

2004-2005 - No information is available for this two-year period

2005-2006 - \$250 was donated to the club and books were purchased and given to one of the local kindergartens.

2006-2007 - In November 2006, the club put on an "Authentic Style Show." The photos showed Club members in period costumes. A card party fundraiser was held and earned \$1,000. The president was passionate about families not being able to afford Christmas. An adopted family was presented with multiple gifts for everyone in the family.

2007-2008 - At this point in time, membership was reduced to an extremely low number. The President agreed to serve two years and was able to turn the club around by installing new members, new projects and determination. The club grew and began participating in new activities. 75 knitted infant hats were made and sent to infants in 3rd world countries.

2008-2009 - The community project focused on raising money for Meals on Wheels. For every dollar the club raised, the federal program would pay an additional \$4. Since \$1,000 was raised, Meals on Wheels received \$5,000. A new fundraiser "Bunco" was organized and held in January. It was a success and members agreed it would be continued.

2009-2010 - The fundraisers for this year were a Card Party and Bunco. The money raised the prior year was presented to the Community Clinic Prescription Program. 70 fleece blankets were made and given to children in a bag that included a teddy bear, book and one of the blankets. 50 gowns were made for Operation Smile and a large number of personal items were collected for Safehouse. This was the year it was decided that the vintage clothing needed to be sold as they had begun to disintegrate. This was started by transporting all the items to the Old West Museum and a 2-day sale was held. The transporting involved many members and some husbands!

2010-2011 - The president took a special interest in the sale of the vintage clothing and worked very closely with an antique dealer. An auction was held at the Old West Museum. The remaining items were purchased by members. The club held their first garage sale fundraiser and the final vintage items were sold at the garage sale.

2011-2012 - The clubwomen donated 175 coats to the Salvation Army. The club also purchased storage bins for Triumph High School's new daycare center that provides care for the children while the mothers attend classes. Money raised for the community projects went to K-9s for Mobility and items were given to foster children when they were removed from their homes.

2012-2013 - The club completed its first International Affairs project with the gathering of flat twin sheets for a boarding school in Haiti. A total of 36 sheets were sent along with a monetary donation of \$60. The Community Improvement Projects were Cheyenne Day of Giving, Cheyenne Health and Wellness Clinic, Friday Food Bag Program, Pride Inc, (autistic persons) and Scottish Rite Language Clinic. A total of \$3,018 was distributed to the various projects.

2013-2014 - Friday Food Bags was the Community Improvement project for the year. The program provides at-risk children with weekend meals and the organization was given \$2,529.

The second project was COMEA Shelter which provides clothing, shelter, and care for the homeless. COMEA was given \$2,529. During this year, the club members agreed to place \$1,000 each year for five years in an endowment fund at the local college. The state will match the funds contributed to the endowment. The fundraisers for the year raised a total of \$6,058 with 825 volunteer hours donated to support the fundraisers.

2014-2015 - In May 2015, X-JWC celebrated its 75th Anniversary at the Holiday Inn with 84 members, friends, relatives, the Cheyenne Mayor, and GFWC Women's Civic League of Cheyenne members attending. During the celebration, the seven members over the age of 90 were honored. The celebration made X-JWCers proud to be a member of the club. The Community Improvement Project supported four nonprofit organizations this year. Each project received a check for \$1,323. The Friends of Foster Families provides supplies for children taken from families, ARC provides special events for developmentally disabled adults, Magic City provides daily activities for developmentally disabled adults, and K9s for Mobility trains dogs to serve as companions and assistants for the disabled. The conservation project partnered with the State Forestry and a white fir tree was planted on the Capitol Complex. The club pledged to the community college \$1,000 a year for five years and the college would match that amount with state funds they were given. Five fundraisers were held this year raising a total of \$6,030.

2015-2016 - The Public Issues Committee partnered with the Cheyenne Chamber of Commerce on November 12th to help sort and pack care packages for the troops overseas. Many thanks to the group of volunteers who gave their time and efforts to make this project happen! The Club also partnered with Wyoming Coalition for the Homeless in collecting and donating warm winter coats in all sizes.

2016-2017 - The club enrolled in the King Soopers Rewards Program to use the funds for club programs and projects! The club received 5% of funds loaded on the cards of our participating members after we reached \$5000 (doesn't have to be items purchased, just loaded on their cards). Friends, spouses, neighbors, relatives also supported our project with an X-JWC Neighborhood Rewards card. We matched funds for the Cahill Park accessible playground. Our \$5,000 made a \$10,000 impact to the park.

2017-2018 - Eleven X-JWC members volunteered in local school classrooms to help students with their reading skills, improving 160 lives through this program. In a joint effort with the Craft Committee, bookmarks were made for all the children. Box tops were also collected to donate to the schools. We donated 24 blankets to the Wyoming Highway Patrol to carry in their cars during the winter months to give to victims of vehicle accidents. We donated \$8,400 to the emerging Children's Museum of Cheyenne.

