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CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH

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The GFWC Civic Engagement and Outreach Community Service Program

GFWC members are reminded that each of us is a part of a larger society and is responsible for addressing issues of public concern.

We advocate because there is a need, we volunteer because we are needed.

Civic Engagement and Outreach highlights many areas such as:

- Essential Workers
- Crime Prevention
- Safety and Disaster Preparedness
- Needy, Hungry, and Homeless
- Veterans (including Women Veteran Support and Outreach)

Review the GFWC Club Manual to see how Massachusetts Clubs can work with others to make the community a more positive place to live, work, and socialize.

Consider projects or programs to benefit the GFWC Affiliate Organizations:

- Canine Companions
- Heifer International
- March of Dimes
- Operation Smile
- St. Jude Children's Research Hospital
- United Nations Foundation Shot@Life Campaign

When preparing end of year reports, affiliate organizations should be identified.

To see the full GFWC Manual page for the Civic Engagement and Outreach Community Service Program, go to gfwcma.org > About GFWC > What We Do~GFWC Manual > Scroll to Civic Engagement and Outreach

GFWC looks to make a difference in the civic life of communities by tackling issues of public concern and taking action.

Volunteering is one of the best ways to put civic duty into action and often the first step in building a strong connection to the community. Other ways to contribute are fundraising and donating.

- Work together to **"Get Out the Vote"**. Encourage others to register and vote. Provide information about early voting, polling locations and hours. Offer transportation.
- Make home and communities safer by providing information on crime prevention strategies.
- Support and thank the Police and Fire Departments, as well as all essential workers in your communities.
- Encourage members to research and support local and national programs that support our military. One such organization is **Project New Hope, Inc.** They provide veterans and their families with basic needs, retreats that provide healing opportunities and assistance for those struggling to navigate the current government systems.
- Work with your local VA to identify veterans in your community in need of household supplies, employment assistance, etc.
- Create awareness about the high rate of suicide among veterans and support suicide prevention programs.

Project New Hope Inc.
**is the Massachusetts State President's
Special Project**