

# GFWC/MARCH OF DIMES 2021 BLANKET CHALLENGE

## Creating a Touch of Home for Military Families Expecting a Baby



The General Federation of Women's Clubs have a long history of providing handmade baby blankets and hats for the March of Dimes Mission Health Baby program. Each year close to 1,000 military families are treated to a "touch of home" through this special program. And although GFWC women do a great job of making baby blankets and hats, there simply are not enough to give every family a blanket or hat. But, with GFWC's help, we are looking to change that in 2021. How?

**Take the GFWC Blanket Challenge:  
Make 2,201 baby blankets and/or hats by April 30, 2021**

**Challenge Accepted? Great! Read on for more information about how to register.**



GFWC- South Brunswick Islands Woman's Club (GFWC-SBI) is located in beautiful Brunswick County, along the southeastern North Carolina Coastline

### A Message from Chris Angotti, GFWC - South Brunswick Islands Chairman, March for Babies

*I walk and support the March of Dimes (MOD) in memory of my son. He was a stillborn and the loss of him was a painful experience. Remembering your child can help heal and provide comfort to others by sharing your experience and stories.*

*I was President of the GFWC- SBI Club in 2017 when South Brunswick Islands Woman's Club started partnering with the MOD. We have had a team of walkers that participated in the Marsh Walks, in South Carolina and raised over \$8,000 and have completed over 80 blankets. These baby blankets have been donated to hospitals and military families on a local and national level for the March of Dimes.*

*I encourage your club to take the 2021 Blanket Challenge and use the upcoming winter months during the pandemic to create a touch of home for military families.*

## CHALLENGE DETAILS

- **Register Your Club.** When you register, be sure to include your club name in the affiliation box **GFWC – SBI** for example.
- **Report Your Totals by the 30<sup>th</sup> of each month on registration site**
- **Download the Blanket Toolkit** from the GFWC website or contact March of Dimes representative Amy Richardson: arichardson@marchofdimes.org
- **Challenge Another Club!** Special recognition for clubs issuing a challenge to another club.
- **Send Your Blankets & Hats to:** March of Dimes Fulfillment Center  
Attn: GFWC (+Club Name)  
9384 Main Street  
Dansville, NY 14437  
See toolkit for more details

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