



## GFWC Women's Club Members Support Domestic Violence Month Awareness With 'Purple Purses'



**Pictured:** The GFWC Women's Club members commemorates domestic violence month with 'Purple Purses'.

**North Haven:** October is Domestic Violence Month. Tragically domestic violence has been on the increase in the US affecting mostly women, but even men and the aged suffer violence. For over a decade the Women's Club has supported BHcare in its efforts to combat domestic violence by donating clothing, toiletries, and other items to BHcare for use by women in safe houses throughout the state. At the October meeting of the Women's Club the women donated 33 "Purple Purses" to BHcare. Purple is the color representing Domestic Violence. "Purple Purses" are not necessarily purple. They are purses filled with toothbrushes, tooth paste, shampoo, conditioner, soap, other toiletries and socks with an encouraging message to "step away from violence". The purses are for women in safe houses. Accepting the purses for BHcare and providing an informative discussion of the work of BHcare are Melissa Simoni, Development Coordinator of BHcare, and Rachel Schippani, Community Education Coordinator, The Umbrella Center for Domestic Violence Services. BHcare services many towns in the New Haven and Valley area with caring and confidential support.

The GFWC Women's Club of North Haven participates in many supportive projects each club year providing service and community support for many needs. The North Haven Club regularly provides food donations to the Food Pantry and provides donations to Community Services of North Haven. For over a decade the Club has provided regular donations of socks, toiletries, paperback books, calendars and other items to the Veterans at the VA Hospital in West Haven. The Women's Club supports Mary and Joseph's Place for mothers in need by donating diapers, wipes, infant clothing and other infant items. Members of the Women's Club built a Little Free Library which is located in front of the North Haven Congregational Church and keeps it filled with free books—especially children's books. The Women's Club has hosted a dozen Blood Drives for the American Red Cross. Also the Women's Club provides a yearly donation of school supplies to a selected North Haven Elementary School.

The General Federation of Women's Clubs has been in existence since the 1890's and is an international organization with clubs throughout the United States and many countries committed to community activities enhancing the lives of others. Normally meetings of the GFWC Women's Club of North Haven are held on the first Friday of each month from September to June at the North Haven Senior Center. Come join us at one of our meetings.

Women interested in community service with the GFWC Women's Club of North Haven should contact Pam Lerner at (203) 281-3090, for additional information. Like us on Facebook at GFWC Women's Club of North Haven. You may also contact us at gfwcnh@gmail.com.

## Nicole Mele Photography & Design, LLC Ribbon Cutting Ceremony



**Pictured (L-R):** Doing the honors are Nicole Mele and her family along with Mike Freda, First Selectman, North Haven & Renee Miller, Executive Director, Quinnipiac Chamber of Commerce.

**North Haven:** The Quinnipiac Chamber of Commerce was delighted to organize a Grand Opening - Ribbon Cutting ceremony for Nicole Mele Photography & Design, LLC located at 100 Broadway, North Haven, CT on Tuesday, October 22, 2024.

Nicole Mele the owner of Ncole Mele Photography & Design, LLC calls herself an "all purpose" photographer. She specializes in lifestyle milestones, family, seniors, and personal branding.

There are two things she loves about photography. She loves to interact with her clients and their families and the ability to capture a moment in time.

For more information contact Nicole at (203) 415-1804 or you can visit https://nicolemelephotography.com/.

**WANTED: WWII Vets, immediate cash for all German helmets, hats, daggers, flags, medals, uniforms, patches. Collector will beat all dealer offers; (203) 932-0750** •

**WANTED: Collector wants to buy early historic New Haven County related items, maps, books, engravings, paintings, paper items or actual products; (203) 915-7662** •

**WANTED: Collector buying old photographs from the 1800's on glass, tin or paper, of people, places or things; (203) 915-7662** •

**FOR SALE: Meyer snow plow blade, 8 ft. long, commercial grade $500 or best offer; (203) 627-6430, leave message** •

## Rotary Club to Sponsor Annual Pancake Breakfast

**North Haven:** The Annual Pancake Breakfast, sponsored by the North Haven Rotary Club will be held on Sunday, November 10, from 8am-12 noon at North Haven Middle School. All you can eat - $5.00 per person. ***Veterans are Free.***

Proceeds to benefit Community Service Projects in North Haven and North Haven Rotary Scholarship Fund.