

2023

A Year of Accomplishments

Year-End Report GFWC Hobe Sound Women's Club



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Who We Are

The General Federation of Woman’s Clubs (GFWC) is one of the world’s largest and oldest woman’s volunteer service organization. There are thousands of clubs in the United States and globally in more than 20 countries.



The GFWC Hobe Sound Women’s Club (HSWC) is your local chapter. We support the arts, preservation of natural resources, healthy lifestyle, civic engagement, and international causes.

The HSWC offers its members the opportunity to be successful volunteers within a fun-loving group of like-minded women. All women regardless of age, health status, race, religion, or political beliefs can find a place within the GFWC Hobe Sound Women’s Club where their time and efforts are appreciated and respected. Working with us you will help others but more importantly you will find that volunteerism is a wonderful way of life!



Small But Mighty

It’s true, we are a smaller chapter than many others within the GFWC organization, but we are mighty! Current membership holds at 27 and we often amaze the GFWC leadership with our many accomplishments each year.



Founded in 1992 with the creation of the Hobe Sound Elementary School playground, the club went on to create “Dixie Days,” which evolved into the Hobe Sound Festival of the Arts currently hosted by the Hobe Sound Chamber of Commerce each February.

The club’s administrative/operating costs are funded by annual membership dues, at \$50/year. Club events and fundraisers are designed to be self-supporting with proceeds used for humanitarian projects within the community.



We are very grateful to the many anonymous donors who help to make our philanthropy dreams come true each year.

President's Message



*President Belinda Lowe's
2023-2024 Motto*

Bringing Unity To The Community

Dear Friends,

People demonstrate generosity in many ways. Whether it is helping a neighbor or stranger out, showing up for an issue for the people we care about, or giving to causes important to us, every act of generosity counts. Over the past 30 years, the GFWC Hobe Sound Women's Club has raised tens of thousands of dollars for local humanitarian needs and critical causes around the world.

Together we can strive to build a better Hobe Sound and a better world at large.

My president's motto for this year and in 2024 is *Bringing Unity To The Community*. Just like our Hometown Festival and Holiday Tree Lighting, our focus in 2024 will be on projects that foster positive relationships, patience and kindness between neighbors. Spending a few dollars and a bit of time bringing people together and sharing a few laughs is the "Hobe Sound Way" of making change possible.

The catalytic power of generosity is at the heart of the society we build together, unlocking dignity, opportunity, and equity for all people. But we cannot do this without you. Let's make a commitment in 2024 to improve the lives of others and Bring Unity To The Community.

Thank you for your support.

Belinda Lowe

2023 Donations and Fundraising

- ❖ Little Lending Library installed at the Community Butterfly Garden
- ❖ Annual Gala Fundraiser
- ❖ Memorial stone markers in butterfly garden
- ❖ 4th Annual Hometown Festival
- ❖ September 11th memorial wreath
- ❖ Natives helping Natives with monetary and in-kind donations
- ❖ 3rd Annual Hobe Sound Holiday Tree Lighting on US1
- ❖ Hobe Sound Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade float
- ❖ All year long support for [CareBag, Inc.](#) with monetary and in-kind donations
- ❖ All year long support for [Family Promise of Martin County](#) with monetary and in-kind donations
- ❖ All year long support for [Reverse the Door, Inc.](#) with monetary and in-kind donations
- ❖ All year long maintenance Community Butterfly Garden



Public Outreach

The HSWC leverages social media for messaging and promotion of upcoming events. Look for us on Facebook, YouTube, Next Door and in 2024 on Instagram!

Visit our very active website at www.thehswc.org and sign up to receive our quarterly newsletter and email notifications.



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