the new amount of \$1000 was awarded in 2022.

**Hours 30. # of members 3. Dollars spent \$2200.**

**10. Dover Area Woman's Club. Teen Supplies:** In 2022 GFWC Dover Area Woman's Club collected and donated school supplies to Dover Children's Home. Dover Children's Home is a non-profit residential home for teens. Teens are removed from their homes because of various socio- economic reasons and placed at Dover Children's Home by the state. We were given a list of specific school items needed by their staff. The items donated were : Backpacks with bottle holders, water bottles, markers, pens, pencils, binders and sharpies. While at Dover Children's Home , residents attend the local school like every other teen.

**Hours 15. # of Members 14. Dollars Spent \$525.**



**GFWC-NH Education and Libraries  
Club Creativity Entry Award Entry 2022**  
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**SALEM AREA WOMEN'S CLUB GFWC-NH**

**Stay Warm and Read**

Salem Area Women's Club's Education & Libraries Committee worked in collaboration with two local businesses to collect, clean, and donate winter clothing for families in need in Salem. Items collected were donated to the Salem End 68 Hours of Hunger (a community-wide program that helps to feed hungry students when away from school on weekends, days off and vacations) program and Isaiah 58 (a community- wide program to assist the homeless and needy with food, clothing and shelter).

The Salem Club collected hundreds of hats, scarves, mittens, and coats. This project started as a "stay warm and read" initiative with distributing the clothing to recipients during cold weather and the book donations taking part in spring. As part of this collaborative project, the Education and Libraries Committee handled advertising for this clothing drive through social media posts and placing flyers around town.

Joining forces with Salem's business community on this project put focus on the Salem Women's Club as an active member of the "business" community of Salem. This collaboration is now counted on to lend a helping hand that engages with local businesses as together they make a needed difference in the town of Salem!

**Hours 24: Number of members 15: In Kind Donations \$1000.**





## **GFWC-NH – Environment** **Chairmen's Report 2022**

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### **1. Butterfly Garden**

#### **GFWC Hudson Women's Club**

Members of the GFWC Hudson Women's Club created the Butterfly Garden at Benson Park in Hudson 13 years ago and have maintained it ever since with monthly work days from April through October. The Butterfly Garden chairman belongs to Benson's landscape committee and keeps the club connected to the park. The club purchased two serviceberry trees in memory of women who started and nurtured the Butterfly Garden through its early years, Barbara Habina and Linda Kipnes. Serviceberries are native small trees that will provide multi-season food and color. With help from Benson Park volunteers, dead trees were removed. The two new trees were planted before a very dry summer, so members watered regularly. After a nearby pond dried up, members hauled in water jugs and kept the trees alive. Members transplanted milkweed and planted milkweed seeds, but still have a way to go to return to the usual milkweed population in this certified Monarch Way Station. Members contributed to the Benson Park Fun Day, organized by one member who is a part of the Friends of Benson Park. Monthly tasks include weeding in the beds and on paths, planting bulbs or plants, removal of invasive species and poison ivy, cutting back plants, staining the pergola and finally being rewarded by plants that actually climbed the posts to the top! A Butterfly Garden poster at the book kiosk at Hannaford during May allowed shoppers to choose a book and donate to the Butterfly Garden. Hours 70, 26 Members, Dollars raised \$55.00, Dollars spent \$430.00 In-Kind Donations \$30.00

### **2. Trex Plastic Recycling Challenge and Candia Community Dedication**

#### **Candia Community Woman's Club**

CCWC involves Candia in recycling soft plastics. Drop off bins are placed in town for soft plastics/films like paper towel wrappers, bread /veggie/store bags, bubble wrap, and other plastic films. CCWC members regularly empty collection bins, sort, weigh, drop off and log the totals to collect 500 lbs of soft plastic within a six-month span. Trex recycles these plastics into benches, awarding the club a bench at the end of the challenge. CCWC donated a Trex bench from the Trex Plastic Recycling Program to the dedication of the New Boston Town Road Forest project. The project, organized by the Candia Conservation Committee was in memory of Candia Town Road Agent. CCWC created a plaque that included a quote for the bench requested by the family. The bench was dedicated to the family and Town of Candia during the ceremony by CCWC members. Hours 59.00. Number of members 4 In-Kind Donations \$600.00

### **3. Rabies Clinic**

#### **GFWC Hudson Women's Club**

The Rabies Clinic was a cooperative effort between the GFWC Hudson Women's Club, the Alvirne Veterinary Science students and staff, the town Animal Control Officer, and the staff of Hudson Animal Hospital. They met at Alvirne High School to plan the day. People and pets entered the Veterinary Science area through a garage entrance, then through a hallway with student displays. GFWC members filled out forms with pet parents, and students took care of animal contact. 125 cats and dogs received vaccines at a cost of \$15 each. Hudson Animal Hospital donated vaccines and tags, valued at over \$400, as well as vaccination certificates, and the veterinarian donated her time. One member created a sign to help direct the public to this GFWC event. Flyers were published on Facebook and printed and distributed to veterinary offices, pet food stores, and other locations. The Clinic was advertised in a mailing to dog owners from the town. The club sent an edible arrangement to the Hudson Animal Hospital in thanks. We also gave a \$1000 Scholarship to a graduating senior from the Alvirne Veterinary Science program. A \$100 gift card was donated to the Hudson Animal Control Officer for purchase of supplies, and members donated used blankets and towels as well as kitty litter. Hours 37.00 Number of members 26 Dollars donated \$1200.00 In-Kind Donations \$410.0

**4. Planting Seeds for Students**

**GFWC Dover Area Woman's Club**

GFWC Dover Area Woman's Club theme is "Planting Seeds of Friendship and Service Throughout Our Community." After the Club's annual plant sale, members brought their unsold plants home. The club had watched for opportunities to reengage with schools after Covid. When a teacher asked on a community Facebook page, for houseplants to brighten up her classroom, the Dover club responded with plant photos and made arrangements to transport plants to the original classroom and more. The teachers' thank you says it all: "You are a huge blessing! Everyone raved over the plants. The mother of spider plants is now in our school library and some kids were so excited about it that the librarian allowed some kids to take home some babies to grow plants of their own."

