



GFWC Florida Presidents Project 2020 – 2022

President Dianne Forester's Presidents Project vision for 2020-22 will be a very special and personal one, as this project will be *your club's choice* in service to *your local community*. Our clubs are asked to reach out and support the **special needs** community in your own neighborhoods, as GFWC Florida extends *Love, Respect, & Kindness to all* in our state through Unity in Diversity. Here are some questions to ask and some ideas to help get you started:

What special needs are there in your community and how can we help?

Is there a special needs project you have done before that you would like to build upon?

Once you have identified your project, set a plan for implementation, and let's get started!

Programs involving persons with any of the following special needs or disabilities, or other programs that you may determine to be for a special need or special ability, are all eligible.

Programs are encouraged to be interactive, serving and engaging our special needs community with our hands and hearts. Some Special Needs areas where your club may develop a project are listed here:

1. Persons with Physical Disabilities
2. Medical special needs such as Diabetes or Cancer
3. Age related special needs such as Alzheimer's
4. Organ Transplant in Children and Adults
5. The Blind or visually impaired
6. The Deaf or hearing impaired
7. Disabled or Wounded Veterans
8. Developmental Special Needs such as Autism
9. Cognitive or Learning Disabilities
10. Emotional Special Needs
11. Mental Health Special Needs
12. Elderly or Nursing Homes
13. Foster Homes or Orphanages
14. Speech Impairments
15. Homeless or Shelters
16. Progressive conditions such as Multiple Sclerosis or Muscular Dystrophy
17. OneBlood blood drives with education on blood donation
18. Animal Shelters and Strays
19. Disaster Related Special Needs
20. *Other Special Need in your Community!*

Some larger organizations you may choose to support:

St. Jude's – Pediatric Research and Treatment Facility for Catastrophic Illnesses

Fisher House – Living Facility for Veterans and families near major hospitals

VSA Very Special Arts - Programs to showcase creative abilities of special needs children and adults

Ronald McDonald House – Living facilities for families with Children near major hospitals

Special Olympics – Sports Organization for persons with Intellectual Disabilities

Easter Seals – Services for disabilities of all ages provided at centers or at home