

GFWC Virginia NARRATIVE Report Form 2010		Reporting Area: GFWC Signature Project: Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention		
For Arts, Conservation, Education, Home Life/Health, International Outreach, and Public Issues, specify if projects reported are COLLABORATION PROJECTS or PARTNERSHIP PROJECTS by marking an "X" in the appropriate box.		Collaboration Projects	Partnership Projects	X
Club Name: GFWC Dominion Woman's Club		District: Northern		
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Number of Projects/Programs: 3		Number of Members Participating: 50		
Volunteer Hours: 85	Dollars Donated: \$50.00		In Kind Donations: \$320.01	

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS

MEMBER EDUCATION: 40 Pinwheels promoting Domestic Violence Education were purchased and distributed at the APRIL DWC business meeting, each labeled with a customized Domestic Violence fact. Members were encouraged to pass them on to friends and family. To educate the women on local needs of this program, During this meeting, Charlyn Hasson-Brown, the Executive Director of Greater Prince William CASA was the featured speaker. Ms. Hasson-Brown shared the startling statistics of Domestic violence in our community. A donation for \$50.00 was given to CASA for providing a speaker for our business meeting. More information regarding CASA is listed below..

Prevent Child Abuse Virginia: 192 pinwheels were purchased through Prevent Child Abuse Virginia to develop a pinwheel garden in 2011.

MEMBERS PARTICIPATING: 40
VOLUNTEER HOURS: 8

DOLLARS DONATED: \$50.00
IN KIND DONATIONS: \$161.01

COMMUNITY AWARENESS:

Domestic Abuse Proclamation. In October the GFWC Dominion's Club worked in collaboration with ACTS Turning Points and Sexual Assault Victims Advocacy Service (SAVAS) to declare October Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Awareness Month through the Prince William County Board of Supervisors. Twenty purple lapel pins, domestic abuse facts sheets, and club brochures were given out at the Board meeting. This information was also distributed to GFWC Dominion Woman's Club members attending the October business meeting.

MEMBERS PARTICIPATING: 70
VOLUNTEER HOURS: 4

DOLLARS DONATED: n/a
IN KIND DONATIONS: \$53

CASA of Greater Prince William. Prince William CASA of Greater Prince William, a non-profit, independent organization was started in 1994 to serve the 31st Judicial District encompassing Prince William, Manassas City and Manassas Park. The organization now maintains a volunteer advocate base of approximately 100 advocates serving nearly 300 child victims each year. In fiscal year 2009 CASA worked with 337 children. 98 specially trained advocates spent 12,657 hours visiting with the child, investigating their current situation and future possibilities and advocating for their best interests. In fiscal year 2008, 302 of Greater Prince William's children were legally found to be abused, seriously neglected or abandoned. 2,030 complaints were investigated, 1,658 additional children were determined to be at serious risk and in need of some assistance. There was one child killed. (This information is based on the Prince William CASA 2009 fact sheet).

The DWC organized the distribution and decoration of 420 CASA Shadow Children to raise awareness. The shadow children were mounted on stakes and placed in the grass at the fall CASA fundraiser, Evening Under the Stars, on September 11. For each \$1200 raised, a shadow child was adopted and received an adoption sign. This is part of CASA's Adopt-a-Child year long program. This turned into an incredible public awareness project as well as a fundraiser. The Dress A Shadow Child project involved over 40 other community groups or individuals, aged infant through adult in the Prince William area. GFWC Dominion Woman's Club members decorated 50 shadow children. The shadow children were all races, nationalities and ages. Eight GFWC Dominion Woman members attended the Evening Under the Stars fundraiser to support CASA and the Dress A Shadow Child project.

MEMBERS PARTICIPATING: 70
VOLUNTEER HOURS: 73

DOLLARS DONATED: n/a
IN KIND DONATIONS: \$106