2018-2019 - GFWC X-JWC partnered with the Unaccompanied Students Initiative, a non-profit dedicated to providing stable housing for homeless youths ages 16-20 trying to graduate from high school. We supported it in several ways such as we purchased bicycles that were raffled off at Cheyenne Superday. Next a Club member created and donated a quilt which was raffled off at the Cheyenne Greek Festival. We donated money, furniture and Christmas gifts for the USI home inhabitants. Several volunteers worked in our schools. Activities included reading, writing and math practice. They also prepared packets for the students and chaperoned field trips. The

Principal of one of the elementary schools, a Title 1 School, spoke at a GFWC X-JWC luncheon about encouraging and teaching volunteerism to her students. In 2019, the club received the GFWC Literacy Grant and matched funds for a total of \$400. We distributed that money among four of the schools. The teacher and the librarian from the Title 1 school used the money to purchase books from a local author and newspaper reporter, who came to speak to the class about her work. This inspired one of the students to apply for a position with Scholastic News. He successfully earned the position, becoming the first person from Wyoming to do so. Scholastic News is read by more than 6 million students every week, so our work had tremendous impact. We donated Dr. Seuss books to the Wind River Reservation, donated shoes to Soles4Soles, cut out shoes for Soul Hope working in Uganda, and made fidget blankets for those in memory care facilities. We gave out \$1,000 in scholarships.

2019-2020 – XJWC participated in the Martin Luther King march on January 21st. There were 12 members who participated by bringing cookies, serving them and joining the march from the Cheyenne Depot to the Supreme Court Building. We participated in a rally against domestic violence and in the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of Wyoming Women’s Suffrage. We provided homemade dog treats to the Cheyenne Animal Shelter. We donated \$200 to Friends of Foster Families, \$100 to the Wyoming Tribune Eagle’s Empty Stocking Fund, and \$450 to CASA. We gave out \$1,200 in scholarships and matched funds for a \$5,000 grant to increase our scholarship at Laramie County Community College by \$10,000. We made fleece blankets for Safehouse, planted pinwheels during Prevent Child Abuse week and provided snacks for Rooted in Cheyenne volunteers. From our fundraisers, we donated \$3,975 to the Unaccompanied Students Initiative and \$3,975 to the Cheyenne Animal Shelter.

2020-2021 - This was the year of the COVID-19 pandemic. Our Club discovered some important priorities. We tried to keep our members healthy by providing information and staying in touch with each other. Our one major theme throughout this time was to emphasize the need for us to take care of ourselves, our families, our friends, and our communities. We honored two of our members with an “Every Day Hero” plaque for going above and beyond to keep some of our members safe and healthy. We made 165 COVID-19 face masks for local businesses and organizations. Information was provided on: where to wear a mask, when it was safe to take a mask off, and other pertinent information. We provided support for Veterans’ Rock, a new organization in Cheyenne that works with homeless veterans, veterans in need and their families, providing substance and nourishment. A sock drive was held with our membership and 75 pairs of socks, and 10 warm scarves were donated to Veterans’ Rock.

2021-2022 – XJWC members sent treats to elementary school teachers with thank you notes to the teachers for a job well done along with a brochure about X-JWC. The junior and senior high schools were subsequently included. The effort was well received! We “adopted” three families that were receiving services from Family Promise, a program that houses homeless families so our Club in partnership with the Cheyenne Optimist Club could play Santa. The total amount expended on the gift giving for the three families was almost \$400. Members donated books, a Dairy Queen gift card, jewelry, and other items. We collected ornaments for a tree to be set up at Natalie House where two of the families were housed. We sang Christmas carols, ate homemade cookies made by our Club members and watched the children open their gifts. It was a special Christmas for all!

2022-2023- Our club had 42 members in 2022-2023. We also found one new member in 2022 and another member in 2023. We hope to get more members in the next year.

I have had a great year as president of X-JWC during the 2022-2023 year. My President's project was collections for trees in Cheyenne. At the end of the collection, I decided to donate the money to Rooted in Cheyenne, and we were able to donate \$603.00. XJWC also had as their Community Improvement Project, K-9s for Mobility, and we were able to donate \$6,675.00. This amount was from our fundraising of the Texas Roadhouse luncheon and a Bunko party.

We had a total of 613 volunteer hours. This is a great number, but I am sure that there were many more hours donated by our members. We raised \$7,899, of which 90% went back to our CIP projects. We also donated \$967 to GFWC affiliate organizations. Our members also reported 217 books read during 2022.

We were able to give \$2000 in scholarships to 2 students planning on attending a Wyoming College. We donated 411 items to Habitat for Humanity for their fundraiser, and we tied and donated a total of 56 blankets to Blankets for Laramie County Kids. We also collected coats, gloves, and socks for the homeless in Laramie County. We were able to collect 26 coats, 15 pairs of gloves, 8 hats and 1 pair of socks. We also have an ongoing project of members knitting/crocheting or sewing scarves and then one of our members puts them on fences for people living on the street. 50 scarves so far have been put around our community. We also did a food drive to benefit Veterans Rock and signed Christmas cards which were taken to Life Care and to the VA hospital.

Our Environment chair collected old Christmas Lights and took them to Ft. Collins for recycling. We also as part of the Education/Library's committee put together stockings in support of some employees of the Laramie County School District #1. We also collected school supplies for students in Laramie County.

I am so proud to be President of such a wonderful club. Our women are mighty and have their hands in many projects and organizations in the Cheyenne area.