Enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service.

The General Federation of Women's Clubs of CT (GFWC/CT) is a member of one of the world's largest and oldest nonpartisan, nondenominational, women's volunteer service organizations, the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC). GFWC and GFWC/CT are distinguished from other service organizations by the breadth of their outreach. Programs span all areas of the lives of our members, their families, and communities; arts, conservation, education, home life, public affairs and international affairs. The international organization's signature project is to promote awareness of the issue of domestic violence and encourage members to become involved in projects to decrease domestic violence in their communities.

GFWC/CT membership not only provides an opportunity for service to the community to women 18 years of age and older, but also opens the door to personal growth in leadership and public speaking. Clubs are located in many areas of the state and new members are always welcome. Friendship, Pride, and Service are benefits of joining. Junior High and high school girls are encouraged to join the Juniorettes and begin to share in the rewarding experience of volunteer work.

GFWC/CT was federated in 1897 and has been involved in projects over the years that include raising funds to renovate a women's wing at the Rocky Hill Veteran's Hospital, establishing the first Hospice Center in CT, supporting CT Canine Search and Rescue issues, and building a home for Habitat for Humanity as examples.

Information on GFWC and GFWC/CT can be obtained at their websites: <u>www.gfwc.org</u> and <u>www.gfwcct.org</u>