

International Outreach

The GFWC International Outreach Community Service Program is designed to enable members to become better world citizens through advocacy, education, and action, which will, in turn, effect change in and for our global friends and their communities.

Chairwoman: Linda

Committee Members: Robin, **Barb H**

International / Local Community Involvement

This year offered the members of GFWC Billings Junior Woman's Club had many opportunities to be a part of the international community.

(1) Once again this year, through PlanUSA, the GFWC Billings Junior Woman's Club sponsored Rut from Peru. The club sends holiday cards and a birthday card. The cards include information about our customs and holiday celebrations. Rut sends information about her family, home, and school. She also draws pictures to be shared with the club. Rut has also received puzzles, bookmarks and stickers about Montana and our national parks. \$360. In Kind \$60. 6 Members. 12 Volunteer Hours.

(2) PlanUSA also received a donation of \$90.00 for the Global Women's Fund to provide loans to women in developing nations for business startups in their communities. \$90. 1 Member. 1 Volunteer Hour.

(3) The Club was involved in World Food Day collecting more than 65 nonperishable items for the local food bank at the October meeting. In Kind \$65. 10 Members. 12 Volunteer Hours.

(4) World Water Day was also observed with a donation of \$150.00 to the local organization, Hope 2 One Life, which works to provide clean drinking water in Uganda. Brochures about the World Water Day Walk were distributed at the Club meeting. \$150. 1 Members. 2 Volunteer Hours.

(5) A donation of \$100.00 was made to CARE which fights global poverty particularly for women and girls. CARE increases opportunities for education, healthcare, business development through community based activities in 60 countries with 90% of funds supporting 997 program activities in 84 countries. This donation was designated for the refugees from nations impacted by war. \$100. 1 Member. 1 Volunteer Hour.

(6) Doctors Without Borders received a contribution of \$200. to aid in hurricane relief in Haiti. \$200. 1 Member. 1 Volunteer Hour.