

GFWC WV Fundraising Ideas

Begin your fundraising process by gathering club members together for a brainstorming session. No dream is too big when you work together! Discuss pros and cons, then make your choice and design as many ways as you can to put some fun into your fundraiser.

Some ideas are listed below.

COMMUNITY CAPERS AND EVENTS

- Adult Spelling Bee
- Art in the Park Show & Sale
- Baby Photo Contest
- Children’s Puppet Show or Magician
- Dance Off/Dancing with the Stars
- Father/Daughter Dance
- Festival Face Painting or Photo Booth
- Mardi Gras Party
- Music BINGO
- Paint the Porch Pink (Breast Cancer Walk)
- Rubber Duck Races
- Shredding Events

VIRTUAL IDEAS

- Bingo
- Drive-by Decorated House Tour
- Online Auctions
- Online Gift Card Sales
- See and Sell
- Spin it to Win it
- Trivia Night

WIDE WORLD OF SPORTS

- Bowling Tournament/Candlelight Bowl
- Fishing Tournament
- Golf Tournament/Golf Outing
- Kickball Tournament
- Walk or Road Race

FABULOUS FOODS

- Baked Goods Sales
- Chili Supper, Baked Potato Bar, Ice Cream Social
- Chocolate & Wine Sale
- Coffee or Brunch Event with Recipes
- Progressive Dinner—Three Restaurants/Three Courses
- Cultural Dinner—Small Plates
- Hot, Medium, and Mild Pepper Jelly Sale
- Kitchen Tour with Host Chefs
- Meat Sales or Raffles
- Pancake Breakfast

GIRLS JUST WANT TO HAVE FUN

- Bunco, Bingo, or Card Party
- Mother/Daughter Tea
- Purse Bingo
- Paint Night
- Pajama Party or Pajama Day
- Style Show or Fashion Show
- Trivia Night
- Witches Night Out

HOUSE AND GARDEN GOODIES

- Garden Tour
- Flamingo Flock—Pay for Removal
- Raffle a Truck Load of Gravel or Mulch
- Plant Sale

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

- Christmas Tree Delivery
- Egg My Yard—Easter
- Festival of Trees
- Haunted House or Halloween Party
- Holiday Expo or Bazaar
- Holiday Gift Wrapping
- Holiday Open House or House Tour
- July 4th—Fireworks, Flea Market, Parade, Cookout
- Paint a Pallet-Flags, Pumpkins, Snowman
- Poinsettias & Wreath Sale
- Polar Express Event—PJs, Hot Chocolate, Cookies, and Santa
- Restaurant Share Nights (percentage of evening sales)
- Santa or Bunny Breakfast
- Scarecrow Contest/Festivals

PAMPERED PETS

- Dog or Pet Show
- Pet Homemade Treat Sale
- Pet Photo Contest

(Information from the GFWC Manual 2022-2024)

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“LET’S MAKE A DEAL”

- Art & Craft Auction/Show
- Bazaar—Host the Event or a Table
- Book Sale—Used and New, Invite an Author
- Children’s Consignment Sale
- Cookie/Dessert Sale
- Furniture Upscale and Resale
- It’s in the Bag! (Brown Bag Auction)
- Kitchen Utensil Demo & Sale
- Make It, Bake It, or Fake It! (Arts, Crafts, Foods)
- White Elephant/Re-Gift Auction
- Vintage Jewelry and/or Accessories Sale

DYNAMO DATE NIGHTS

- Casino Night
- Dances—Rock & Roll, Line Dancing, Ballroom Dancing
- Gala to support awareness and prevention of Human Trafficking
- Movie-Themed Costume Contest and Sing Along
- Kentucky Derby Party—Hats & Bowties
- Mad Hatter’s Tea Party
- Murder Mystery Party/Dinner



GFWC FUND DEVELOPMENT

GFWC Designated Funds support the work of GFWC by providing essential funding in targeted areas. They are vital to continue GFWC's mission of strengthening our communities and enhancing the lives of others. Donations can be made online through the Member Portal at www.GFWC.org/memberportal or by check made out to GFWC, with the individual fund named in the memo field, and mailed to GFWC, 1734 N Street NW, Washington, DC 20036-2990 or by completing the online Annual Giving Program Donation Form. (Information from the GFWC Manual 2022-2024)

THE ANNUAL GIVING PROGRAM

“Honor the Legacy, Ignite the Future” Annual Giving Program information is available in the Club Manual located in the “C” Resources folder of the Member Portal Digital Library. This fund is an unrestricted donation to the area most in need at the time as determined by GFWC Officers.

