



GFWC Juniors' Special Project: Advocates for Children

2010-2012 GFWC Club Manual

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PROGRAM PRINCIPLES

The GFWC Juniors' Special Project: Advocates for Children is designed to enable Juniorette, Junior, and General clubs to educate, advocate, and engage in projects concerning the well-being of children via health, social, and safety programs. GFWC Junior members have designed a special project, Advocates for Children, which encourages GFWC members to become active advocates for children by working to:

- Protect children from harmful situations,
- Encourage healthy lifestyles,
- Support and provide best practices for emergency care, and
- Prevent substance abuse and youth suicide.

Within our society, children are the most vulnerable and do not have their own voice to advocate for themselves. Seventeen percent of children live under the poverty line, of which 17 million are food insecure, which means they are not sure that they will have a meal to eat when they are hungry again. 780,000 children are in the foster care system. One in twelve children is disabled, and that population is increasing. Twenty-five percent of all visits to U.S. emergency rooms involve children. Their health and medical needs are unique and require special resources and education. Our more than 100,000 GFWC members will improve health, social, and safety issues for the 73.9 million children (26 percent of the total population) in the United States by reaching out to impact their wellbeing since they are our future.

All GFWC members can participate in projects that address issues such as bullying; children with cancer; car safety seats; instilling healthy lifestyles and increased self-respect; emergency medical services for children; and advocating for children on different topics. In addition, we will work with GFWC Partner organizations that advocate on behalf of children across the country.

PROJECT GOAL AND OBJECTIVES

The goals for the Juniors' Special Project: Advocates for Children project are listed below in order to assist you in measuring project success and positive change in your communities. The listed objectives further outline how we can build projects that support these goals.

Goal: Children in society are protected from harmful situations, and encouraged to adopt healthy lifestyles both physically and emotionally.	Objective 1. To increase GFWC members' awareness of the issues affecting children in society today.
	Objective 2. To impact policy that affects children in society today.

CALL TO ACTION

We have outlined ideas to help you in attaining the goals and objective that have been set forth in the GFWC Juniors' Special Project: Advocates for Children, including ways to educate yourself, inform others, and create change.

Educate Yourself

- Educate yourself about skin cancer, the most common cancer that has reached epidemic levels, and know how you can help decrease the occurrence of it.
- Learn more about Child Health Day in the United States, a day that raises people's awareness of how they can protect and develop children's health. This event is annually celebrated on the first Monday of October.
- Support youth drug abuse prevention programs. Investigate teen abuse non-prescription and prescription drugs.
- Educate yourself about Internet safety and how the latest social media affect our youth, including cyber-bullying.

Inform Others

- Raise awareness of the need for dedicated pediatric bags on ambulances in your community and surrounding areas.
- Inform your community about the importance of foster parenting, what it involves, and the need for quality, professional foster parents.
- Educate and inform your community and surrounding areas on how it can participate and help reduce hunger, especially for children, where there is an increase in the population of those who do not know whether they will have food for their next meal.

Create Change

- Volunteer at early childhood centers by reading to children or assisting teachers.
- Support early childhood facilities with financial and other resources.

- Support and encourage family and adult involvement in children's education.
- Start or support an existing GFWC Juniette club. Visit www.GFWC.org/GFWCMembers.
- Provide needed equipment and funding for training of local pre-hospital emergency service personnel.
- Participate in community injury prevention programs and encourage and support ongoing prevention activities.
- Advocate on topics affecting children as supported by organizations such as Special Olympics, Emergency Medical Services for Children, Foster Parenting, The Skin Cancer Foundation, and other GFWC Partner organizations.
- Encourage your club to celebrate any of the important commemoration or celebration dates below.

