**General Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc.**

**National Event**

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***Why* *GFWC Friendsgiving*?**

Friendsgiving is the blend of the words *Friends* and *Thanksgiving*, and it refers to a large meal shared with friends either near or on Thanksgiving. But why should we make this concept of a meal with friends just for Thanksgiving time?

The **GFWC National Event: *GFWC Friendsgiving*** will help build the GFWC brand in your community: gather and thank leaders, individuals, and businesses who have participated in some way in club projects by their donations of items, time, gift cards, and/or sponsorship; and enlighten potential members to the vast reach of club philanthropy and grassroots volunteer dedication.

Reach out to organizations that have benefited from your hands-on community service

and/or In-kind donations and invite them. Think of your local organization contacts your club works with, such as the humane society, domestic violence shelters, after-school programs, food kitchens and pantries, and the list goes on.

Who else to invite? Town/city leaders, local business owners, past club members, co-

workers, friends, members from other social groups you belong to, ladies who have attended club events or meetings but never joined, and even the micro-volunteers who assisted your

club over the past few years. Pretty much*, EVERYONE* your club members are in contact with could be invited.

The goal is to get together for fun and fellowship. It can be scheduled around any holiday, such as:

* *GFWC Friendsgiving* – Ringing in the New Year with Friends (New Year’s)
* *GFWC Friendsgiving* – Show the Love (Valentine’s Day)
* *GFWC Friendsgiving* – Join us for a “Hoppy” Celebration (Easter)
* *GFWC Friendsgiving* – It’s A Federation Day Friendsgiving
* *GFWC Friendsgiving* – Let the Summer Warm Your Heart (summer months)

The possibilities are endless. GFWC clubs are creative – we encourage you to create your own

***GFWC Friendsgiving*** event.

All the facets needed to plan a successful event are located in the

*GFWC Friendsgiving ~ Box of Gems*

located in the F Resources Folder in the Member Portal

***GFWC Friendsgiving*** ~ a wonderful opportunity to be *Thankful* for the community’s support and to BRAG about the good GFWC grassroots volunteering your members participate in while gaining a few new members in the process!