



Signature Program: Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness and Prevention



The goal of the GFWC Signature Program Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness and Prevention is to increase awareness of and help prevent the widespread occurrence of domestic abuse and violence against women in communities across the nation by working with national domestic violence networks, supporting existing activities, working with various established programs and initiating educational opportunities for club members and local citizens.

- Program areas of focus:
- Intimate Partner Abuse
 - Child Abuse
 - Teen Dating
 - Campus Sexual Assault
 - Elder Abuse
 - Violence Against Native American Women
 - Military Sexual Assault
 - Human Trafficking



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Resource Organizations



Get Inspired with “Grassroots” Projects

Recognition:

Stage of Possible Victim/Current Victim

- Realize there is or could be a problem.
- Determine the nature of the problem.
- How is the problem impacting them?

Program Ideas for GFWC volunteers

- Create awareness campaigns using resources.
- Prepare information on healthy relationships using resources.
- Introduce programs on life skills.

Rescue:

Stages of Possible Victim/Current victim

- Actions to get out of or away from the problem
- Provide connections to law enforcement and phone numbers for hotlines
- Provide emergency supplies and hygiene items.

Program Ideas for GFWC Volunteers

- Support law enforcement efforts and/or programs.
- Support other assistance agencies.
- Make hotlines readily available in secure locations.

Recovery:

Stage of Survivor

- Encourage the survivor to regroup with assistance.
- Build confidence to reestablish stability.
- Enrolls in personal development opportunities.

Program Ideas for GFWC Volunteers

- Volunteer in local shelters.
- Provide information of local therapy projects.
- Assist with clothing and hygiene needs.

Renaissance:

Stage of Survivor

- Steps out in positive direction.
- Integration into creating a new sense of self and personal future.
- Redefines themselves in the context of meaningful relationships.

Program Ideas for GFWC Volunteers

- Locate scholarships available for survivors.
- Present avenues for job training.
- Introduce professional development opportunities available.

Please sign up for the Member Portal at WWW.GFWC.ORG for access to the Club Manual for additional project ideas, Resource Organizations information and the list of GFWC Affiliate Organizations.