FRIENDS OF THE WHRC

Membership in the Friends of the WHRC provides special benefits to GFWC members, clubs, and State Federations that make contributions to support the work of the WHRC. Funds are used to purchase preservation supplies, collections management technology, and books for the WHRC research library. In addition, Friends' donations support outreach activities directed toward students, teachers, and others.

GFWC ENDOWMENT FUND

The GFWC Endowment Fund was begun in 1910 to help ensure a firm financial foundation and assist in providing for the future needs of GFWC. Contributions to this fund are permanently restricted, but income earned on the fund is unrestricted and has been used to support programs, advocacy and outreach efforts, and overall membership development opportunities.

GFWC JANE CUNNINGHAM CROLY GRAVESITE

Help honor our founding mother by donating to the GFWC Jane Cunningham Croly Gravesite Fund. This fund provides the necessary means to maintain her gravesite in Lakewood, NJ. In 2010, thanks to your generosity, the Croly family gravesite was refurbished. All donations are tax deductible, and all donors will be acknowledged by email.

GFWC LIBRARY DISASTER RELIEF FUND

Tying together members' generous financial gifts and passion for literacy with our mission of community improvement through volunteer service, the GFWC Disaster Relief—Library Replenishment Fund assists in restocking the collections of public- and public-school libraries that have been affected by natural and manmade disasters.

GFWC PROGRAMS FUND

The GFWC Programs Fund offers an opportunity to donate to one of GFWC's Special or Community Service Programs that help clubs light a path for the future and address the current and upcoming needs of its communities. Donations collected for each program will be used to fund various scholarships, educational events, speakers, webinars, and other activities that support the program. (Information from the GFWC Manual 2022-2024)

1734 SOCIETY

Named for the GFWC Headquarters' address at historic 1734 N Street NW in Washington, DC, the 1734 Society is dedicated to preserving and maintaining the building as a National Historic Landmark. Members of the 1734 Society understand the importance of historic preservation and take pride in supporting GFWC Headquarters.

GFWC SIGNATURE PROGRAM: DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION FUND

Improve the lives of domestic violence survivors around the country by making an investment in their future with a donation to the GFWC Signature Program: Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness and Prevention Fund. Money from the fund will allow GFWC to award intimate partner violence survivors with a scholarship, giving them hope for a better tomorrow. The GFWC Success for Survivors Scholarship was created through GFWC's commitment to our Signature Program, to change the lives of survivors as they take the next step in reshaping their future in a positive way through higher education. For nearly half a century, GFWC has fought to eliminate domestic violence, and the establishment of this fund is one way that GFWC moves towards achieving that goal

Annual Giving Program- (information from the GFWC Communications Convention newsletter)

GFWC Headquarter Facade Restoration and Beautification Project

Donation to the GFWC Headquarters Facade Restoration and Beautification Project will go towards the restoration of the iconic white-facing exterior walls of GFWC's beloved Headquarters buildings. Over time, the brick and stonework that gives our Headquarters its grand and elegant appearance has deteriorated and needs major repairs. Restoration work will include stripping existing paint, cleaning, and sealing, mortar and stonework repair, repainting, and more. This restoration will not only enhance the beauty of our Headquarters, but it will also project the historic interior spaces and collections and secure the buildings' long-term structural integrity. This annual giving fund will launch at the 2024 GFWC Annual Convention in Chicago, Illinois, and run through the 2024-2026 administration. Through your donation to the GFWC Headquarters Facade Restoration and Beautification Project, we will be able to welcome visitors and clubwomen to our beautiful Headquarters for the next 134 years.