

# SERVICE PROJECTS



GFWC CLUBWOMEN HAVE DONE AN AMAZING JOB PROVIDING GOWNS, BLANKETS, SMILE BAGS AND SO MUCH MORE TO OUR PATIENTS BEFORE AND AFTER SURGERY.

If your club is interested in pursuing any of the projects below with Operation Smile, please also consider that financial support is crucial to allow us to get these supplies to our patients and to provide the safe surgical care that they need. Needs for our medical missions are constantly evolving, so if you haven't been in touch with us in a while, please reach out to learn about some of the exciting changes we have made to our service projects!

## MEDICAL RECORD SUPPLIES

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Operation Smile medical professionals provide health care assessments to determine which children can safely undergo surgery. We bring everything we need to help with our screenings – from pens to staplers and many other items that may be unavailable at the medical mission site. These donated items will help us serve more children around the world.

## CHILD LIFE THERAPY SUPPLIES

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The Operation Smile child life therapy room is the last stop for a patient before the operating room. Licensed therapists facilitate therapeutic play and activities by explaining and demonstrating every aspect of care to our patients.

**New!** To ensure that our therapists have the best possible tools, we have updated our child life therapy donation list. Please contact us before your club begins collections to ensure that your items can be used in our child life therapy rooms!

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Want an easier way to shop for these much-needed supplies? Shop our Amazon Wishlist at [operationssmile.org/amazon-wishlist](https://www.operationssmile.org/amazon-wishlist) to provide these mission-critical items.

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## SMILE BAGS

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After receiving surgery, each child receives a Smile Bag filled with small personal care items, toys and a mirror to see their new smile. Clubwomen can sew the cloth bags or collect the items that go into each bag.

**New!** We've updated our Smile Bag inventory list. Please contact us before your club begins collections to ensure your items can be used in Smile Bags!

## SMILE SPLINTS

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Proper healing is essential for a healthy new smile. Smile Splints prevent a child from bending their arms and touching their stitches. A sewing pattern and instruction sheet is available upon request.

## CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL GOWNS

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A clean, fun hospital gown will bring joy to a child's face before and after surgery. Yet hospitals in low-and middle-income countries may have few or no resources to provide them. A gown pattern is available from Operation Smile. Contact us for more information.

## QUILTS, BLANKETS & AFGHANS

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Few things give more comfort to a child in a hospital than a warm, soft blanket. Clubwomen can help provide blankets for children receiving an Operation Smile surgery. For some children, this will be the first blanket they've ever owned. Please contact us for sizing and instruction sheets.