Hours 4.00 Number of members 14 In-Kind Donations \$300.00

**5. Recycling K-Cups**

**Exeter Area GFWC**

Exeter club members recycled their used K-cups at a local Subaru collection site. Subaru partners with Terracycle, a company that uses items that are not allowed in town recycling bins. They repurpose these items and produce outdoor furniture and playground equipment, some donated to communities.

Hours 15.00 Number of members 3

**6. Donation to Clean Air Task Force—**

**GFWC Girls in Action-Juniorettes, Exeter NH**

Girls in Action donated \$250 to the Clean Air Task Force to support the environment.

1 hour, 14 members, \$250 donated

**7. Give Plastic Bags Another Use!**

**GFWC Dover Area Woman's Club**

Throughout 2022, GFWC Dover Area Woman's Club donated recycled plastic bags to End 68 Hours of Hunger, Dover Food Pantry and to grocery stores.

Hours 15.00 Number of members 14

**8. Adopt a Pot**

**GFWC Dover Area Woman's Club**

All year, this club updated gardens at Riverside Rest Home. The Club continued its "Adopt A Pot" theme using six planters and small gardens. Members adopted a pot and donated plants. This idea was to involve more members. Memorial Day saw multi colored plants with flags and pinwheels. In fall, planters contained mums, kale, and pumpkins. Holiday planters were filled with greens, red berries, and dried allium sprayed silver. Members used fresh plants or items recycled from their yards. Gardens and planters are at the main entrance so all residents, visitors and staff can enjoy them.

Hours 30.00 Number of members 14 Dollars donated \$0.00 In-Kind Donations \$260.00

**9. NH Adopt A Highway Program**

**Candia Community Women's Club**

Members of the Candia Community Woman's Club cleaned up litter along the 3 mile stretch from Exit 3 to the Candia Post Office. 82 bags of trash/litter were collected during the year. This project is part of the State of NH's Adopt a Highway Program and is coordinated 4 times a year to keep our Candia roads clear of litter.

Hours 41.00 Number of members 14

**10. Guiding Eyes for the Blind Program and Donation**

**Nashaway Women's Club**

Bill Leblanc brought his seeing eye dog to a meeting and explained the process of training a dog for the program.

Hours 8.00 Number of members 8 Dollars donated \$150.00



**GFWC-NH – Environment**  
**Club Creativity Award Report 2022**

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**Trex Plastic Recycling Challenge and Candia Community Dedication**  
**Candia Community Woman's Club, Candia, NH**

The Candia Community Woman's Club brings awareness to the Candia community about the importance of recycling soft plastics. Collection bins are placed in town for the community to drop off soft plastics from items like wrappers from paper towels and vegetables, bread bags, bubble wrap, store bags, and other plastic films. Multiple times a week CCWC members empty the collection bins, sort through, weigh, drop off and log the totals to collect 500 pounds of soft plastic within a six-month span. This project is so well received by the community that the club usually collects its 500-pound total within a few months. Trex uses these plastics to recycle into their benches and awards the club a bench at the end of the challenge. The Candia Community Woman's Club donated a Trex bench that was earned from their Trex Plastic Recycling Program to the dedication of the New Boston Town Road Forest project. This event/project was organized by the Candia Conservation Committee in memory of the Candia Town Road Agent, Dennis Lewis. The Candia Community Woman's Club created a plaque that included a quote requested by Dennis's wife for the front of the bench. The bench was dedicated to the Lewis family and Town of Candia during the ceremony by CCWC members.

Hours 59.00. Number of members 4 In-Kind Donations \$600.00



## **GFWC NH – Health and Wellness** **Top Ten Projects 2022**

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### **1. Raised Bed Gardens**

#### **GFWC Somersworth Area Women's Club**

The Woman's Club of Somersworth donated money to establish a raised bed garden for a senior living building. This location did not have any outdoor space. Now residents can be outside to socialize and exercise while tending the gardens which includes fresh herbs and vegetables.

**Hours:** 2.00 **Dollars** donated: \$700.00

### **2. Caregivers Support**

#### **Salem Area Women's Club-GFWC NH**

GFWC Salem Area Woman's Club partnered with the Greater Salem Caregivers at their annual fundraising event. The Caregivers volunteers work in the community helping homebound adults and elders maintain their independence by providing services such as transportation to medical appointments, grocery shopping and friendly visiting. After an evaluation, Caregivers staff provide referrals to appropriate agencies, assistance in locating services and support for adult working children trying to balance both work and family commitments. They host an annual fundraising event which Salem Club members attended. The Salem Club donated \$350.00 plus a raffle item with a value of \$150.00. Attending members paid \$50.00 and purchased raffle tickets.

**Hours:** 60.00 **Dollars** donated: \$350.00 **In-Kind Donations:** \$150.00

### **3. Twenty-One Senses- Inclusion, Education, Support**

#### **GFWC Dover Area Woman's Club**

GFWC DAWC partnered with the local Chamber of Commerce and Twenty–One Senses to run the first Calm Space/Family Respite Area at Apple Harvest Day. This event attracts 60,000 people. The vision of Twenty-One Senses, founded in 2018, is for an educated and inclusive community that helps children struggling with differences through a lens of humility and compassion. The mission is to teach communities to support the inclusion, dignity, and wellbeing of the 17% of people living with sensory disabilities. Sensory disabilities affect how the brain translates senses, causing an over or under reaction based on environment. The designated space enabled them to relax and re-regulate and go back to the festivities. Ear plugs and ear phones were available. We clustered quieter activities toward the back and set up a balance board, loungers, rocking/butterfly/swivel chairs, hammocks, and wiggle seat. There were tables for chess, Legos, sensory tables filled with rice, yoga mat and play tent. Other activities included a coloring table with crayons, puzzles, games, and books. The space included a changing station and nursing tent. We monitored the area and talked with parents. Many shared their appreciation of the area, joining in with the coloring and kicked back, relaxing in the chairs. It was rewarding to see how the children liked the area and the calming effect it had on everyone. All members learned much from this all day project. We feel we made a difference in our community.

