



GFWC Community Service and Special Program Partnerships

Signature Program: Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention

➤ Prevent Child Abuse America

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Prevent Child Abuse America is the leading national, not-for-profit organization whose sole mission is “to prevent the abuse and neglect of our nation’s children.” Prevention is defined as the abuse or neglect never occurring. The Prevent Child Abuse America national office is located in Chicago, Illinois, and its network includes 47 statewide prevention chapters.

Juniors' Special Program: Advocates for Children

➤ March of Dimes

<http://www.marchofdimes.org/>

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The mission of March of Dimes is to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature birth, and infant mortality. They carry out this mission through research, community services, education, and advocacy to save babies’ lives. They help moms have full-term pregnancies and healthy babies, and if something goes wrong, they offer information and comfort to families.

➤ St. Jude Children’s Research Hospitals

<https://www.stjude.org/>

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St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital is leading the way the world understands, treats and defeats childhood cancer and other deadly diseases. Everything the organization does is centered on finding cures and saving children. And families never receive a bill from St. Jude, continuing the vision of its founder, Danny Thomas, that no child is denied treatment based on race, religion, or a family’s ability to pay. By sharing our knowledge freely and exchanging ideas openly, St. Jude inspires more collaboration between doctors and researchers worldwide, and, as a result, more lifesaving treatments for children everywhere. Treatments invented at St. Jude have helped push the overall childhood cancer survival rate from 20 percent to 80 percent since it opened 50 years ago.

Education Community Service Program

➤ **Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY)**

<http://www.hoby.org/>

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Founded in 1958, HOBY's mission is to inspire and develop our global community of youth and volunteers to a life dedicated to leadership, service, and innovation. For more than five decades, HOBY has been inspiring young people to make a difference and become catalysts for positive change in their home, school, workplace, and community. HOBY also provides adults with opportunities to make a significant impact on the lives of youth by volunteering. More than 4,000 committed HOBY volunteers plan and execute the programs each year. Due to the selfless efforts of volunteers and the contributions of generous donors, nearly 10,000 students participate in HOBY programs annually.

Home Life Community Service Program

➤ **Canine Companions for Independence**

<http://www.cci.org/>

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Founded in 1975, Canine Companions for Independence (CCI) is a non-profit organization that enhances the lives of people with disabilities by providing highly trained assistance dogs and ongoing support to ensure quality partnerships. Headquartered in Santa Rosa, CA, CCI is the largest non-profit provider of assistance dogs, and is recognized worldwide for the excellence of its dogs, and the quality and longevity of the matches it makes between dogs and people. The result is a life full of increased independence and loving companionship.

➤ **Easterseals**

<http://www.easterseals.com/>

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For nearly 100 years, Easterseals has been the indispensable resource for people and families facing disability. Through the work they do in communities across America, Easterseals is changing the way the world defines and views disability by making profound, positive differences in people's lives every day. Easterseals assists more than one million children and adults with disabilities and their families annually through a nationwide network of more than 550 service centers. Each center provides top quality, family focused, and innovative services tailored to meet the specific needs of the community it serves.

International Outreach Community Service Program

➤ Heifer International

<http://www.heifer.org/>

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For more than 70 years, Heifer International has provided gifts of livestock and environmentally-sound agricultural training to improve the lives of those who struggle daily for reliable sources of food and income. Since 1944, Heifer has helped over 22 million families in more than 125 countries through training in livestock development and livestock gifts that multiply.

➤ Operation Smile

<http://www.operationsmile.org/>

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Operation Smile is an international children's medical charity focused on restoring children's smiles through performing surgery on facial deformities such as cleft lip and cleft palate. They are dedicated to raising awareness of this life-threatening issue and providing lasting solutions that will allow children to be healed, regardless of financial standing, well into the future. Operation Smile's free surgeries and medical missions are made possible by the thousands of volunteers and donors, throughout the world, who generously contribute time, talent and resources.

➤ United Nations Foundation Shot@Life Campaign

<http://shotatlife.org/>

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Shot@Life, a United Nations Foundation's campaign, seeks to educate, connect, and empower Americans to champion vaccines in order to save children in developing countries. Every 20 seconds, a child dies of a vaccine-preventable disease like pneumonia, diarrhea, measles, and polio. You can help save a child's life by encouraging, learning about, advocating for, and donating vaccines.

U.S. Fund For UNICEF

<https://www.unicefusa.org/>

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children first.

For more than six decades, GFWC has supported UNICEF, the United Nations Children's Fund, in its efforts to ensure the world's most vulnerable children have access to health, and immunization, clean water, nutrition, education, emergency and disaster relief, and more.

Public Issues Community Service Program

➤ Sew Much Comfort

<http://www.sewmuchcomfort.org/>

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Sew Much Comfort provides adaptive clothing to support the unique needs of our wounded service personnel members, including all branches of the military and national guard. Unfortunately, standard clothing does not properly fit with fixators, prosthetics, and casts. For many, a hospital gown is the only option. SMC adapts store-bought or sewn clothing using our custom-designed patterns. The clothing is designed to appear as normal civilian clothing, and is constructed for ease of dressing, fostering self-care. Most of all, it is a symbol of gratitude for their sacrifice. Sew Much Comfort is the only organization providing adaptive clothing at no cost to our wounded service members.

➤ United Service Organizations (USO)

<https://www.uso.org/>

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