IMPORTANT DATES

Plan projects and events around days, weeks, and months of celebration and commemoration in the GFWC Juniors' Special Project: Advocates for Children area:

January	National Birth Defects Prevention Month
February 3	National Girls and Women in Sports Day
February 4	World Cancer Day
March 23-25, 2011	National Youth Violence Prevention Week
March 19-23, 2012	National Youth Violence Prevention Week
April	Child Abuse Prevention Month
May 15-23, 2011	National EMS Week
May 18, 2011	National EMSC Day
May 13-19, 2012	National EMS Week
May 16, 2012	National EMSC Day
May	National Foster Parent Month
May	Skin Cancer Awareness Month
June 4	International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression
June 12	World Day Against Child Labor
August 12	International Youth Day
September	Hunger Action Month
October	Child Health Month
October 4, 2010	Child Health Day
October 3, 2011	Child Health Day
October 15	World Food Day
November	Child Safety and Protection Month
November 20	Universal Children's Day

COLLABORATIONS

In local communities and across the country, GFWC members work to give children brighter futures. The current economic climate has impacted budgets that affect children, both within their family units and their greater communities. There are so many needs where funding has been taken away, but where our GFWC clubwomen can step in and fill the gap in creative ways.

In the GFWC Juniors' Special Project, GFWC clubs will:

- Research, plan, and implement projects, programs, and advocacy based on its interests and the needs that the club members see and feel are important. This is the club members' opportunity to think out of the box and do it their way.
- Report. It is imperative that clubs report the projects that they have developed so we as an organization can better see where our members' interests lie, and so those statistics can be used in working with and recruiting new GFWC Partners, grants, and advocacy opportunities.
- Reporting is also important so that we can highlight and share your club's creativity and interests with our membership so they can also be inspired to either implement a similar project or use it for inspiration for their own.

Explore examples of what clubs have done around the country to implement projects related to the GFWC Juniors' Special Project: Advocates for Children issues. For more information about any of the following GFWC club projects, please contact the GFWC Juniors' Special Project: Advocates for Children Chairman or the GFWC Programs Director at GFWC@GFWC.org.

If you have a successful project that you would like to share with GFWC and your fellow members, please contact the GFWC Juniors' Special Project: Advocates for Children Chairman or the GFWC Programs Director at GFWC@GFWC.org.

GFWC Bonsall Woman's Club (California) established a Girl of the Year program to encourage girls from fifth to eighth grades at their local schools to participate in charitable projects. The members encourage philanthropy, community service projects, and excellent academics. Each applicant wishing to be considered the Girl of the Year must have a 3.0 GPA, have excellent citizenship, receive a sponsorship letter from a teacher or other adult, and write an essay on "Why I Should Be Girl of the Year." All the essays are collected and interviews of each girl are done at the schools. Four savings bonds, valued at \$50, are distributed to the winner at each school.

GFWC Crewe Junior Woman's Club (Virginia) joined the Crewe-Burkeville Christmas Mother to help provide gifts and food for Christmas to qualified families. They took an in-depth approach to this special event by carefully selecting a qualified and prominent dance teacher, as their Christmas Mother. The

“Christmas Mother” is a symbol of the spirit of giving at Christmas and sets the tone for rest of the season of giving by the Christmas Mother organization. Applications to receive assistance through Christmas Mother are distributed throughout the community, families are then carefully selected, and their need is verified by social services. Club members shopped for a majority of the gifts that were given to over 90 children. The club members also took time with the children to help them “shop” for their parents. The club members were able to see the gratitude of the families while they handed out food from Angel Ministries at the Christmas party held to distribute the gifts.

GFWC Junior Woman’s Civic Club of Cumberland (Maryland) joined with the Tri-State Health Center, a facility serving the under-insured or uninsured, to spread the word to young women about protecting your skin during the hot summer months. The members used the \$50 they were awarded by the state federation to fashion “fry boxes” for distribution to the children who visit the health Center. These boxes contain sun block, lip balm with sun protection, hand sanitizers, and band aids. The message on the boxes stated, “GFWC says...Don’t get fried by summer.” The club members and participants of this project were featured in the *Cumberland Times-News*.

GFWC Kenosha Junior Woman’s Club (Wisconsin) generated two programs to advocate for the youth in its community. The members, for the fifth straight year, joined together to make 25 baby quilts in an old-fashioned “quilting bee.” The co-chairs of the project bought or received donated materials needed to complete the quilts and members volunteered to bring in their own sewing machines and ironing boards. The quilts were donated to at-risk infants at the neonatal ICU at St. Mary’s Memorial Hospital in Racine, Wisconsin. The second program was an Easter Egg Hunt for area children from Urban Outreach, the Shalom Center for the Homeless and other disadvantaged children from Kenosha area foster homes. The members joined their own children to enjoy a day of Easter fun by handing out bags of candy to the disadvantaged youth in the community. This not only gave back to the children of Kenosha but also allowed the members to pass on their philanthropic attitudes to their own children. They ended the day by having all the children line up to say hello to the Easter bunny right before they went a massive hunt for Easter eggs.

