

Fabulous Festive Finish

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Chapin Women in Service finished 2022 with flair with many activities, which all contributed to our goal of contributing in meaningful ways in our community while building friendships and raising funds to support the work we want to do.

- CWS volunteers hosted Bingo for Generations Senior Care facility residents on November 10, 2022. The winners received tokens they could exchange for prizes that CWS provided. It is hard to say who enjoyed it more, the CWS members or the residents who participated. We all agree we want to do it again in 2023.
- We were treated to an evening of after-hours shopping fun at 3 Birds Boutique in early November. We were grateful to the owner for keeping her shop open for our Sip & Shop social and for allowing us to do some early holiday shopping.
- Participating in the Holiday Market at Chapin High School (a fundraiser for the high school band) gave us an opportunity to sell the beautiful bows, boughs, and swags our members made. We raised over \$2400 and look forward to putting these funds to work in 2023, supporting worthy causes right here in the Chapin community.
- Chapin Women in Service was honored to present a "Thankful

and Grateful" basket to Executive Director Mary Poulton Higginbotham of GOoD Works in appreciation for the vital contributions this organization and its volunteers provide to the Chapin community. The volunteers of GOoD Works give countless hours of their time and talents, performing projects to improve the lives of others.

- The final event for 2022 was our holiday luncheon at Chapin Chop House. CWS members and guests enjoyed good food and fellowship. Instead of exchanging gifts with each other, members donated Target or Walmart gift cards totaling \$700, which we gave to our contact at SisterCare to help those who could use a hand-up during the holidays.

Finishing 2022 with a flair for friendship building, fundraising, and finding opportunities to help in our community motivates us to do more in 2023. As an IRS and state-recognized charity, Chapin Women in Service is dedicated to giving of our time and creating resources to support meaningful local projects. If you are interested in learning more about CWS, contact Julie Creathorn at 585-802-8133 or email: chapinwomeninservice@gmail.com

We would love to include more stories of organizations and residents who help to support our Chapin community. Submit your information to aprilrobinson@bestversionmedia.com

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