**Hours:** 61.00 **In-Kind Donations:** \$75.00

### **4. Warm Clothes for Cold Weather BRRR**

#### **Woman's Club of Concord, NH**

Woman's Club of Concord collected warm items for the woman of Shea Farm with donations from the December Holiday Party. They collected 50+ items including warm socks, hats, gloves, scarves, tights, a blanket and slippers. The women at Shea Farm are finishing prison sentences. Part of their parole recommendation includes the ability to find and keep a job. However, they cannot drive. Shea Farm is located away from any business in the South End. In warmer weather, some ride bicycles but the cold and dark months, the walk to work can be tough. The donations help weather the cold.

**In-Kind Donations:** \$300.00

5. **Every Child Deserves a Family**

**Salem Area Women's Club-GFWC NH**

There are over 5 million orphans in Tanzania and Kenya. These children face hunger, abandonment, abuse and death. "Kulea" is Swahili for "to raise up" and a Swahili speaker will understand that the object is to raise up children. Salem Area Women's Club became aware of the Kulea Childcare Villages Organization's needs and efforts through a Club member and donated to the Kulea Childcare Villages.

**Hours:** 4.00      **Dollars Donated:** \$250.00

6. **A World Without Alzheimer's and Dementia**

**Salem Area Women's Club-GFWC-NH**

The Alzheimer's Association is the leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer's care, support and research. It leads the way to end Alzheimer's and all other dementia-by accelerating global research driving risk reduction and early detection. At the meeting, our Club proudly presented a check for \$1,000 in appreciation for a local assisted living facility who sponsored and supplied lunch for 50 members at our Annual Meeting and Installation.

**Hours:** 2      **Dollars Donated:** \$1,000.00

7. **Sewing Project for Child Voice/Thrive**

**Exeter Area GFWC**

Child Voice International invests in the future of war affected children and youth through sustainable interventions, research, collaboration, and advocacy. Project Thrive provides reusable menstrual kits and educates them about health and emotional wellness. Members donated fabric, prepping, made templates and sewing kits. Krista Brown, Donor Relations and Outreach Coordinator, spoke at the club meeting in May. A donation of club funds was made to Child Voice and is reflected in the donations report dollars

**Hours:** 21      **Dollars Donated:** \$1,500.00

8. **Everyone Deserves a Happy Life**

**Salem Area Woman's Club-GFWC-NH**

Center for Life Management (CLM) provides a comprehensive suite of mental health and substance use services, psychiatric treatment, acute care, medication services, emergency intervention, and family support services for individuals and families. They work closely with a variety of regional health and human services providers to ensure mental health care is comprehensive, integrated and community based. SAWC supports this CLM through a sponsor donation for their annual event-a concert and silent auction at "Tupelo". 12 Members attended, some purchased additional tickets.

**Hours:** 20      **Dollars Donated:** \$1,500.00

9. **Cereal Box Challenge**

**Candia Community Woman's Club**

The Candia Community Woman's Club teamed with Candia Kids Care (community service group at Henry W. Moore School) and organized a cereal box challenge to support the Candia Food Pantry. 165 boxes of cereal were collected and they were lined up like dominos in the middle of the school hallways. All the students gathered in the hallway and watched as the cereal was toppled over in a domino effect. This was a huge success. The student of Candia Kids Care then packed up the cereal and donated it to the Candia Food Bank.

**Hours:** 4      **In Kind Donations:** \$600.00

10. **Weekend Backpack Program**

**Candia Community Woman's Club**

This program helps children and families in need of food/snacks for the weekend. Backpacks are sent home or picked up each Friday for students who sign up for the program. Many backpacks were donated by the community and are filled with items such as snacks/veggies/cereal/mac and cheese, hygiene items, etc. weekly. Monthly communication is also had with the school counselor and nurse.

**Hours:** 55      **In Kind Donations:** \$600.00



## **GFWC NH – Health and Wellness Creativity Award 2022**

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The Health and Wellness Chairmen chose a project by GFWC NH Dover Area Woman's Club.

### **Twenty-One Senses-Inclusion, Education, Support GFWC Dover Area Woman's Club**

The club women embraced this project with very little knowledge. They saw the benefits of this project first hand. It is important for society to realize not every screaming child needs discipline. There are many people who cannot control themselves when over-stimulated.

The Club partnered with the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce and Twenty-One Senses to run the first ever Calm Space/Family Respite Area at our annual fall Apple Harvest Day festival. Apple Harvest Day attracts 60,000+ people. It is lots of fun but it also is very crowded and very noisy.

Twenty-One-Senses was founded in 2018. This nonprofit's vision is for an educated and inclusive community that helps children struggling with differences through a lenses of humility and compassion. Their mission is to teach communities to support the inclusion, dignity, and well-being of the 17% of people living with sensory disabilities. These disabilities affect how the brain translates senses, causing an over or under reaction based on the environment. Twenty-One-Senses calming spaces help those who might need to leave because of sensory overload. The designated space enabled them to relax and re-regulate and go back to the festivities. Ear plugs and ear phones were available. Quieter activities were clustered toward the back. There was a balance board, rocker lounger, rocking chair, butterfly chairs, child's hammocks, orbital rocking lounger, swivel chairs, and wiggle seat. There were tables for chess and Legos, sensory tables filled with rice, yoga mat, and a play tent. Other activities included a coloring table with crayons, puzzles, games and books. The space included a changing station and nursing tent that many mothers so appreciated. Club members monitored the area and talked with parents. Many shared their appreciation of the area, joining in the coloring, and kicked back, relaxing in the chairs. It was rewarding to see how much the children liked the area and the calming effect it had on everyone. Club members learned much from this all day project. We feel we made a difference in the lives of members of the greater Dover community.

