CHAPTER NAME
GRENADA JUNIOR AUXILIARY

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NUMBER OF CROWN CLUB MEMBERS
40

JA CHAIR/CO-CHAIRS OF CLUB
HEATHER WOOD/MINDY BECKHAM

Give brief description of Crown Club, including age range of members, how members are selected, how projects are chosen, how often and how long members meet, and all requirements for membership, including meeting attendance and service hours worked.

Crown Club of Grenada is a service and leadership club for 9th and 10th grade girls in Grenada County. The young ladies’ ages range from 14 to 16 years old. Crown Club has regular chapter meetings on the first Sunday of every month — except for June and July. Each meeting lasts approximately one hour. During the meeting, Robert’s Rules of Order are followed with the members leading the meeting. Monthly chapter meetings consist of business meeting and an education or service opportunity.
The members are selected towards the end of the 8th grade based on academic achievement and good moral values. The membership is voted on by current members in good standing. Crown Club is limited to a total of 40 young ladies altogether with mostly equal grade level representation. If a young lady is the daughter of a Junior Auxiliary member, she will be automatically extended an invitation to join the club.
To be a member in good standing, the member must complete 25 service hours and miss no more than 2 regular chapter meetings. Approximately 25% of the membership exceeds the total number of required hours by more than 10 hours. The members are also expected to maintain a 3.0 grade point average. She should always conduct herself in an appropriate manner.

Does the club have a Web site?
Name of project being nominated:  
FOOD PANTRY

How long has this club performed this project?  
ONE YEAR

Method of funding it?  
NO FUNDS NEEDED

Number of JA advisors directly assisting with project:  
10

Number of people helped by project:  
1000

Is this a one-time project, or ongoing?  
Ongoing

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If this Crown Club has a constitution, please upload a copy.  
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Crown Club Food Pantry Project Award

The Food Pantry Project was implemented this year into the repertoire of many Crown Club projects. This project was created to assist a local organization that served the hunger needs of Grenada County residents. The Food Pantry regular feeds over one thousand people of Grenada County. The Food Pantry organization receives plenty of food and donations from others in the community and state; however, they were in desperate need of help in packing and distributing the food. Crown Club was made aware of the need by a Junior Auxiliary Life Member who now serves on the Food Pantry Board. Crown Club members rose to the demand and decided to take it a step further by creating encouragement cards to be added to each bag of groceries. Crown Club already had cards and markers to create the encouragement letters; therefore, there was no cost to the club.

On the third Saturday of January, Crown Club gathered at the Food Pantry to organize and pack bags of groceries for two hours. Then on the fourth Saturday of January, Crown Club members carried bags of groceries for three hours to the vehicles of those in need. This gave the Crown Club members an opportunity to interact with those in need in our community. The entire Food Pantry Project required six hours of service – 1 for creating cards, 2 for packing groceries, and 3 for distributing the groceries. There were a total of ten Junior Auxiliary members who directly assisted with this project.

Not only does the Food Pantry Project serve the needs of the less fortunate in Grenada, but it also serves the Crown Club members and Junior Auxiliary members by giving them an opportunity to grow. Frequently, people get too busy and focused on their world that they forget how blessed they truly are. The Food Pantry Project gave each Crown Club member and Junior Auxiliary member an opportunity to slow down and serve those in need. The carrying of the
grocery bags to the cars of those in need gave the members an opportunity to really interact with others in the community that they might have not otherwise met. The members gained an appreciation for their own circumstances. The event was such a success that members of both Crown Club and Junior Auxiliary expressed the desire to serve again outside of the club service projects. Crown Club plans to continue to serve the Food Pantry during the month of January for years to come.