GFWC Ladies in Purpose Junior Woman’s Club (Virginia) chose Comfort Zone Camp as the District Unity Project. CZC is a bereavement camp that offers a variety of experiences for children who have lost a family member or caregiver. The camp is an opportunity for those young persons who have experienced similar tragedies to grieve in a safe and caring environment. Club members supported this organization by collecting coins at each business meeting to donate to CZC. In addition to the monetary support, two members participated in the three mile walk held to support CZC. Members also were proactive by supporting a cookout held at the camp during one of the summer sessions. They gave donations to support the cookout and provided food and volunteers to help with preparing, serving, and cleaning up.

GFWC Maywood Woman's Club (California) participated in Operation Paperback by collecting and donating over 60 books to be sent overseas to military personnel and their families. These books included children's book for ages Kindergarten through 12th grade. In addition, books were sent to military facility's libraries to allow children to borrow books as needed. The clubwomen spent 39 hours working to maintain the education and standard of living of the youth of our military families.

PARTNERSHIPS

GFWC Partners are organizations that operate at the national or international level and offer unique and customized services such as project materials, speakers, kits, and/or additional information specifically designed for GFWC clubs to enhance the effectiveness of the GFWC Community Service Programs and Special Projects within your communities. These GFWC Partners are aware of GFWC clubs' specific needs and our club and organizational structure.

These GFWC Partners will assist in monitoring the donations generated by GFWC members. To ensure that your donation, whether at the individual, club, district, or state level, is included in the GFWC total, please make sure to:

1. Write on your check that you are a GFWC member or club.
2. Submit your check to the GFWC Partner contact listed in the GFWC Club Manual, even if it has a local or state representative.
3. Notify GFWC of your donation by calling or e-mailing the GFWC Programs Director at 202-347-3168 or GFWC@GFWC.org.

If you have any questions regarding donations to GFWC Partners, please contact the GFWC Juniors' Special Project: Advocates for Children Chairman or the GFWC Programs Director at GFWC@GFWC.org.

Emergency Medical Services for Children | www.ChildrensNational.org/EMSC

Main Hospital Address | 111 Michigan Avenue NW / Washington, DC 20010

E: TBear@CNMC.org / P: 202-476-BEAR (2327) / Toll Free: 888-884-BEAR (2327)

The Emergency Medical Services for Children National Resource Center was established in 1991 to help improve the pediatric emergency care infrastructure throughout the United States and its territories. Since its inception, \$140 million in grants have enabled the formation of state EMSC advisory committees, development of pediatric specific EMS protocols, and other clinical resources. They have assisted states in the assessment and identification of gaps in pediatric emergency care and development and implementation of strategies to improve the state EMS systems for children.

GFWC will improve pediatric emergency care throughout the U.S. and its territories by determining the gaps in their particular pediatric emergency care systems. Specific plans to fill those gaps will be determined by

each state. GFWC members are encouraged to join their respective state EMSC Advisory Boards to be involved with their respective priorities. GFWC members can be updated regularly by joining EMSC listservs, including FAN and EMSC QuickNews to ensure timely notification of ongoing projects, EMSC program and partner news.

Below are different ways in which EMSC would like to see GFWC members become involved:

- Encourage state GFWC leaders to work closely with state EMSC coordinators on projects related to EMSC performance measure development and compliance within their state;
- Encourage EMSC Family Advisory Network members, typically parents who have become involved with EMSC, to share information and project ideas at GFWC club meetings.
- Encourage GFWC members to participate in EMSC programs by:
 - Joining their state's EMSC Advisory Committee, and/or
 - Assisting with or sponsoring EMSC Day activities, held in May, in each state.
- Disseminate EMSC resources to interested GFWC members. These may include:
 - EMSC School Nurse Training Program/Resources; and/or
 - EMSC Injury Prevention Program materials.

