

*(Note: SAMPLE NARRATIVE Provided by GFWC Hollidaysburg Area Women's Club)*

*GFWC PENNSYLVANIA January – December 2020  
GFWC COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM: EDUCATION & LIBRARIES  
CLUB NAME AS IT APPEARS IN THE STATE DIRECTORY  
CLUB PRESIDENT'S NAME  
CLUB PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS, EMAIL AND PHONE NUMBER*

Number of Projects:	4
Volunteer Hours:	93
Dollars Donated:	\$3650
Dollars Spent:	\$263
Affiliate Organizations:	0

## **SCHOLARSHIP, COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS & OUTREACH**

### **1. FREE LITTLE LIBRARY**

**To inspire reading and literacy within our community, our clubwomen partnered with a local business, Keller Engineers, Inc., and the Hollidaysburg Area Public Library to sponsor and maintain a Free Little Library.** A Free Little Library is a “take a book, return a book” free book exchange. They come in many shapes and sizes, but the most common version is a small wooden box of books. People are encouraged to take a book or bring a book to share.

Our Free Little Library is prominently located on the main street of our town. Assembly, placement and installation was completed by Keller Engineers., Inc., and our local library agreed to assist in maintaining the book supply. The GFWC Hollidaysburg Area Women's Club's Free Little Library is registered and has a placard with our club name and logo (\$16). The cost of the Free Little Library kit was \$247;

Ten clubwomen devoted fifteen hours researching Free Little Libraries, registration, and meeting with our partners to complete this project.

**Club Members: 10      Volunteer Hours: 15      Dollars Spent: \$263**

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**2. NEW SCHOLARSHIP -- VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP**

**Because of a critical need for plumbers, electricians, auto mechanics, people who can fix computers and other vocational professions, our clubwomen implemented and approved a \$500 scholarship to be awarded to a student from the Hollidaysburg School District area. These monies are to be used to further their higher education needs.**

The new application was drafted and posted on our GFWC Hollidaysburg Area Women’s Club website. The first vocational scholarship award will be awarded in the spring of 2020. Thirteen clubwomen logged twenty volunteer hours discussing and drafting the application for our new Vocational Scholarship.

**Club Members: 13    Volunteer Hours: 20**

**3. ADULT WOMAN’S SCHOLARSHIP**

**The GFWC Hollidaysburg Area Women's Club awards a fall scholarship for an adult woman in Blair County who is returning to school after a break in education from high school and is attempting to improve her life and that of her family and community. One Adult Woman’s Scholarships was awarded in the Fall of 2019 in the amount of \$1,000.**

In the fall, the applications for the women's scholarship were sent to financial aid officers at local schools who were asked to aid our club in alerting eligible candidates. Availability of the scholarship was also posted on our Facebook page and website. Applications were distributed to local universities, other schools, the local library, and posted on the Club’s website. The applications were returned by the established deadline. Club members reviewed the applications and assigned a score based upon predetermined criteria. The top candidates were interviewed and the winner was selected.

**Ten clubwomen volunteered twenty hours preparing and distributing applications; posting applications to our website; organizing the scores from the committee members and, based on those scores, determining the applicants to be interviewed; sending letters to the applicants; reviewing the applications and participating in interviews.**

**Club Members: 10    Volunteer Hours: 20    Dollars Donated: \$1,000**

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**4. HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP & COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS**

**The GFWC Hollidaysburg Area Women’s Club’s scholarship and community service awards are designed to recognize senior high students in Hollidaysburg.** The applications were reviewed, updated, and sent to guidance counselors for disbursement to students. Applications were also available on our website. Completed applications were returned by a predetermined deadline and reviewed by Education Committee members. A rubric for scoring was devised to include: financial need, commitment to education, volunteer service, and current educational performance. The top applicants were interviewed by committee members. After the interviews, a discussion among committee members ensued to determine the winners of the scholarships.

**Based on the applications and interviews, our clubwomen awarded two academic scholarships and one community service award in 2019 totaling \$2,500.** The Academic Scholarships were \$1,000 each totaling \$2,000. The Community Service Award was in the amount of \$500. **Additionally, our clubwomen presented Junior awards to students recommended by their teachers. Five Junior students each received a Certificate of Achievement and a check in the amount of \$30 for a total of \$150.**

One club member attended the award ceremony at the Senior High School and presented the awards on behalf of our club members (3 hours). The scholarship winners as well as the winner of the community service award and their guest were invited to attend GFWC Hollidaysburg Area Women’s Club’s annual banquet. The expenses to cover the scholarship winners’ meal expenses is reported under our membership report.

**10 members volunteered 38 hours in committee meetings, application distribution, communication with financial aid representatives, application review, applicant interviews, recognition planning, and attendance at the Senior High School awards service.**

**Club Members: 10      Volunteer Hours: 38      Dollars Donated: \$2,650**

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