As chairmen, we feel this is a worthy creativity award. This is a wonderful way for clubwomen all over NH to educate their communities regarding overstimulation in all age groups. A majority of the clubs sponsor large community events. Wouldn't it be wonderful for more clubs to learn about Twenty -One Senses?

**Hours:** 61.00

**In Kind Donations:** \$75.00



## **GFWC-NH – Communications and Public Relations**

### **Top Ten Projects 2022**

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#### **1. Jazz Disciples Concert** **Exeter Area GFWC**

The Jazz Disciples Concert was a fundraiser for this club. They held a concert and used more than 4 aspects of communication for this project: a Radio Interview, Newspaper, Social Media posts on Facebook and direct email outreach. At the event itself the president spoke and had brochures and information about the club to pass out.

#### **2. Raffle Quilt.** **Lisbon Friends in Council**

The club members, who love to quilt, made a quilt for a raffle. They sold tickets at the local farmers market. They staffed a table at the Farmers Market and promoted their club as well as well as their fundraiser.

#### **3. New Website Design** **Salem Area Women's Club**

Salem Area Women's Club GFWC-NH started a new website which promotes their club and includes password protected sections for the members.

#### **4. New Website Design** **Candia Community Woman's Club**

Candia Community Woman's Club started a new website which promotes their club and includes password protected sections for the members.

#### **5. Club Golf Shirts with logos** **GFWC Dover Area Woman's Club**

GFWC Dover Area Woman's club order new shirts with GFWC logo and their club name. Members voted to choose white short sleeved golf style shirts – which are worn at all their events, as well as everyday to open conversations and bring name recognition to their club.

#### **6. Old Home Days** **Candia Community Woman's Club**

This club rented a table at Candia's Old Home Days to bring awareness to the community about their club, including a raffle and snow cone sales.

#### **7. Publicity for GFWC Hudson** **GFWC Hudson Women's Club**

In addition to their newsletter and their Facebook page, which are regularly updated, they also shared their club events on the Hudson Cable channel, as Hudson no longer has a newspaper. At the holidays they joined with other local non-profits to share a video on the Hudson Cable TV channel with Holiday greetings.

#### **8. Spread the Word** **Salem Area Women's Club GFWC-NH–**



This GFWC club took 2 full page ads in the Greater Salem Chamber Annual Magazine and Community Directory detailing the story of what GFWC is on local, state and international levels. This magazine is mailed to more than 30,000 households in the area.

#### **9. Plant Sale/Club Promotion**

##### **GFWC Dover Area Woman's Club –**

During the spring this club promoted their club at their annual plant sale with a membership table with handouts and signage about their events and projects, as well as mingling with potential members from the community.

*Special recognition to GFWC Girls in Action Juniores in Exeter, NH –  
This group of young members used monies they received from a GFWC-NH mini grant  
allowing them to design and purchase a sign  
identifying their club and what it stands for.*



#### **GFWC-NH – Communications and Public Relation Club Creativity Award 2022**

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#### **Old Home Day**

##### **Candia Community Woman's Club**

Candia Community Woman's Club rented a table at the annual Candia's Old Home Day to bring awareness to the community about their club, including a raffle and snow cone sales.

Creativity involved using the sale to get people to come to their table to purchase a snow cone or raffle ticket and then also hear about the wonderful things their club is doing in the community.





## **GFWC Leadership Advancement Plan** **GFWC-NH Top Ten Projects 2022**

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### **1. Obtaining Our 501(c)(3) status**

#### **GFWC Dover Area Woman's Club**

GFWC Dover Area Woman's Club filed for our 501(c)(3) status . Data for the IRS 1023 long form was researched and collected, and required forms filled out and filed. It took many hours of collecting information and filling out the forms with attachments. We wanted to make sure all information was correct and would be accepted by the IRS. We finally received our 501.c3 status in June 2022. This will help us in the future with fundraisers and reaching out to other non- profit organizations.

**Hours 100.00 Number of members 2 Dollars spent \$600.00**

### **2. Leading SAWC**

#### **Salem Area Women's Club-GFWC New Hampshire**

The Board of Directors are the leaders who serve as the governing body of SAWC, providing strong organizational structure and focus on our Club's mission. Their primary duties are working on strategy, setting goals and objectives, overseeing programs and activities, and actively managing risks. It is comprised of the five Officers elected by the membership as well as the Club's Committee Chairs, who have passion and experience that supports their committee's respective objectives and the Club's overall mission statement. The Board currently consists of 15 very dedicated members, providing for the broad representation and diversity of not only our membership, but also our five core areas of Community Service. We meet monthly to discuss matters the nonprofit. Board discussions provide varied perspectives as the board votes and makes decisions. In 2022, we had 12 BOD meetings. In July, we held a new Board Orientation/Retreat with an independent consultant facilitating. The Directors were provided with Binders filled with information and tools about both SAWC and GFWC, arming them with a vital resource to be successful in their leadership role.

**Hours 385.00 Number of members 15 Dollars spent \$250.00**

### **3. Baking Spirits Bright- Cookies and Fudge Sale for Dollars for Delegates**

#### **Exeter Area GFWC**

Each year at our Yuletide Craft Fair we sell Cookies and Fudge baked and made by our members. Our busy elves baked 95 dozen cookies and made 30 lbs. of fudge. 23 members donated these treats to sell, and 13 members volunteered to set up and work the day of the fair selling our goodies. The dollars from these sales is earmarked for Dollars for Delegates. We have an increase in members attending state, regional and annual meetings, and this fund has made it more affordable.

**Hours 97.00 Number of members 23 In-Kind Donations \$530.00**

### **4. Strategic Planning**

#### **Woman's Club of Concord**

The Board of WCC led by their Treasurer, embarked on a goal to identify goals for the next 1-3 years. Goals now are: Greater Accessibility to Chamberlin House the club's historic clubhouse, Greater Engagement of WCC members, Increased Diversity of membership to reflect our community more fully. Members are now actively encouraged to participate in these three goals and have fun along the way. With these goals WCC is actively working to make needed repairs and updates to their house using fundraising and grants, create new programs for club (guest speakers, Lunch on the Porch, etc.) and in the community (educational funding for incarcerated women) and started a discussion planning group on diversity with plans to extend Opportunity Grants.