Girls on the Run International | www.GirlsOnTheRun.org

120 Cottage Place / Charlotte, NC 28207

E: Info@GirlsOnTheRun.org / P: 704-376-9817 ext. 102 / Toll Free: 800-901-9965 / F: 704-376-1039

Contact: Katy Brown, Vice President, Partnerships and Development

Girls on the Run® International is a nonprofit prevention program that encourages preteen girls (third through eighth grade) to develop self-respect and healthy lifestyles through running. The curricula address all aspects of girls' development—their physical, emotional, mental, social, and spiritual well-being. GOTRI establishes, trains, and supports a network of community-level councils with local volunteers. The volunteers serve as role models to the girls through coaching the 12-week, 24-lesson curricula. The curriculum is delivered in these areas through after-school programs, recreation centers, and other nonprofit settings. The girls learn life skills through group processing, running games, and workouts. The three-part curriculum is taught by certified Girls on the Run® coaches and includes the girls understanding themselves, valuing teamwork, and understanding how they connect with and shape the world at large. They then choose and conduct a community service project. At each season's conclusion, the girls complete a 5K running event as a group.

GFWC can participate with GOTRI by volunteering as coaches, (with a time commitment of two to three hours twice a week for 12 weeks, or volunteering as a Running Buddy and running with a girl at her 5K race. Work with local councils to see what their top needs are in your community, or start a council in your area if one does not currently exist. Donations as a SoleMate through GOTRI's adult charity running program are

an option. Funds can be used for scholarships, capacity building, marketing...you name it. Collect and donate items for your local council's "coach boxes." This is a great opportunity to work with local girls who are nearly or are the same age as GFWC Juniorettes.

National Foster Parent Association | www.NFPAOnline.org

2307 Tacoma Avenue South | Tacoma, WA 98402

P: 253-683-4246 | F: 253-238-4252

Contact: Carl D Jones | CJones@NFPAOnline.org

The National Foster Parent Association is a nationwide, nonprofit organization committed to support foster parents in achieving safety, permanence and well-being for the children and youth in their care.

Together the National Foster Parent Association and GFWC are working on:

- Walk Me Home...to the Place I Belong: GFWC members can support existing Walk Me Home events where they are currently scheduled or GFWC clubs and members can establish a Walk Me Home event in conjunction with the NFPA to benefit foster care locally, regionally, and nationally.
- Foster Parent Recruitment: Assist local and state associations in the recruitment of quality, caring families to become foster parents.
- Back Packs for School: Children and youth in foster care very seldom enter a foster home with any more than the clothes on their back. Back Packs for School provide them with back packs filled with school supplies so that they can develop good study habits and not lose ground to their peers.
- Other ways you can help:
 - Tell your neighbors and friends about foster care and provide information on how they can become foster parents.
 - Invite a foster care association to your club meeting to explain the foster care system and what roles foster parents play in keeping children in foster care safe and out of harm's way while the system determines what is best for the child in their care.
 - Encourage club and community members to become involved at some level in the work of the foster care association in your area.
 - Observe and support Foster Care Month activities in your local area.
 - Order a free resource packet from the National Foster Parent Association.

Special Olympics | www.SpecialOlympics.org

1133 19th Street NW / Washington, DC 20036

P: 202-628-3630 / F: 202-824-0200

Contact: Tracy DeVries, Director of Partnerships, 202-543-6330

Special Olympics is a global nonprofit organization targeting the nearly 200 million people round the world who have intellectual disabilities. Since its inception in 1968, Special Olympics has grown to be one of the

world's most powerful and effective social movements. At the center of Special Olympics are more than 3.2 million athletes with intellectual disabilities who compete in over 33,000 events per year in 170 countries. But Special Olympics is more than just sports: it is about using the power of sports to change attitudes, change communities, and change the world. In support of this vision, Special Olympics has complimented its core sports offering with initiatives in health, education, inclusion, family support, self advocacy, public policy, and research. Together with sports, these initiatives have enabled Special Olympics to become one of the world's most respected global nonprofit organizations.

GFWC can partner with local Special Olympics for Unified Sports[®] events, in which Special Olympics athletes and members play on sports teams together and “sponsor” an athlete(s) from the local Special Olympics Program, supporting them throughout their training and raising money to send them to a competition. GFWC members can also participate in local fundraising events for Special Olympics, such as a Polar Plunge. Local fundraising events are the best catalysts for building a sense of ownership in the Special Olympics relationship among members of the organization. GFWC can plan “meet and greets” with local Special Olympics athletes and coaches, throw send-off parties before athletes travel to the National Games each year, or hold “re-medaling” events after big events where team members present the athletes again with the medals they earned. Work with Project UNIFY schools to create inclusive (young women with and without intellectual disabilities), Juniorette programs, or mentor and partner with Project UNIFY youth leadership groups on service learning projects.

