

**MEMBERSHIP
IN
GFWC/IOWA
PROVIDES OPPORTUNITIES**

- for personal growth and development
- to improve your communities
- to network with other women
- to enhance leadership skills
- to form friendships
- to work with other women to affect change by legislative action
- to develop and enhance skills that can be used in the work place
- to broaden your scope of information and understanding of today's issues through programs in the areas of Arts and Culture, Civic Engagement and Outreach, Education and Libraries, Environment, and Health and Wellness.

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**GFWC/IOWA
FEDERATION
OF
WOMEN'S CLUBS**



2026-2028

President's Theme:

“Rooted in the Past—Branching out to Serve”

Symbol: Multi-colored tree with roots

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WHO WE ARE

IOWA Federation of Women's Clubs was organized in 1893 and was the first state organization to join the General Federation of Women's Clubs on May 19, 1893.

GFWC/IOWA is proud to be a member of one of the largest and oldest volunteer organizations in the world. Although there is a great diversity in ages, interests, areas of expertise and experience of a GFWC/IOWA member, all are united by a dedication to implement charitable, educational, and service programs in the State.

GFWC/Iowa points with pride to:

- Participating in the establishment of Iowa's libraries and the State Library Commission.
- Awarding thousands of dollars each year in scholarships to Iowa students
- Advocating for children and supporting youth creative writing and the arts.
- Legislative Advocacy:
 - Equal Pay for Equal Work
 - Domestic Violence Laws and Shelter support.

For over 100 years, GFWC/IOWA has worked to address the most pressing needs of our communities and our nation. This includes promoting education, preserving natural resources, stressing good citizenship and good health, contributing to world peace and international understanding and supporting participation in the Arts.

Through five community service areas- Arts and Culture, Civic Engagement & Outreach, Education & Libraries, Environment and Health and Wellness, GFWC/IOWA has been successful in gathering resources to address issues such as:

- * women's health issues
- * leadership development
- * beautification and conservation
- * child abuse prevention
- * domestic violence
- * youth suicide and bullying
- * art appreciation
- * care of the elderly
- * recycling
- * substance abuse prevention
- * youth and adult literacy
- * safety for children and the elderly
- * supporting our troops

President's Special Projects:

Health & Wellness



Environment



GFWC ACCOMPLISHMENTS

GFWC is responsible for the establishment of 75 percent of America's public libraries.

2015—GFWC celebrates 125 yrs. of Federation on April 24

2011: GFWC introduces the *Success For Survivors Scholarship*, created as part of our efforts to highlight the importance of rebuilding one's life after experiencing intimate partner violence. Each year, GFWC awards \$2,500 scholarships to help intimate partner survivors obtain a post-secondary education that will offer them the chance to reshape their future by securing employment and gaining personal independence.

2004—GFWC members contributed \$180,000 for a fully-equipped ambulance for use by the New York Fire Department in response to 911.

2002—Donated over \$13.5 million in books and materials to public libraries and public school libraries through the Libraries 2000 project.

1998—Instituted the "Youth Suicide Prevention" program.

1986—Instituted programs on preserving endangered species.

1984—Founded the Women's History and Resource Center which is housed at Federation Headquarters.

1974—Started an alcohol and drug abuse education for women and children.

1961—"Women's Crusade for Seat Belts" program resulted in more than one million car seat belts installed during the course of one year.

1958—Supported equal pay for equal work.

1944—Endorsed a resolution supporting equal rights and responsibilities for women.

1938—Supported the first child labor law

1911—Supported legislation for the eight-hour day.

1906—Turned the tide for passage of the Pure Food and Drug Act