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## GFWC JUNIORS' SPECIAL PROGRAM: ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN

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### Clubwomen can be advocates for children by working to:

- Ensure that children are protected from harmful situations.
- Encourage healthy physical and emotional lifestyles.
- Impact policy to improve children's lives.

All GFWC clubs are encouraged to plan projects related to children. Try something new or continue a successful current project. Consider connecting with one of the GFWC affiliate organizations listed below. Visit the GFWC Club Manual, Special Programs pages at [gfwc.org](http://gfwc.org) for more information and ideas for club projects.

### ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN WEEK

#### OCTOBER 25-31, 2020

Clubs are encouraged to undertake a service project during GFWC Advocates for Children Week. You can plan a different project every day or one project for the week. Contact your Governor/Mayor/town leaders to request they proclaim this week as GFWC Advocates for Children Week. Send photos and project descriptions to [prettysmileEO@outlook.com](mailto:prettysmileEO@outlook.com).

### AFFILIATE ORGANIZATIONS

Undertake projects with the following organizations:

**MARCH OF DIMES** works to fund research and support families whose children were born too soon. Your club can help by:

Joining the **GFWC MA Juniors** team to support a healthy future for babies at the **MARCH FOR BABIES**. This major fundraiser is held in May. Join our team at [www.marchforbabies.org/EventInfo](http://www.marchforbabies.org/EventInfo).

## DATES TO REMEMBER

#### September 26, 2020

St. Jude Walk/Run

#### October 25-31, 2020

GFWC Advocates for Children Week

#### November 17, 2020

World Prematurity Day

"Light the World Purple" Campaign

#### January 21, 2021

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

National Day of Service

#### April

Shot at Life Campaign

World Immunization Week

#### May TBD

March of Dimes Walk for Babies

### CHALLENGE PROJECT

Undertake a service project that directly benefits children during GFWC Advocates for Children Week.

**October 25- 31, 2020**

**October 24- 30, 2021**

On **WORLD PREMATURETY DAY (Nov. 17)** show your support by joining in the “**Light the World Purple**” campaign. Wear purple to your monthly club meeting and have a brief presentation to bring awareness. Visit [www.marchofdimes.org](http://www.marchofdimes.org) for current information.

**OPERATION SMILE** helps provide the necessary equipment and medications to enable the delivery of the safest surgeries. For more information visit <https://catalog.operation smile.org/provide-medicines-supplies>.

**PINWHEELS FOR PREVENTION®** is Prevent Child Abuse America’s national campaign that promotes great childhoods and raises awareness of child abuse prevention. To learn more visit [www.preventchildabuse.org](http://www.preventchildabuse.org).

### **ST. JUDE CHILDREN’S RESEARCH HOSPITAL**

Join the **GFWC MA Juniors** team and help support St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital in the fight to end childhood cancer. Please register for the **VIRTUAL** walk on **Saturday, September 26th** at <http://walkrun.stjude.org/GFWCMAJuniors>.

The **ST. JUDE TRIKE-A-THON** is a fun, service-learning program for daycares and preschools that teaches trike and riding toy safety while helping the children of St. Jude. Log on to [www.stjude.org/get-involved](http://www.stjude.org/get-involved) to find out how your club can organize an event in your community.

### **UNITED NATIONS FOUNDATION SHOT@LIFE CAMPAIGN**

Promote World Immunization Week, the last week in April, as an opportunity for the global health community to come together to urge our leaders to make #VaccinesWork for all. Encourage young people to enroll in **SHOT@LIFE’S STUDENT ADVOCACY PROGRAM**. This program offers a great opportunity for students to build leadership skills and engage in global health issues to support vaccination efforts for children in developing countries (<https://shotatlife.org/champions>).

**UNICEF USA** Host a “Trick or Treat for UNICEF” event, a long-time tradition in our country to collect donations for their general fund. At your October meeting decorate and include UNICEF Trick or Treat on each table for donations ([www.unicefusa.org/trick-or-treat](http://www.unicefusa.org/trick-or-treat)).

**MONETARY DONATIONS** to GFWC Advocates for Children partners will be accepted through the year-end Massachusetts Donation/Contribution forms. Such donations will be credited to GFWC of Massachusetts when sent through our state treasurer.

### **GFWC RESOURCES**

Boys and Girls Clubs of America [www.bgca.org](http://www.bgca.org)

Council for Art Education [www.councilforarteducation.org](http://www.councilforarteducation.org)

Every Kid Outdoors [www.everykidoutdoors.gov](http://www.everykidoutdoors.gov)

Girl Scouts of the USA [www.girlscouts.org](http://www.girlscouts.org)

Incredible @rt Department [www.incredibleart.org/links/artedu.html](http://www.incredibleart.org/links/artedu.html)

National Park Service [www.nps.gov](http://www.nps.gov)

Open Outdoors for Kids [www.nationalparks.org/our-work/campaigns-initatives/open-outdoors-kids](http://www.nationalparks.org/our-work/campaigns-initatives/open-outdoors-kids)

Outdoors Alliance for Kids (OAK) [www.outdoorsallianceforkids.org](http://www.outdoorsallianceforkids.org)

Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grants [www.ed.gov/programs/ssae/index.html](http://www.ed.gov/programs/ssae/index.html)

The Dreaming Zebra Foundation [www.dreamingzebra.org](http://www.dreamingzebra.org)

Big Brothers Big Sisters of America [www.bbbs.org](http://www.bbbs.org)