

CLUB NAME: Woman's Club of Springfield, Inc.

GFWC Virginia Statistical Form – Annual Club Record – 2012
Activity Summary

In the space below, please summarize the activities completed by your club during the past year.

The Woman's Club of Springfield continued to serve the Springfield and surrounding community with numerous projects and many donations. We had 40 community service projects in the areas of Domestic Violence, Home Life, Arts, Conservation, Education, Health and Public Issues, for a total of 2,573 volunteer hours. We donated \$7,453.26 to: Canine Partners for Life, The American Heart Association, So Others Might Eat, Prevent Child Abuse Virginia, Bethany House, local elementary schools, scholarships, our Layette Project, Girl's State, Wreaths Across America, Children's Miracle Network, the Avon 3-Day Breast Cancer Walk, All-Night Graduation Parties and Reading is Fundamental. We made in-kind contributions of \$3,170.31 to Bethany House, our Layette Project and local elementary schools (in several projects).

We continued to strive for excellence in Leadership. Three of our members served the Northern District GFWC Virginia by serving as the President, Credentials Chairman and Domestic Violence Awareness Chairman. Our President had many activities that aimed to keep our members informed of not only Club activities and projects, but District and State activities and news. She also developed forms and copied and distributed GFWC Manual excerpts to the various Chairmen. In addition, we have a club-appointed representative on the Springfield Inter-Service Council – a group of representatives of all of the Springfield service organizations. She attends all meetings and keeps our club informed. We spent a total of 2,168 volunteer hours on 6 main projects, and \$1,038.00 in money.

We gained 5 new members this past year with our Membership efforts, which included keeping our brochure out at our Pink Elephant Shop and the local library, having a beautiful display at the local library depicting various aspects of our club's work, and having a membership table at several community events. We also had numerous activities designed to retain membership, including outings, a fun Membership meeting (a who-done-it) and participating in Northern District trips.

We continued to run our main fundraiser, The Pink Elephant Thrift Shop, which has been open for nearly 50 years and is run exclusively by volunteer members of our Club. In addition, we had numerous fundraising projects to augment our budget. Volunteer hours for these fundraising projects totaled 5,850, and a total of \$13,157.49 was raised. The majority of that total was donated to charity, as listed in the first paragraph. Over \$3,450.00 of unsold clothing were donated to the Veterans of Foreign War for their use.

Our Club enjoys our hard work and dedication to the Springfield community, while, at the same time, having fun and enjoying the camaraderie of other Club Members.