

## **GFWC ~ Top Projects for 2022 ~ Award Entries ~ Massachusetts recognitions**

### **Arts and Culture:**

#### **Creating Towel Elephants**

**GFWC Taunton and Raynham Juniors** club's Arts and Culture Chairman demonstrated, during a business meeting, how to make elephants out of bath towels, hand towels, and face cloths—rolling tampons into the facecloths, which created the tail—then filling Ziplock bags with numerous items such as soaps, shampoo, combs, toothpaste, brush, razors, and lotions. When done, they were stitched together, and googly eyes and ribbons were added and made ready for donation.

### **Education and Libraries:**

#### **Worcester the City That Reads**

**GFWC Northboro Junior Woman's Club** assisted a retired school principal in Worcester, who was concerned about the number of students leaving school in June with no books at home to read and no access to the public library. GFWC Northboro Junior Woman's Club assisted in his mission to ensure that these students (preschool through Middle School) get at least one book to take home for summer reading. One club member took over collecting and delivering NJWC's books. She placed a bin outside her home for the collection, visited library book sales, picked up books from members who could not get to her house, and delivered all the books to Worcester. The collection this year was a whopping 874 books!

### **Communications and Public Relations:**

#### **Hashtag Facebook Challenges**

**GFWC Bay State Contemporary Club** completed two Facebook Photo challenges at the GFWC MA Annual Convention.

#1 New Friends ~ GFWC encourages us to meet women from other clubs. Take photos with your new friends, and post on Facebook with the unique #gfwccreatesnewbonds.

#2 Longtime Friends ~ GFWC creates long-lasting friendships; show us your longtime friendship and post on Facebook with the unique #gfwcfreindsbecomefamily.

All attendees had fun with this challenge; prizes were awarded.

### **Leadership:**

#### **Mentors and Supportive Transitions**

**GFWC Northboro Junior Woman's Club** believed that developing and supporting leaders was important to keep the club vibrant and growing. Therefore, NJWC's Nominating Committee promoted the role of Co-Presidents. Past presidents were encouraged to team with and mentor less experienced members. The hope was that each newer Co-President felt more familiar with the president's responsibilities and confident enough to continue into a second year, taking on the mentoring role to another inexperienced member.

### **Women's History and Resource Center (WHRC):**

#### **Women in History Puzzle**

**GFWC Taunton and Raynham Junior Woman's Club** member was given a puzzle depicting several famous women in history. She had an idea to divide the pieces into baggies and sell the bags for \$2.00 each to raise money for WHRC Headquarters in honor of Women's History Month. Members purchased the bags of puzzle pieces and spent several hours assembling the puzzle. Once completed, the puzzle was sealed and framed, names of those who contributed to the puzzle were added to the back. The completed piece was presented to GFWC Massachusetts Headquarters on Federation Day.