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The Women's Club of Springfield had a challenging Club year, adapting to the horrors of Covid 19. Many of our projects had to be curtailed, but our compassionate and generous members were still able to contribute to our community and keep certain projects going.

That led us to continuing our scholarship programs, donating lap desks to a local elementary school for at-home learning, and participating in several local food programs. We were also able to sponsor a local student to attend Girls State.

We made masks and mask extenders, cough pillows for Mended Hears and did online cultural visits and craft projects. We sent Thank You cards to the military.

Our popular layette program continued to get our support at both Fairfax and Alexandria hospitals, and we contributed gift cards and supplies to Bethany House, a local woman's shelter.

Membership retention was a priority as some of our members did not want to meet by Zoom. We sent out humorous emails to raise spirits, and helpful hints and suggestions to all members with our Operation L.O.L. We phoned non-Zoom members to see the best way to include them, and sent each member a personal holiday card.

The Pink Elephant Thrift shop, our main fundraiser, was the biggest challenge. We had to be closed for four months, and can currently only be open for a reduced number of hours due to a limited number of members willing to work because of Covid 19. Several of our programs depend on Pink Elephant income for funding, so we are hoping that when the vaccine makes a difference in safety, we can be open longer hours and get back to where we were before the pandemic.

Despite the challenges we survived, grateful and eager for the opportunity to be a credit to GFWC, our members, and the community in 2021.

We have adopted a little pink elephant mascot, and named her HOPE for Honoring Our Commitment Every Day.