**Hours 50.00 Number of members 5**

**5. GFWC Dover Area Woman's Club Voting**

GFWC Dover Area Woman's Club

GFWC Dover Area Woman's Club members were asked to step up and serve as officers of our Club. The duties of officer positions was readily available. A ballot was prepared for voting the 2022-24 administration and presented thirty days prior to our Meeting. Voting was carried out at our monthly Meeting with a quorum present. There were no nominations from the floor. The results were announced and the new administration congratulated.

**Hours 10.00 Number of members 8**

**6. Club Project Directions & Check Lists**

Candia community Women's club

A detailed written description of each project/event for the Candia Community Woman's Club was created and organized on a Google Drive for easy access for all members. This project will facilitate communication and transitions between members.

**.Hours 36.00 Number of members 1**

**7. President Elect Visit**

Somersworth Woman's Club

Somersworth club members planned and enjoyed a dinner meeting with President Elect Beth Roth at Kelly's Row in April. Beth shared her memories of club member and past state president Ele Janetos, a Somersworth Woman's Club member, who was GFWC-NH President when Beth was Director of GFWC-NH Juniors.

**Hours 20.00 Number of members 10 Dollars spent \$30.00**

**8. Leadership at Work**

Nashaway Woman's Club

9 members attended the GFWC-NH Annual Meeting. Club paid \$1,000 for members to attend. 4 members attended our District meeting.. 2 members served on the By-Laws Committee. 2 members served as co-presidents of the club. 5 members attended a meeting with NH Charitable Foundation. 1 member worked on the club yearbook for and had it printed. Secretary attended each meeting and kept the meeting minutes. 2 members attended the New England Conference. 1 member attended the GFWC Annual Convention. Treasurer spends numerous hours preparing the budget.

**Hours 281.00 Number of members 9 Dollars spent \$2550.00**

**9. GFWC International Convention**

Salem Area Woman's Club GFWC NH

Salem Area Women's Club President, SAWC Parliamentarian and SAWC VP-Elect attended the GFWC International Convention in New Orleans Louisiana. There were workshops on GFWC Affiliate organizations, as well as workshops on how to get club members involved in the Community Service Programs.

**Hours 128.00 Number of members 3**

**10. Getting a Jump on a New Club Year: Meeting Planning, Projects, Activities and Bylaws**

Somersworth Woman's Club

This club's Board spent meeting time reviewing the slate of new officers brought forward by the Nominating Committee. Plans were made for upcoming spring and summer club meetings including our annual meeting, state annual meeting as well as membership activities. . A committee was also established to review and recommend changes to club bylaws to reflect current practices

**.Hours 40.00 Number of members 5**



**GFWC Leadership Advancement Program**  
**GFWC-NH Creativity Award 2022**  
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**GFWC-NH Annual Meeting & Installation Gala**  
**Salem Area Women's Club-GFWC New Hampshire**

May 2022- A large contingent from SAWC was excited to attend the GFWC-NH Annual Meeting, particularly for the installation of our own Beth Roth as Madame President and Dolores VanBlarcom as Corresponding Secretary and CPR Chair. The day was filled with interesting speakers, education, resources, the exchange of ideas, fun, friendship and the appropriate pomp and circumstance in the grand and fitting setting of Wentworth by the Sea. We were also very proud to have two Members inducted into the GFWC-NH Honor Roll: Maria Baribeau and Norma Lapointe, as well as three additional members announced to the GFWC-NH Board: Patti Drelick, Budget Chair; Sheila Casey, Arts & Culture Co-Chair and Rachel Kingston, Leadership Chair. 23 SAWC Members enjoyed themselves and each paid their own registration and fees at \$107pp. Our Club was also pleased to express appreciation and contribute towards a gift for outgoing GFWC-NH 2020-2022 President, Jeanne O'Sullivan.





## **GFWC-NH – Legislation and Public Policy**

### **Top Five Projects 2022**

Laurie Jasper, GFWC-NH Chairman

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Clubs Reporting = 4

Projects = 5

Member Participation = 29

Volunteer Hours = 133

Money Spent = \$176

#### **1. Legislation and Public Policy Hours** **Lisbon – Friends in Council**

Club members learned and took actions regarding Legislation and Public Policy.

Hours 97.00 Number of members 2 Dollars spent \$176.0

#### **2. Speaker Series-League of Women Voters** **Woman's Club of Concord**

The President of the League of Women Voters NH spoke to members in a very informative program sponsored by the NH Humanities Council. She spoke about the importance of every vote, some of the tricky parts of election law and how the Woman's Club members can best answer questions from friends and neighbors. Voting is crucial to preserving our democracy, but is not as simple as it should be. The League of Women Voters (LWV or the League) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan political organization in the USA. The initial goals of the League were to educate women to take part in the political process and to push forward legislation of interest to women.

Hours 12.00 Number of members 10

#### **3. GFWC Legislative Action** **GFWC Dover Area Woman's Club**

GFWC Dover Area Woman's Club received legislative alerts and information through the GFWC Legislative Action Center. Information was shared with members about bills to support. Members were encouraged to join the GFWC Legislative Action Center to become involved with important bills to support. Members participated in email responses to Legislators on multiple requests. Some bills supported were :Pregnant Workers Fairness Act and Violence Against Women Act.

Hours 7.00 Number of members 2

#### **4. AARP Advocacy** **GFWC Dover Area Woman's Club**

One GFWC Dover Area Woman's Club member called senators to support the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 that tackled high drug prices as part of an AARP Advocacy group. She receives and reads Advocacy alerts throughout the year.

Hours 2.00 Number of members 1

**5. The Constitution of the United States**  
**Nashaway Women's Club**

Members spent the November meeting discussing the US Constitution. One member donated 25 copies of the booklet for the members at the cost of \$24.

