

Top Advocates for Children Projects for 2025

1. The **Bancroft History Assembly** club brought a dental hygiene program to 50 children at their local library. They created 50 teddy bear washcloths and included toothbrushes and flossers that were donated by three local dentists. Each was then packaged individually and were given to children who attended a special program at the library. The club set up stations at the library where children could do various activities all involving dental health. A dental office play kit was purchased for the children to play with, which was then donated to the library. They also purchased children's books which were read to the children and then donated to the library, as well as providing each of the dental offices with two new children's books for their waiting rooms. They even borrowed a "mouth" from a local dentist so children could practice proper brushing techniques. Bravo, Bancroft!
2. How do you make a busload of kindergartener children smile? You sponsor their field trip to the Phelps Youth Pavilion for a day of fun and learning activities! That's exactly what the **Rural Woman's Study Club of Jesup** did. For the second year, the Jesup ladies provided the transportation funds (and one chaperone) so that the school children could enjoy this experience.
3. The **Solon Women's Club** joined forces with the Lions Club, the Solon Recreation Department and Lord Acre Church to raise funds for a new Sand Park. The club purchased candy, small gifts and plastic Easter eggs and then promoted their service to residents who could pay a fee to "EGG MY YARD". Children in 40 families woke up Easter morning to find the Easter Bunny had come! An additional five families who were going through tough times were egged for free. With the Solon ladies leading the charge, the community raised 60% of the cost of the new sand park.
4. The **Quad Cities Women's Club** worked with Hope at the Brick House which offers school programs, literacy assistance and tutoring to underserved children. The ladies of the QC Women's Club served a meal there, as well as attended two fundraisers for Hope at the Brick House.
5. **Adel Women's Club** collected 71 adult and 204 children's winter accessories to distribute to families in Dallas County. The items included coats, mittens, socks, gloves, and hats. This was in conjunction with the Lions, Kiwanis, Rotary and local churches. What an impact they made!
6. Santa Claus is Coming to Town! That song rang in all the children's minds as they enjoyed snacks and gifts delivered by Santa Claus all because of the **Baldwin Woman's Club**. Club members organized their annual "Santa Day", found the site (which had to be moved indoors due to frigid temperatures), find a Santa, prepare the gift bags and snack, plus organize the

volunteers who worked this busy event. How lucky the small communities of Baldwin and Monmouth are to have the Baldwin Woman's Club sponsor this event every year.

7. The **Cedar Falls Women's Club** invited Operation Smile chairperson Pat VanHauen to speak each month. The club also had CASA representative Theresa Barnes speak about volunteers who are a voice in court for abused and neglected children.
8. The **Maquoketa Women's Club** reads to the pre-school children at the Head Start Program every Wednesday. The children who attend the Head Start Program are from low-income families. The club ladies not only read to the kiddos, but they purchase coats, socks, mittens, toothbrushes, and other essentials that are gifted to the children at the start and at the end of the school year.