

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AWARD

About the Program - The GFWC Community Improvement Program is the heart and soul of GFWC. Since the 1950's, this program has provided clubs with a platform for developing and implementing projects that meet the varying needs of their communities. This is GFWC's longest standing project and is a means to strengthen relations between clubs and their communities.

Considerations

- Every club is capable of creating a Community Improvement project and almost any project can be turned into a Community Improvement project
- Projects should address a specific need within the community
- Establish partnerships to address your community's needs (GFWC partner organizations, government agencies, other nonprofit organizations, etc)
- Your Community Improvement Project should be an ongoing effort that lasts as long as the need remains.

Entry Essentials

- Identify and define a community need
- Describe the project selection process
- Explain how your club engaged community support
- Define how project is financed
- Identify media support and how it was obtained
- Recount how you overcame obstacles
- Provide a list of partners
- Describe club's continuing role in the project
- Explain the project's long-term effect on the community
- Identify results and successes
- Describe how the project influenced changes in your community
- Focus on content

Award Rules

- I. Projects must be accomplished during the program period: January 1, 2012 – December 31, 2013
- II. All entries must include completed Community Improvement Contest Entry Forms.
- III. Project notebooks, containing narrative and supporting materials, must not exceed seven pounds in weight nor measure more than 15" x 20" in size.
- IV. All monetary awards must be used to further the community improvement initiative.
- V. Each state's first place entry – which is sent to GFWC -becomes the property of GFWC and will not be returned. The national winning entry will be housed in the GFWC Women's History and Resource Center.
- VI. Projects involving two to six GFWC clubs qualify as joint entries and must adhere to the following: Only one entry form is submitted with all club presidents signing the single form; Clubs involved in joint entries are not eligible to submit individual club entries; Joint entries selected as national winners send one representative to GFWC Annual Convention
- VII. Clubs that have previously won the national award must submit an entirely different project entry in 2014.

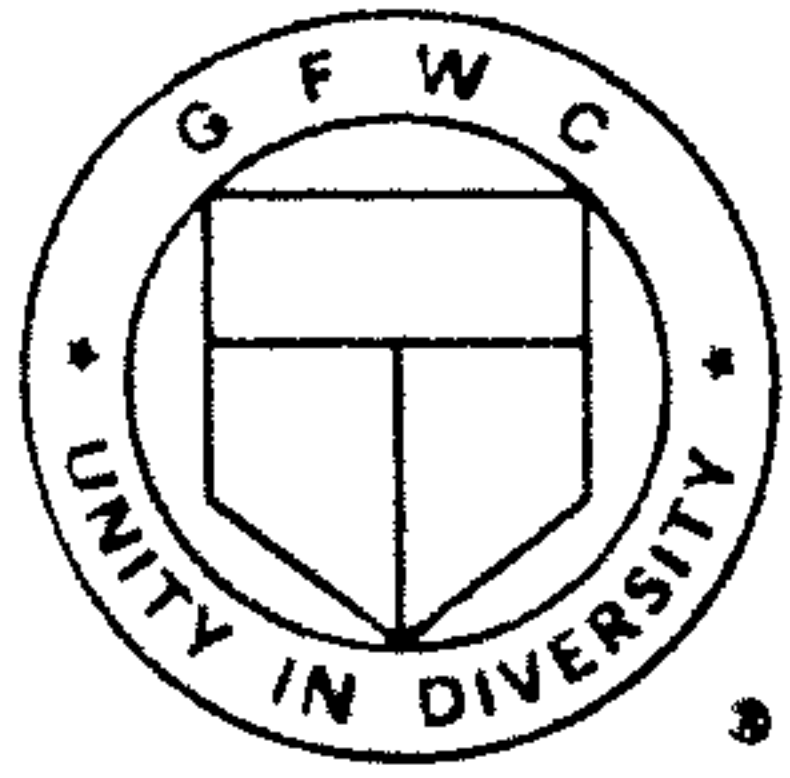
GFWC Awards – National

First Place \$5000 Second Place \$3,500 Third Place \$2,500 Fourth Place \$1,500 Fifth Place \$500
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GFWC Awards – State

First Place \$50 Second Place \$35 Third Place \$25

Deadline – All club entries must be submitted to State Community Improvement Award Chairman Betty Peters **postmarked no later than March 1, 2014**. National awards will be presented at the 2014 GFWC Convention in Phoenix, Arizona.



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Community Improvement Program Award

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AWARD ENTRY FORM/COVER SHEET 2012-2014

| CLUB AND COMMUNITY INFORMATION | |
|---|----------------------------|
| State Federation | Date |
| GFWC Club Name | District |
| Number of Members | Number of Members Involved |
| Type of Entry (Check one) <input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Joint (If a joint entry, please list all participating clubs with presidents' signatures on the reverse side of this form) | |
| Project City | County |
| Population Served | |
| Type of Community (Check one) <input type="checkbox"/> Rural <input type="checkbox"/> Urban <input type="checkbox"/> Suburban | |
| PROJECT DESCRIPTION | |
| 1. Briefly describe the project. | |
| 2. Describe the reasons for selecting the project. What community issues were considered while selecting this project? | |

3. Describe the community collaboraton, plan of action, and the obstacles encountered while working on this project.

4. Outline permanent results achieved, both tangible and intangible. Was the project successful? What are the long-term effects of the project on the community?

STATISTICS

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|-------------------------------------|-------|-----------------------|-----|
| Total Monies Raised for the Project | | Total Volunteer Hours | |
| Project Chairman | | Phone | - - |
| E-mail | | | |
| Club President | | Phone | - - |
| E-mail | | | |
| Mailing Address | | | |
| City | State | Zip Code | |
| Club President's Signature | | | |

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MARCH 1, 2014

- Make two copies of completed form and accompanying materials. Send one to the GFWC Community Improvement Program Award State Chairman and keep one for the club's files.
- Don't forget to include your GFWC Community Improvement Program Award activities in the appropriate program area on the GFWC Reporting Form.