



## Fairfax County Commission for Women

The **commission's charge** is to promote the full equality of **women** and **girls** in the county.



## Women's History Month "Community Celebration Toolkit"

Every year, the month of March is designated as **Women's History Month**, when we recognize and celebrate extraordinary women and their diverse and historic accomplishments.

The **Fairfax County Commission for Women** has developed a "**Community Celebration Toolkit**" to suggest ways in which you may also celebrate the extraordinary women in your lives, whether they are women in your family, group, company, school, non-profit organization, association, church, or other entity, during **March's Women's History Month**.

The **Toolkit** lists many ideas, activities, and resources available that you may use in celebrating, honoring, and thanking the remarkable women in your own lives.

### **The Community Celebration Toolkit for Women's History Month:**

- **Use social media, blog, or write a letter to the editor or an op-ed** about the unsung heroes in your community.
- **Ask the head of your group (company, school, non-profit organization, association, church, or other entity) to send a message of thanks** to the women you are honoring for their extraordinary accomplishments, and provide a link to that message on your website.

- **Host a Women’s History Month program** to honor local women and/or to learn about historic women, who lived and worked in your area.
- **Reach out to supportive women’s and civic groups in your area to suggest that they hold a program** during Women’s History Month.
- **Write a Public Service Announcement (PSA)** from your organization or school to be submitted to local radio station(s), requesting that it airs during the month of March for Women’s History Month. Check with each radio station on their required submission deadline, usually one month ahead of requested air date. The PSA could also be linked to your group’s website.
- **Organize a poster or essay contest** asking elementary school students to prepare artwork depicting local women heroes in their community; or ask middle school students to write an essay describing what their heroes mean to them and why they are important.
- **Talk to your local high school about holding a Job Shadowing Day** to provide students with hands-on experience about women’s careers.
- **Suggest a classroom discussion on women’s history** during the month of March in middle school and high school civics, social studies and/or American government classes to focus on thinking and talking about the many remarkable and courageous women who have made history in America.
- **Ask your local television station to produce a short video** showing profiles of local women public servants, to be aired during the month of March for Women’s History Month and/or included in their monthly magazine, if they have one. Put the link to the video on your website.
- **Link the Fairfax County Commission for Women’s website** on the website or Facebook page of your organization, company, school, or other entity to access our Women’s History Month Video and Community Celebration Toolkit: [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cfw](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cfw).
- **Support women’s history organizations** by volunteering your time and skills, hosting a fundraiser, or making a tax-deductible donation.

- **Organize a tour of local women’s history sites in the DC/Northern Virginia area**, including:
  - Belmont-Paul Women’s Equality National Monument
  - Mary McLeod Bethune Council House National Historic Site
  - Daughters of the American Revolution Museum
  - National Museum of Women in the Arts
  - Clara Barton National Historic Site
  - Hillwood Museum & Gardens
  - Woman’s National Democratic Club Museum
  
- **Publish a resource list of national women’s history organizations on your website**, including:
  - National Women’s History Project
  - Sewall-Belmont House & Museum
  - Mary McLeod Bethune Council House National Historic Site
  - Daughters of the American Revolution Museum
  - National Women’s History Museum
  - National Women’s Hall of Fame
  - National Museum of Women in the Arts
  - Clara Barton National Historic Site
  - Hillwood Museum & Gardens
  - Woman’s National Democratic Club Museum
  - National Collaborative for Women’s History Sites
  - Turning Point Suffragist Memorial
  
- **WEAR PURPLE** during the month of March in honor of **WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH!**

If you have other suggestions for our Community Celebration Toolkit, please contact Michelle Mueller, Liaison to the Fairfax County Commission for Women, at [Michelle.Mueller@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Michelle.Mueller@fairfaxcounty.gov) or 703 324-9498 OR 711 (TTY).



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