

Our Mission

GFWC Illinois is a philanthropic organization dedicated to enhancing the effectiveness of its member clubs' service to local and international communities; community improvement; and enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service.



GFWC Illinois Snapshot

- Organized - October 1894
- Admitted GFWC International - October 1895
- Founded 80% of State's Public Libraries
- Adopted Prevention of Child Abuse as State Project - *Our Promise...A Safe Place for Every Child* - 2002
- Adopted Domestic Violence Awareness as International Project - 2008
- More than 5,000 members in cities, suburbs and rural communities around the State
- Members are women ages 12 - 100+
- Motto: Unity in Diversity

A Century of Accomplishments Working in Illinois Communities

Established:

- Scholarships
- GFWC Illinois Art School
- Isabella Candee Foundation (Endowment Fund)

Contributions:

- Brain Research Foundation
- Children's Research Foundation
- Domestic Violence Shelters
- Domestic Violence Hotline
- Illinois Fire Safety Alliance
- Prevent Child Abuse Illinois
- Shawnee National Forest
- Veterans' Medical Centers

Projects:

- American Indian Center
- Domestic Violence Prevention
- Illinois Fire Safety Alliance Camp I Am Me
- Operation Smile
- Prevention of Child Abuse
- Winning Wheels (non-profit facility dedicated to restoring physically disabled young adults to their fullest achievable potential).



Three Classifications of Clubs ... a Perfect Fit for Women of All Ages

- **General clubs**, members range in age from 18 to 100+.
- **Junior clubs**, members range in age from 18 to 100+. These clubs often meet in the evening to accommodate work schedules.
- **Juniorette clubs**, sponsored by General or Junior women's clubs, whose members are middle school, junior high school, and high school students.





GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs

(An Organization of Charitable Not-for-Profit Community-Based Volunteer Women's Clubs as defined by Section 501 (c) 3 of the IRS Code)

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Great Reasons for You to Volunteer in GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs

- Volunteer programs spanning all areas of the lives of our members, their families, and communities.
- Women creating global change working on a local level—selecting projects and programs based on needs of the community in which they live.
- Women networking toward common goals and mutual interest.
- Personal growth through leadership training and development.
- GFWC International and its members annually raise an average of \$30 million on behalf of more than 100,000 projects, and volunteer more than 5 million hours.

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An organization of community-based volunteer women's clubs



Dedicated to community service since 1894



A member of one of the oldest, nonpartisan, nondenominational women's volunteer service organizations, the General Federation of Women's Clubs.