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GFWC TO AWARD SCHOLARSHIPS TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SURVIVORS *\$8,000 in Scholarships to be Awarded in June 2012*

February 21, 2012 (Washington, D.C.) – The General Federation of Women’s Clubs is offering a unique opportunity to help domestic violence survivors rebuild their lives. Through its *GFWC Success for Survivors Scholarship* program, the organization will award eight, \$1,000 scholarships in June 2012 to fund survivors’ academic pursuits.

“GFWC has a 122-year history of enhancing the lives of others through community improvement and volunteer service,” explains GFWC International President Carlene A. Garner. “The *GFWC Success for Survivors Scholarship* will make a difference in the lives of domestic violence survivors around the country by helping them pursue their education and career dreams.”

The GFWC scholarship was established to provide domestic violence survivors with a means to achieve financial and personal independence and channel GFWC members’ steadfast commitment to the prevention of domestic violence. The scholarships are funded through generous donations from GFWC members, partners, and friends through the *GFWC Signature Project: Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention Fund*.

“We are so grateful to those who have made this scholarship possible,” says GFWC Signature Project: Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention Chairman Beverly Lassiter. “Their generosity will positively impact eight individuals’ pursuit of education and independence.”

Survivors of intimate partner abuse seeking full- or part-time higher education to advance their careers, train for a new career, or reenter the job market are encouraged to apply for the *GFWC Success for Survivors Scholarship*. Candidates must be sponsored by a nonprofit domestic violence agency and GFWC club. The agency sponsor must have worked with the applicant for a minimum of six months. GFWC club sponsors offer encouragement to the applicant throughout his or her educational tenure.

The scholarship application deadline is March 30, 2012. For more information about the *GFWC Success for Survivors Scholarship* and to apply, go to www.GFWC.org.

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About the General Federation of Women’s Clubs

The General Federation of Women’s Clubs is a unifying force, bringing together local women’s clubs, with members dedicated to strengthening their communities and enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service. With 104,000 members in affiliated clubs in every state and more than a dozen countries, GFWC members are community leaders who work locally to create global change by supporting the arts, preserving natural resources, advancing education, promoting healthy lifestyles, encouraging civic involvement, and working toward world peace and understanding.