Hours 15.00 Number of members 14



**GFWC-NH – Legislation and Public Policy**  
**Club Creativity Award 2022**

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**Club Meeting Discussion of the Constitution of the United States**  
**Nashaway Women's Club**

At a club meeting one member donated 25 copies of the Constitution to all members. Members at their November meeting used their copies as they had a discussion of the U.S. Constitution as an activity at the meeting

Hours 15.00 Number of members 14





## **GFWC-NH Membership**

### **Top Ten Projects 2022**

**Denise Raisanen, GFWC-NH President Elect**

**and Membership Chairman**

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1. **GFWC Dover Area Woman's Club** in fall 2022, participated in a **Volunteer Fair** held at a local library. The purpose of this fair was to inform the community of all the local non-profit organizations in the area. Wanting to increase our club's visibility and increase our membership we chose to participate. The club held a planning meeting and set our goals. The table included visuals of all our major projects, i.e. a basket with End 68 Hours of Hunger food, a backpack filled with school supplies for Dover Children's Home, Veteran's Christmas stockings, Prevent Child Abuse Blue Pinwheels for NH Children's Trust, gardening tools for all our gardens that they tend, Go Red pins symbolizing women's health and much more. We displayed a photo collage of our activities. We had GFWC-NH information as well our Dover Club trifold and rack cards on display. We spoke to numerous interested fair goers and prospective members. The Fair was manned with both new and seasoned members wearing our GFWC Dover Club t-shirts. Each person that stopped at our table was given a mini spider plant as a take home gift incorporating our Club motto "Planting seeds of friendship and service in our Community". The project included planning, setting our table up, manning it and taking it down. Photos were posted on our club Facebook page. We felt our project was worthwhile, fun and gained a few new members too! We also learned of nonprofits in our community that we could partner with.  
22 Hours 14 Members Dollars spent \$10

2. **Salem Area Women's Club-GFWC NH** each year we publish a **Yearbook** which contains a Membership directory, Bylaws, Policies & Procedures, Club History, GFWC History and so much more. This year we added a new feature of including a photo of every member beside their contact information. This helps to make it even easier to get to know each other and forge friendships. A professional photographer donated her time and expertise to attend the club's annual meeting. She took photos and then create a digital file for the club to use. This project was financially supported by the Salem Cooperative Bank.  
55 Hours 85 Members

3. **GFWC Dover Woman's Club** held "**Coffee in the Park**" events. This event was posted on our very active Facebook page inviting all women in the community. Throughout 2022, we held "Coffee Chats" via Zoom, at a local coffee shop or outside, weather permitting. Being outside in the fresh air during Covid restrictions was good for mental health. We also enjoyed coffee at the Riverside Rest Home gazebo. Meeting for coffee was a time for sharing and socializing outside of the monthly regular meetings. Members or guests could stop by for a quick cup of coffee or spend longer depending on their time. This was a good way to introduce prospective members to the Club and members got to know other members better by spending more time together.  
100 Hours 14 Members \$75.00 Spent

4. **Exeter Area GFWC** wanted to **recruit young moms**. We contacted the Exeter Recreation Department, asking to display a vinyl sign on the soccer field. They agreed and the sign was designed. The sign has the: GFWC Logo, our clubs meeting information, and website address. It is a prime location. During the first official soccer games this fall, the EAGFWC set up our pop-up tent, banner and tables, all which have the GFWC logo at the field. Their business cards had a Life Saver candy attached with a sticker saying, "Need a night out? We are your lifesaver". Brochures were distributed and a "sign in" sheet collected contact information. Seven women signed up and were contacted before the next meeting.  
14 Hours 4 Members

5. **Exeter Area GFWC New Member Orientation** This very popular new member orientation returned as the number of new members increased with in person meetings. Eighteen members attended the Exeter Area GFWC New Member Martini Night. The event involved a planning committee, wonderful home location with 4 breakout areas. The theme was "Because We're Happy". Each area was designed to learn more about the each other, the club and GFWC with a signature drink for each area.  
18 Hours 52 members
  
6. **Candia Community Woman's Club** members have the option to select the **new club t-shirts**, sweatshirts or polo shirts with the club's logo embroidered on them. After many years of not having logo wear we made these available to members. As a bonus, new members are welcomed to the club with a t-shirt on paying their membership. These shirts look amazing at our events! A club member did the ordering, embroidery and distribution for the club. This assures that the new members are ready to participate in all club events and projects.  
8 Hours 1 Member \$126 Dollars spent
  
7. **GFWC Women's Club of Somersworth** wanted to keep club members engaged through the summer months. We developed a summer theme "**Porch and Patio**". During the summer we held all meetings outside at members' homes or cottages. Our goal was to provide more social time in a beautiful summer setting! We enjoyed visiting members' homes at the beach and area towns. Lovely settings and lots of conversations.  
96 Hours 7 Members
  
8. **GFWC Dover Area Woman's Club** each month chose a member as "**Star of the Month**". The member was recognized as an outstanding contributor to Club and community. She was special in her contribution -be it big or small. Her shining star brightened their Club and made a difference in their community. "She is given a tea light candle shaped like a star to keep her light going. In December each year all members are given a star in recognition of everyone working together to make our Club's year fruitful, giving, fun and busy....  
5 Hours 14 Members \$30 Dollars Spent
  
9. **Salem Area Women's Club GFWC-NH** took part in the "**Family Fun Day**" at the Field of Dreams. The Field of Dreams is a family recreational park in Salem NH, owned as an independent non-profit. It is supported by donations and managed by volunteers. Each year they host 'Family Fun Day', a huge event filled with fun, games, rides, food, entertainment and booths manned by local civic organizations. These organizations are there to tell their story, recruit new members and provide even more fun activities for the kids. This popular event draws thousands in attendance from a 25-mile radius around Salem. SAWC chose to be a \$500 sponsor of this amazing community-wide event. In our booth, we proudly displayed our banner and offered membership information, from which we gained at least one new member. For the children, we provided rock painting and had fun applying hundreds of temporary tattoos.  
32 Hours 5 Members \$500 Dollars donated \$75.00 Dollars spent
  
10. **GFWC Women's Club of Somersworth's** annual **holiday gathering** was made better by the guests who attended. These guests were mostly women they had met at their holiday craft fair, where they had a membership table. It was hope that the guest will hopefully soon become members! That evening 8 members and 9 guests enjoyed an evening of music by 3 Shades of Gray (two gray-haired men with guitars playing holiday and familiar tunes) and homemade cookies. Leftover cookies were shared with all to take home.  
42 Hours 8 Members Dollars spent \$175

**Totals 716 Members 3685.95 Hours \$1440 Dollars Donated \$5850.09 Dollars Spent**



## **GFWC-NH Membership Club Creativity Award 2022**

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The antique silver tea set from the original Dover Women's Club which was recently uncovered and rediscovered at the town's museum was put on display. It was a great eye catcher. The tea set drew many to the table where club members had recruiting information.

