

GFWC Virginia NARRATIVE Report Form 2010		Reporting Area: Education		
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	X	Partnership Projects
Club Name: GFWC Dominion Woman's Club		District: Northern		
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Number of Projects/Programs: 9		Number of Members Participating: 50		
Volunteer Hours: 502	Dollars Donated: \$1106.44		In Kind Donations: \$2096.50	

BAG A BOOK LITERACY PROGRAM, WEST GATE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, MANASSAS, VA

GFWC Dominion Woman's Club completed its second year at West Gate Elementary working with third graders to improve their reading comprehension and to involve their parents more with their children's reading. This program was deemed, **Bag A Book Literacy Program** in 2008, began in 2009, and continues today. The GFWC Dominion Woman's Club Education CoChairman (and Elementary School teacher) designed this program, along with the Education Committee, to meet the specific needs of struggling third graders at West Gate Elementary. To date the program has received positive feedback from the Prince William County School system.

GFWC Dominion Woman's Club coordinates volunteers through the club, Prince William Chamber of Commerce Education Committee, and local businesses. **Bag A Book Literacy Program** requires the children take home a small trade book each week, read it with another family member and then write about the book or their discussion in a journal. Each week the volunteers meet with the children in small book discussion groups to share their journal writing and discuss the books they read. The content of the books are related to the students' social studies and science curricula. The program runs Thursdays and Fridays from January until the middle of May (prior to the Standard Of Learning testing schedule). For the 2010 school year supplies were purchased and reported in 2009 with the exception of new canvas tote bags. The children celebrated their efforts at an end of program party where mugs and special treats were given to the children. Volunteers travelled a total of 2,450 miles to and from the Elementary School during the 2010 program.

MEMBERS PARTICIPATING: 70

VOLUNTEER HOURS: 260

DOLLARS DONATED: \$198.44

IN KIND DONATIONS: n/a

PACE'S VILLAGE, PACE WEST. *PACE WEST is an elementary, middle and high school PROGRAM for children with special needs. All students attending the PACE Program are identified as special education students.* GFWC Dominion Woman's club joined a partnership of businesses and non profits deemed "PACE's Village". We came together with the knowledge "it takes a village to raise a child." Members of the group include Allstate Insurance, BB&T, Dominion Woman's Club Haymarket/Gainesville Business Association, Haymarket Woman's Club, Heritage Hunt Women's Organization Northern Virginia Professionals Network, Regency Women's Club, and Shepherd of the Hills Church. Members from each organization meeting monthly with the school social worker, teachers and Principal to "bridge the gaps" at the school. This is a ground breaking opportunity to make real change in our community. GFWC Dominion Woman's Club provides various avenues of support based on the needs identified.

GFWC Dominion Woman's Club members stock the "PROWL Pantry", an incentive closet for students to trade in points earned based on behavior and academics for small prizes (the prizes range from silly bands, hair accessories to board games. Based on how many points the students earn during the week, determines how much they can get out of the pantry on Friday. During the GFWC Dominion Woman's Clubs December Dinner meeting members donated \$185 in gift cards to the PROWL Pantry (and an additional \$100 in gift cards was collected for a local woman's transitional housing program/BARN). Volunteers work in the PROWL Pantry each week beginning September (totaling 20 volunteer hours). In order to get additional funding the GFWC Dominion Woman's Club partnered with the Gainesville-Haymarket Rotary to win a GRANT to provide additional financial support the PANTRY. This grant provided an additional \$1500 to the PROWL program and was awarded in September 2010.

GFWC Dominion Woman's Club also supported families in need at the school, family dinner nights and family based programs. Emergency funds and emergency collections and further description and volunteer hours/money are reported in the Home Life report. Additional support was given to the library/reading room, and is described in the Prince William Education Foundation Program below.

MEMBERS PARTICIPATING: 70

VOLUNTEER HOURS: 53

DOLLARS DONATED: \$185.00

IN KIND DONATIONS: \$162.00

PRINCE WILLIAM EDUCATION FOUNDATION. GFWC Dominion Woman's Club supports the Prince William Education Foundation, deemed SPARK (Supporting Partnerships And Resources for Kids). GFWC Dominion Woman's Club donated \$150.00 towards SPARK'S Fill the SHELVES campaign. This community effort helped revitalize the reading room at the PACE WEST SCHOOL.

GFWC Dominion Woman's Club also was instrumental in the establishment of a Field Trip Fund for Prince William County Title 1 Schools. Through financial support, the Fund makes field trips, both on- and off- site, more available to these schools.

MEMBERS PARTICIPATING: 70

DOLLARS DONATED: \$250

VOLUNTEER HOURS: 50

IN KIND DONATIONS: n/a

BEACON. Gainesville, Va. GFWC Dominion Woman's Club supported the Benedictine Educational Assistance Community Outreach to Neighbors (BEACON). This is a tuition-free adult literacy program for immigrants seeking their GED, English language skills and/or assistance with job skills. GFWC Dominion Woman's Club members met with BEACON to ascertain their needs, and subsequently a donation of calculators, dry erase board, and flash drives were provided to BEACON.

MEMBERS PARTICIPATING:

DOLLARS DONATED: \$373.00

VOLUNTEER HOURS: 6

IN KIND DONATIONS: n/a

RE-BOOK-IT PROGRAM. GFWC Dominion Woman's Club continued the Re-Book-It Program (created in 2009) to recycle new and used books, DVD's and other media. The books were redistributed to several organizations, based on their needs. Some books were traded in at a local book reseller store for credits to purchase books for children. West Gate Elementary School, Pace West School, Bull Run Library and Gainesville Library received books and/or credits through the Re-Book-It Program.

MEMBERS PARTICIPATING: 45

DOLLARS DONATED: n/a

VOLUNTEER HOURS: 50

IN KIND DONATIONS: \$1,053.50

BULL RUN LIBRARY. GFWC Dominion Woman's Club continued their membership of the Friends of Bull Run Library, and donated books for their book sales.

MEMBERS PARTICIPATING: 45

DOLLARS DONATED: \$100.00

VOLUNTEER HOURS: 10

IN KIND DONATIONS: see Re Book it Program

GAINESVILLE LIBRARY FUNDRAISER. GFWC Dominion Woman's Club joined forces with eight other community organizations (from PTO's to Women's Clubs) to work to expand the Gainesville local library. The Club donated raffle baskets, books, and volunteers for this event. Approximately 700 attended and the proceeds of over \$10,000.00 will be used for the improvement and/or expansion of the Gainesville Neighborhood Library.

MEMBERS PARTICIPATING: 12

DOLLARS DONATED: n/a

VOLUNTEER HOURS: 50

IN KIND DONATIONS: \$452.00

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION. GFWC Dominion Woman's Club continued to collect Box Top Labels at each monthly business meeting. The members collected 429 box tops throughout the year. The box tops were then sent Baldwin Elementary School for them to redeem the box tops for 0.10cents each. They utilize the money to purchase classroom supplies.

MEMBERS PARTICIPATING: 45

DOLLARS DONATED: n/a

VOLUNTEER HOURS: 4

IN KIND DONATIONS: \$42.90

NATIONAL YOUNG READERS DAY, GRAVELY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. GFWC Dominion Woman's Club members participated in National Young Readers Day. This program was facilitated through the Education Committee of the Prince William County-Greater Manassas Chamber of Commerce. Members read books to students at Gravelly Elementary School in Haymarket, Virginia.

MEMBERS PARTICIPATING: 6

DOLLARS DONATED: n/a

VOLUNTEER HOURS: 19

IN KIND DONATIONS: n/a