RESOURCES AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional resources including a listing of governmental agencies and non-governmental organizations are provided to assist you in researching and creating your projects.

Governmental Resources

Children's Bureau | Administration on Children, Youth and Families | www.ChildWelfare.gov

The Children's Bureau is one of two bureaus within the Administration on Children, Youth and Families, Administration for Children and Families, of the Department of Health and Human Services. With an annual budget of over \$7 billion, the Children's Bureau works with state and local agencies to develop programs that focus on preventing the abuse of children in troubled families, protecting children from abuse, and finding permanent placements for those who cannot safely return to their homes.

National Child Care Information and Technical Assistance Center | www.NCCIC.gov

The National Child Care Information and Technical Assistance Center, a service of the Child Care Bureau, is a national clearinghouse and technical assistance center that provides comprehensive

child care information resources and TA services to Child Care and Development Fund Administrators and other key stakeholders.

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency | www.EPA.gov

The mission of EPA is to protect human health and to safeguard the natural environment—air, water, and land—upon which life depends. Investigate the Environmental Protection Agency’s Sunwise Program, which aims to teach children and their caregivers how to protect themselves from overexposure to the sun. Order or download free materials at www.EPA.gov/Sunwise and distribute to teachers and parents.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration | www.HRSA.gov

The Health Resources and Services Administration, an agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, is the primary Federal agency for improving access to health care services for people who are uninsured, isolated, or medically vulnerable. For information and free materials regarding bullying for children and parents, visit www.StopBullyingNow.HRSA.gov.

U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission | www.CPSC.gov

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission protects the public from unreasonable risks of injury or death from 15,000 types of consumer products under the agency’s jurisdiction, including toy recalls. To report a dangerous product or a product-related injury call CPSC’s hotline. Free publications on a large variety of subjects are also available and describe common hazards associated with the use of consumer products and recommend ways to avoid them. All publications can be viewed on the website. GFWC clubs may copy all materials.

Non Governmental Resources

The American Academy of Pediatrics | www.AAP.org

The American Academy of Pediatrics is an organization of 60,000 pediatricians committed to the attainment of optimal physical, mental, and social health and well-being for all infants, children, adolescents, and young adults. Discover reliable information on children’s health topics, search for a local AAP member pediatrician, and get answers to specific questions by visiting Ask a Pediatrician at www.AAP.org. For guidance on parenting issues, visit AAP’s website for families, www.HealthyChildren.org. For more information on AAP’s Healthy Foster Care America Campaign to improve the health and well-being outcomes of children and teens in foster care and to advocate on this issue, visit www.AAP.org/FosterCare.

Feeding America | www.FeedingAmerica.org

Feeding America provides low-income individuals and families with the fuel to survive and even thrive. As the nation's leading domestic hunger-relief charity, network members supply food to 37 million Americans each year, including nearly 14 million children and nearly three million seniors. Serving the entire United States, more than 200 member food banks support more than 61,000 agencies that address hunger in all of its forms. For more information on how you can fight hunger in your community and across the country visit www.FeedingAmerica.org. To meet the needs of hungry children at times when other resources are not available, such as weekends and school vacation, GFWC clubs can check whether local food pantries are using the newly established Backpack Program.

Mom's Rising Organization | www.MomsRising.org

Since 2006, Moms Rising has been working to bring together millions of people who share a common concern about the need to build a more family-friendly America. Involve GFWC clubs in Moms Rising, a group interested in policies concerning mothers.

National Association of Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies | www.NACCRRRA.org

The National Association of Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies, is our nation's leading voice for child care. They work with more than 700 state and local child care resource and referral agencies nationwide. These agencies help ensure that families in 99 percent of all populated zip codes in the United States have access to high-quality, affordable child care. To achieve their mission, they lead projects that increase the quality and availability of child care professionals, undertake research, and advocate child care policies that positively impact the lives of children and families.