The clubs display included visuals of all their major projects, i.e. a basket with End 68 Hours of Hunger food, a backpack filled with school supplies for Dover Children's Home, Christmas stockings made for Veteran's, Prevent Child Abuse Blue Pinwheels for NH Children's Trust, gardening tools for all the gardens that they tend, Go Red pins symbolizing women's health and much more.

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22 Hours 14 Members \$10 Dollars Spent



L-R Laura Otterson, club founder and current advisor, Ilese Stevens, treasurer., Donna Goldfarb, Secretary, and Mary Jane Lowe, Club President.





## **GFWC-NH Fundraising and Development**

### **Top Ten Projects 2022**

**Chrystina Moran, GFWC-NH Chairman**

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#### **1. Town Wide Yard Sale- Candia Community Women's Club**

The 2022 Candia Town Wide Yard Sale was held on June 11, 2022, and we had 101 yard sales in our town. This is our 13th year hosting this event. Residents register and host a yard sale at their home. The CCWC provides advertising in local papers, on craigslist and several yard sale websites. A bright pink yard sale sign is posted at each household and a map is distributed listing each household with any special types of items they have for sale. **Hours 65.00 Number of members 13 Dollars Raised \$1449.20**

#### **2. Plant Sale – GFWC Dover Area Woman's Club**

GFWC Dover Area Woman's Club held a Plant Sale for the second year in a row. It was such a great fundraiser last year that we decided to repeat it. We set up a Plant Sale Committee who worked with our supplier, Wentworth Gardens about sales and pricing. Wentworth Gardens is a local gardening supplier that grows excellent plants and flowers. We decided to include a "Green Thumb" sale with potted plants that members grew. Some of our members have really green thumbs! Then we picked a date and site to hold it. We posted a flyer with all pertinent information on the Dover Chamber of Commerce website, Facebook, our Club website, multiple local calendars and word of mouth. We had a lot of return customers. We decided to donate a portion of our profits to Waypoint. We set up tables in the Chamber of Commerce parking lot for our sale. We also had a table with Club information and were available to talk with interested people.

**Hours 140.00 Number of members 14 Dollars Raised \$1247.00**

#### **3. 1772 Foundation Award Applicant and Recipient – Portsmouth Women's City Club**

The PWCC applied for and received a grant from the 1772 Foundation in the amount of \$9,150.00 to help with the exterior painting of our home. The total cost for this project was \$56,000.00. We were able to do two sides in 2021 and two sides in 2022.

**Hours 3.00 Number of members 1 Dollars Raised \$9150.00**

#### **4. Salvation Army Bell Ringing – Portsmouth Women's City Club**

The PWCC did one day of volunteering for the Salvation Army's Red Kettle Campaign. This year we rang the bell at Market Basket on Woodbury Ave in Portsmouth.

**Hours 30.00 Number of members 15 Dollars raised Unknown**

#### **5. LCHIP Grant application – Woman's Club of Concord**

The Woman's Club of Concord applied for and was awarded an \$18,680 Grant Award as one of 34 land conservation and historic preservation projects across the state of NH by the New Hampshire Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP). This year's grant to the Woman's Club will go to support the rehabilitation of the slate roof on Chamberlin House. This is the third LCHIP grant that the Woman's Club has received. We are very appreciative of LCHIP's overall \$134,000 investment in our organization. LCHIP grant recipients are required to match each dollar contributed by LCHIP.

**Hours 50.00 Number of members 50 Dollars Raised \$18,680.00**

#### **6. Borscht for the Ukraine Fundraising Dinner – Woman's Club of Concord**

A Borscht Dinner was held to help with Ukrainian Relief efforts. The affair was an intimate dinner night with about 2 dozen members and their guests. The idea formed after a past club president heard about a business that was hosting a similar dinner to raise funds. She thought, "I can make Borscht. Maybe we could put together a fundraiser too." She approached other members and the event

quickly was put together with all funds donated to a Ukrainian Relief organization. Hours 100.00 Number of members 25 Dollars Raised \$3270.00

#### **7. Annual Online Auction "Reaching Up and Reaching Out" – Woman's Club of Concord**

Working with a small dedicated committee WCC hosted its third online Auction "Reaching Up and Reaching Out". Reaching up" reflected their need to replace the 100 year old slate roof on their historic clubhouse, Chamberlin House. "Reaching Out" reflected a real effort to lead the Club to be inclusive of all women, regardless of any abilities., launching a multi-year effort to make the first floor more accessible. Their goal for the auction was \$10,000. Committee members made hundreds of phone calls and email follow ups to businesses asking for contributions. Members were incredibly responsive offering gift cards, artwork and special dinners and reaching out to their friends too. A live "viewing" of the auction items was held at the clubhouse one week before the auction week started.

**Hours 150.01 Number of members 50 Dollars Raised \$10,000.00**

#### **8. 2022 Strawberry Festival – Hollis Woman's Club**

At the town wide Strawberry Festival Fundraiser, the Hollis Woman's Club sells homemade strawberry shortcakes and sundaes made with fresh local strawberries, served with local ice cream and homemade whipped cream. At this family event, there is face painting, children's stories at the library, and the town band plays a variety of marches, symphonic, popular and patriotic pieces at the town common. The money raised is used for scholarships and charitable donations. This event is held typically the last Sunday of June from 2-4pm.

