



Hunger Action Hero Award 2012

Nancy L. Carrington, CT Food Bank's President & CEO, Patty Meglio, GFWC/CT Chairman for State Project, and JoAnn Calnen, GFWC/CT State President 2010-2012.

How to Contact Us ...

For information regarding our local Clubs, State Officers, programs, and scheduled events please go to our website:

www.gfwcct.org



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General Federation of Women's Clubs of Connecticut



3 Great Reasons to Join



GFWC is the predominant organization for Women in the field of community service.



GFWC is an International Organization Network and is in virtually every area of the United States that you can continue friendships and membership wherever you go.



GFWC offers opportunities, programs and resources available for this challenging and changing world including a GFWC international magazine & e-newsletter; state e-newsletter, website, and email messages; Facebook; Twitter; annual International and State Conventions; and much more.



GFWC/CT MOTTO

"We are not known so much by what we keep, but what we share."

Join GFWC/CT



GFWC/CT Bronze Sponsor of the CT Women's Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

Bottom row from left: Sheila Shea, 1st VP GFWC, Nancy Kalyan, President GFWC/CT, JoAnn Calnen and Jeanne Waseleski - past State Presidents. Top row from left: Debbie Fiore, Kathy Barnes, Kim Hohlfeld, Beverly Regan, Wendy Pandolfi and Joan Duffy.

Our Mission

For over 100 years the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Connecticut (GFWC/CT) has been part of an international organization with a mission to provide volunteer services, respond to challenges, and to seize a crisis as an opportunity for moving forward. Our mission encompasses being an innovative leader in education, growth, and development of women to benefit their children, their community, and their government.

Our goals are to be of service to others, to improve our social, cultural, and physical environment and to promote appreciation of the arts. We strive to become responsible leaders in our communities.



Make a Difference Day: "Home of the Brave" GFWC/CT Delivered Donations & Gifts

Back Row: Beverley Regan, GFWC/CT DNE, Nancy Kalyan, GFWC/CT State President 2012-2014, and Joy Kiss, CEO of ABRI.

Front row: Wendy Pandolfi, GFWC/CT

Our attention goes beyond the community to encourage women to expand their horizons by meeting new friends, developing new interests, gaining more knowledge, and with united efforts, creating new awareness of today's ever changing world.

GFWC/CT:

Was organized and became a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs in 1897 and today consists of almost 50 clubs addressing important issues within six Community Service Programs: the Arts, Conservation, Education, Home Life, International Outreach, and Public Issues.

Multiplies the strength of individuals by providing opportunities to perform and achieve. In supporting the education and advancement of women, federation work has no glass ceiling. We are limited only if we lack vision and belief in ourselves.

Provides clubs with a choice of programs and projects suitable to their interests. **"Unity in Diversity"** is the GFWC motto. Thousands benefit from continuing programs delivered by our dedicated volunteers.

AMONG THOSE PROGRAMS ARE:

- ◆ *Action on legislative issues*
- ◆ *Domestic Violence Awareness Programs*
- ◆ *Prevention and support for domestic violence shelters*
- ◆ *Awards in art, drama, music and photography*
- ◆ *Conservation of natural resources*
- ◆ *Laurel Girls State*
- ◆ *Safety for everyone*
- ◆ *Scholarships for Women*
- ◆ *Healthy Lifestyles*
- ◆ *Community Outreach Programs*
- ◆ *US Veterans Projects and Support*
- ◆ *ABRI American Homes for the Brave*

In Connecticut we:

- * Established "VETS OASIS" centers on State college campuses
- * Helped develop the Cancer hotline at Yale
- * Linked CT and the National Poison Control Center
- * Promoted the first Hospice center in the country

Raised funds for:

- * Food Bank and Food Share
- * Vets Oasis Centers
- * American Mural Project (AMP)
- * Arthritis Foundations
- * Connecticut Sexual Assault Crisis Center
- * CT Community Care Independent Living Fund
- * GFWC/CT Bluebird Therapeutic Park at the Alzheimer's Resource Center
- * Juvenile Diabetes for Yale
- * The Paul and Lisa Program for Sexually Abused Children

And:

- * Adopted a Wing at the Rocky Hill Veterans Hospital
- * Brought "Youth and Law" programs to CT
- * Built a Habitat for Humanity home in New London
- * Furnished safe havens for battered women
- * Promoted legislation for CT Canine Search & Rescue
- * Sponsored (RID) Remove Intoxicated Drivers education
- * Supported CRIS, CT Radio Information Services
- * Supported Literacy Volunteers of America