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2018 International Outreach – Club Creative Award Entry

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2. The University of Alabama Birmingham has many International Students. They come from all over the world in search of a better education. They are far from home and cannot bring everything they need with them. They end up in unfurnished apartments with a student budget. The Panorama Study Club helps to provide these international students with furniture, bikes, microwaves, beds, linens, mattresses, and other needed items. When the students come to school, the calls start going out in search of items for the student apartments. One hundred and three pieces of furniture, 3 sets of dishes, 1 bike, two microwaves, and lots of homemade cookies and flowers from members gardens were provided. Over 180 hours and \$2,819.00 in-kind donations were contributed to this effort. Some club members even entertained students in their homes, hosting luncheons and dinners serving up to 25 students and spending \$150.00 to do so.

Participating Members 17 Hours 180 In-Kind donations \$2,819.00

3. Soles4Souls. The main location and warehouse for this organization is located in Wadley, Alabama, and the members of the Quest Club are strong supporters of this facility. Michael Brown, CEO of the company, presented a program to the Quest Club in March 2018. He provided information about the company, how it depends on donations and how it is able to ship shoes all around the world. They are also very generous with U.S. citizens who have been affected by storms and disasters during the past year. Club members have donated over 100 pairs of shoes during 2018. Some members have also donated clothes. Clothes are mostly sent to foreign countries. In kind donations for shoes and clothes was \$420.00. The Quest Club donated \$100.00 to Soles4Souls at the March

Members: 24 Volunteer hours: 20 Dollars Donated \$100.00 In-Kind Donations: \$420.00

4. GFWC Legacy club members were made aware that January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month and were encouraged to attend the North Alabama Human Trafficking Task Force Meeting in January, a public presentation on human trafficking at a local high school, and the GFWC North Alabama Human Trafficking Benefit Concert in February. Three club members attended the North Alabama Human Trafficking Task Force Meeting, three Club members attended the public presentation at the local high school, and eight club women along with guests attended the Benefit Concert to raise awareness of and funds for North Alabama Human Trafficking Task Force and the UNICEF USA Fund: End Trafficking. Three club members served on the committee for the Benefit Concert assisting with event coordination, sponsorships and promotions. Additionally, our club treasurer managed the bookkeeping for the benefit concert with funds flowing through our club account until final profits were determined.

Volunteer Hours: 145 Dollars Donated \$1,025

5. L.A.M.B. Institute, Tegucigalpa, Honduras. The Gulf Shores Woman's Club, Inc. International Outreach Community Service Project committee chose to raise money through donations collected at general meetings for the Latin American Missionary and Bible Institute (L.A.M.B.) in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. Within this organization is a children's home, a safe-house for girls in danger of being trafficked, boys and girls after school programs, a school for students in grades 1-12, and a church on the children's home campus. Throughout 2018, the committee has devoted 18 hours of volunteer work toward this project. In January, March, and April members collected \$700 for the safe-house girls. During this fall season and into the spring of 2019, members are raising money for students who wish to further their education after graduating from high school. The students were raised in the LAMB children's home. In September and November we raised an additional \$224.61. During 2018, a total of approximately 20 young women, housemothers, psychiatrists, and doctors were able to benefit from these donations.

Volunteers hours: 18 Dollars Donated: \$924.61

6. Heifer International has worked to bring help, healing and hope to millions of impoverished families worldwide. Heifer International works in the areas of livestock and agriculture to develop programs that alleviate hunger and poverty. GFWC Alabama Les Belles Juniores manded a table at an Alternative Christmas Market, offering shoppers a way to donate and animal to be sent to an underprivileged country. Choices included ducks, sheep, chickens, pigs, even a heifer. Girls told the shoppers the use of these animals can provide food and help them earn an income. Girls explained the choices to buyers and presented a sticker and button as a thank you for coming by the table. Juniores filled out sale slips, then customers took it to the cashier for payment. The event was an experience for each girl to learn more about Heifer International, meet and talk to the public, give information to an adult and feel success of helping others. The Heifer table had \$3,100.00 donated by shoppers in just 3.5 hours. The Juniores enjoyed their shift when representing the Heifer Project.

Members Participating: 5 Hours Donated: 20 Money Collected : \$3,100.00

7. The GFWC Alabama Shades Mountain Woman's Club members sewed for Operation Smile all year. The GFWC Hoover Juniores, which is sponsored by Shades Mountain Women's Club joined the club on April 12, 2018 with a sew in. 15 club members and 9 Juniores attended. 69 gowns were cut out, 3 fleece blankets were cut and tied, 10 quilt squares were glued and made ready to quilt at this joint "sew in". 550 gowns and 15 quilts were shipped to Operation Smile at a value of \$2,900.00. Members brought fabric and sheets to make the gowns.

Total Hours: 739 In-Kind Donations \$2,900.00 Total Donated: \$72.00 to ship items.

8. 15 members of the woman's Study Club of Wedowee toured SIFAT, Servants in Faith and Technology. The history of SIFAT was presented to the members and a tour was given of the Third World country villages. Students from other countries come there to study appropriate and healthier technology in their part of the world. They learn how to purify water, use different plants and leaves for food and shelter, build a stove that produces less smoke, and many other ways to survive and live a more productive life. A tour of the gardens and orchards was provided. Also, the educational building was on tour where students from every major college can study to receive a college credit for healthcare. Club members donated \$100.00 to this project.

Total Hours: 20 Dollars Donated: \$100

9. The GFWC Legacy club members bring the front and backs of cereal boxes to each monthly meeting to support the Apparent Project – a Haitian relief agency. Haitian women roll the cereal box fronts and backs into beads which are then used to make jewelry. This jewelry is sold through Apparent Project displays and events with funds benefitting the Haitian crafters and allowing them to earn monies to provide for their families. During this calendar year club members have collected and donated more than 50 cereal boxes.

Volunteer Hours: 5 Dollars Donated: 0

10. Walgreen's Red Nose Day Mission to End Childhood Poverty Every year, thousands of people buy Red Noses to raise awareness and funds to combat childhood poverty worldwide. Proceeds from sales of the Red Noses feed needy children worldwide. Members were encouraged to buy and wear Red Noses. International Outreach CSP purchased noses for Board Members who wore them at the May Board Meeting in support of this cause. Members donated to this project.

Participating members: 38 Hours Donated: 2 Money Donated \$40

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