**Hours 100.00 Number of members 50 Dollars Raised \$4000.00**

#### **9. Annual Scarecrow Contest – Nottingham Women's Club**

Each year the Nottingham Women's Club has an annual Scarecrow Contest that runs the month of October. Voting is done by the town using our website forms. Each year community members/businesses create a scarecrow and display it in front of their businesses in a scarecrow vignette They post to our Facebook Scarecrow Page for viewing/voting. This contest is used a fundraiser for our annual scholarship for a high school graduate in town looking to go into higher education and is viewed by visitors through New Hampshire.

**Hours 50.00 Number of members 3 Dollars Raised \$324.25**

#### **10. Rose Mountain Rumble Fundraiser – Wilton Lyndeborough Women's Club**

The Rose Mountain Rumble is an annual bike ride held in August. They hire the Wilton Lyndeborough Women's Club to cater lunch. We barbecue chicken and burgers including some veggie burgers and serve side dishes and desserts which our members make. This year we had green salad, potato salad, pasta salad, corn, broccoli slaw, cookies, brownies, pound cake and cupcakes.

**Hours 128.00 Number of members 16 Dollars Raised \$2,652**



**GFWC-NH – Fundraising and Development**  
**Club Creativity Award 2022**

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**2022 Hollis Town Wide Strawberry Festival**

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**GFWC-NH WHRC**  
**Top 5 Report 2022**  
**Phyllis K. Appler, Chairman**  
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## **Woman's Club of Concord**

### **Updating Chamberlin House, our historic Home**

With a 100-year-old Victorian home as their clubhouse, members of WCC began an enormous project to repair and update their home. Chamberlin House is one of two remaining GFWC club houses in NH. While their primary mission is dedicated to improving the lives of women in the greater Concord area through scholarships and housing, community activities and educational programs, the Club also maintains the historic Chamberlin House at 44 Pleasant Street. They have worked hard to be good stewards of this property since it was donated to the club by Nellie Chamberlin in 1919. Recent work has included the reconstruction of both the front and back porches, foundation stabilization, exterior woodwork, attic window repair, chimney repointing, electrical work and painting. With water leaking in the ceilings, repairs were also needed to replace the slate roof. Rug runners on the stairs badly needed replacements for safety and the club's goal of inclusivity of all abilities meant modern updates will be needed. The club first needed to raise funds and pursued multiple very creative fundraising efforts, including an online auction raising \$10,000, grant applications to NH LCHIP (New Hampshire Land and Community Heritage Investment Program) for \$18,640 and a NH Charitable Trust and a GFWC-NH Grant for NH clubs. The grants were all awarded, as well as donations from individuals and club members. Work started in 2022 with a "walk through study" to identify barriers and solutions. Implementations of some early recommendations followed. Roof funds are now in the bank and renovation work has been scheduled. A much needed "Architectural" feasibility study to make Chamberlin House ADA compliant has also been scheduled. This will be a major ongoing project but the club is pleased to report to GFWC our 2022 accomplishments. As caretakers of this historic house members are excited to help their club house shine for another 100 years, preserving the history of the club and its service to our Concord community.

Hours 300.00 Number of members 50

## **Woman's Club of Concord: 2022 NH Preservation Alliance Achievement Award Winner**

This award recognizes the work of members of the Woman's Club of Concord who revived the Queen Anne style home that serves as their headquarters. The house was bequeathed to the Club by Nellie Chamberlin, a long-time member who succumbed to the Spanish Flu in 1919. The Club uses it for meetings and gatherings, and the upper floors provide apartments for single women. Here is a link to our award from the NH Preservation Society.

<https://www.nhpreservation.org/blog/2022-preservation-achievement-award-winner-womans-club-concord>

50 members

## **GFWC Hudson Women's Club: Women's History and Resource Center Donation**

The club joined the Women's History and Resource Center at the \$100 level.

Hours 1, Number of members 26, Dollars donated \$100.00

## **GFWC Salem Area Women's Club: History Chronicled and Archived**

Embracing GFWC WHRC's directives to preserve, promote and inspire, the Salem Area Women's Club GFWC-NH embarked upon this journey.

Preserve: A committee gathered 7 extra-large bins overflowing with 96 years of club documentation. The committee then sorted and compiled 1,000+ pages of pictures, projects, yearbooks and president's reports into 14 titled volumes.

Prior to the club's beginning this work, the Salem NH Historical Society agreed to house the volumes of the club's history at the Alice Hall Memorial Library located at 310 Main St. in Salem, NH. This restored building has a rich history dating back to 1861.

Promote: Profiles of current Past Presidents and members, as well as Service Projects and Advancement Areas are featured in the monthly club newsletter and appear on club FaceBook page, website, yearbook and brochures highlighting club history.

Inspire: In 4 years, the Salem Area Women's Club will celebrate one hundred years of community volunteer service. Documenting the rich history of the club and sharing the record of community outreach through projects, fun, friendship and leadership will be a celebration in itself! The collaboration continues as the committee will be reaching out to discern how to proceed in documenting findings to WRHC.

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Hours 122, Number of members 70, Dollars donated \$235.35

## **Woman's Club of Concord: Speaker Series - New England Quilts and the Stories They Tell**

The club had a full house for the talk by Pam Weeks, Curator of the New England Quilt Museum. She quickly recounted a history of quilts as shown by their materials, colors, patterns. Quilts tell stories and she told heart-warming tales of service and tradition. The speaker included world history, women's history, industrial history and just plain wonderful stories in her presentation. WCC shared the quilt made by club member Rita Blanchette from the fabric scraps left by the Masker-Aiders from their more than year-long facemask making efforts telling the story of helping our community through the early days of COVID-19. A truly fascinating evening! This program was sponsored by NH Humanities Council

Hours 30.00 Number of members 31



**GFWC-NH WHRC**  
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