INTRODUCTION

Founded in 1890, the General Federation of Women's Clubs is an international women's organization dedicated to community improvement by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service. With more than 80,000 members in affiliated clubs in all fifty states and a dozen countries, GFWC members work in their own communities to encourage civic involvement, preserve natural resources, advance education, promote healthy lifestyles, and support the arts. GFWC is distinguished from other nonprofit organizations in that clubs have the freedom to shape programs and projects that suit local communities and interests, while benefiting from the expertise and support at district, state, regional, and national levels.

CHARITABLE WORK

GFWC's Community Service Programs and Special Programs focus on major issues that affect our communities daily. They are structured to enable clubs to harness the vast resources of their membership and execute projects designed to address the needs of their individual communities. Two of GFWC's main areas of concern are domestic violence prevention and advocacy on behalf of children. Clubwomen support victims of domestic violence by promoting projects that support and cultivate work with national and local domestic violence and abuse organizations. Clubwomen advocate for children by improving public schools, working to end human trafficking, and supporting the fight against childhood cancer.

During 2015-2016, GFWC clubwomen completed 257,590 projects and logged 11,273,890 volunteer hours. GFWC clubwomen also donated over $73 million to charitable causes.

LEADERSHIP

GFWC is represented on the national level by the Executive Committee and Board of Directors. The Executive Committee consists of seven dedicated leaders from across the country who were elected by GFWC members to serve two-year terms. During her administration, the International President lives at GFWC Headquarters in Washington, D.C. GFWC International President Sheila E. Shea has been an active member of the Federation for over 44 years. During her administration, President Shea has focused on promoting GFWC's legislative initiatives, empowering women, and encouraging the spirit of volunteerism.

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MISSION STATEMENT

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