

GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS OF VIRGINIA 2018-2020

Club Name: Woman's Club of Springfield, Inc.

GFWC Virginia Statistical Form — Annual Club Record — 2018
Activity Summary

The Woman's Club of Springfield continues its 65-year commitment to our Springfield Community and our Nation. Our members serve a rapidly diversifying community who ever needs our help.

Our primary emphasis is on Education and our Home Life Projects. To that end, our thrift shop, The Pink Elephant, a year-around, all volunteer operation, donates all its profits to the community, this year with over 40 grants, which our report reflects.

Our Education Program has many components, chief of which is our Scholarship Program, donating three scholarships last year, totaling \$7,000.00.

Our Home Life Program has many activities each year, but we are proudest of our continuing Layette Program, which has been expanded to include pack-n-plays, car seats and board books to encourage a love of reading early in the child's life.

We put a great deal of emphasis and support on the GFWC Signature Project, Domestic Violence Awareness, with our partnership with Bethany House. We raise money with our annual Spring Faire for Bethany House and donate other items and gift cards throughout the year.

We also are proud of our partnership with Mended Hearts of Inova Fairfax Hospital, making and donating over 65 heart cough pillows this year.

Our Conservation program champions recycling and supports Hidden Pond Nature Center with donations of needed educational items.

Our Arts program creates items that are used for sales to augment our club budget. In addition, members enjoy the social time together learning new crafts.

This year, communications have improved in our club with the addition of our Public Issues Committee's online "Line Lady," which contains information of all sorts, mostly local public issues and carefully researched activity suggestions and links to important information on the internet. In addition, the "Elephant's Ear," our monthly newsletter, keeps members updated on club activities and news.

We continue to reach out for new members, with an active Membership Committee, led by a Chairman with many new ideas.

In addition to all of our hard work in The Pink Elephant Shop and our many ongoing projects, our members enjoy outings, lunches, dinners, movies and bridge, which encourages camaraderie amongst our members and keeps them interested and engaged.