National Association for the Education of Young Children | www.NAEYC.org

Founded in 1926, the National Association for the Education of Young Children is dedicated to improving the well-being of all young children, with particular focus on the quality of educational and developmental services for all children from birth through age eight.

National Association for Family Child Care | www.NAFCC.org

The National Association for Family Child Care is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting quality child care by strengthening the profession of family child care.

National Children's Advocacy Center | www.NationalCAC.org

The National Children's Advocacy Center models, promotes, and delivers excellence in child abuse response and prevention through service, education, and leadership. For information on how to improve the community's response to child abuse, visit www.NCA.org.

National Court Appointed Special Advocate Association | www.NationalCASA.org

The mission of the National Court Appointed Special Advocate Association, together with its state and local members, is to support and promote court-appointed volunteer advocacy for abused and neglected children so that they can thrive in safe, permanent homes.

National Education Association | www.NEA.org

The NEA's mission is to advocate for education professionals and to unite our members and the nation to fulfill the promise of public education to prepare every student to succeed in a diverse and interdependent world. Investigate the National Education Association's www.BNetSavvy.org website for information on signing up for a newsletter for "tweens" about staying safer online.

National Families in Action | www.NationalFamilies.org

National Families in Action, through publications, networking, and collaboration efforts, has carried the drug use prevention message to all corners of the U.S. and abroad. With its cultural and ethnic partners, it is building a massive family movement across the globe that involves all families to help parents protect children from drug use and drug dealing by strengthening, or in some cases rebuilding, families, and communities.

Parent Teacher Association | www.PTA.org

As the largest volunteer child advocacy association in the nation, Parent Teacher Association reminds our country of its obligations to children and provides parents and families with a powerful voice to speak on behalf of every child while providing the best tools for parents to help their children be successful students. Partner with the PTA or PTO to eliminate bullying in local schools by visiting www.PTA.org and www.PTOToday.com.

Partnership for a Drug-Free America | www.DrugFree.org

The Partnership for a Drug-Free America is a nonprofit organization that unites parents, renowned scientists, and communications professionals to help families raise healthy children. Best known for its research-based national public education programs, the Partnership motivates and equips parents to prevent their children from using drugs and alcohol, and to find help and treatment for family and friends in trouble. The centerpiece of this effort is an online resource center, featuring interactive tools that translate the latest science and research on teen behavior, addiction, and treatment into easy to understand tips and tools

The Skin Cancer Foundation | www.SkinCancer.org

Founded in 1979, The Skin Cancer Foundation has set the standard for educating the public and the medical profession about skin cancer, its prevention by means of sun protection, and the need for

early detection and prompt, effective treatment. It is the only international organization devoted solely to combating the world's most common cancer, now occurring at epidemic levels. More than a million new cases of skin cancer are diagnosed in the United States every year. The Foundation's mission is to decrease the incidence of the disease by means of public and professional education, medical training, and research.

Stop Medicine Abuse | www.StopMedicineAbuse.org

Stop Medicine Abuse is promoting an effort to curb the abuse of over-the-counter cough medicines containing Dextromethorphan with the help of a host of partners. The Five Moms have now joined and are part of this campaign.

Zero to Three | www.ZeroToThree.org

Zero to Three is a national nonprofit organization that informs, trains, and supports professionals, policymakers, and parents in their efforts to improve the lives of infants and toddlers.

AWARDS, CONTESTS, AND GRANTS

GFWC Club Award

A \$50 award is given annually to one club in the nation to recognize creativity in implementing an effective GFWC Juniors' Special Project: Advocates for Children. The award is based on narrative reports. State GFWC Juniors' Special Project: Advocates for Children chairmen should forward their state's winning entry to the national GFWC Juniors' Special Project: Advocates for Children Chairman by March 15 of each year.

GFWC State Awards

GFWC awards will be presented to one state federation in each membership category to recognize outstanding achievement in the Junior Special Project Program. Award presentations will be made annually in honor of junior and general membership participation at the GFWC Annual International Convention.

Contests

Please see the Contests section of the *GFWC Club Manual*.

Grants

There are no grants in this area currently offered through GFWC at this time. Please subscribe to GFWC's *News & Notes* at www.GFWC.org to receive updated information regarding grants and other member benefits in the GFWC Juniors' Special Project: Advocates for Children area.