

CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS
CLUB AWARD ENTRY COVER SHEET
Annual Reporting January 1- December 31, 2023

Chairman: Julie Molitor	Club: Barber City	
Number of Members (<i>per CFWC Yearbook</i>): 31	District: Orange	Area: C
Club Position: 1st Vice president		
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<u>HEALTH & WELLNESS</u>		
Name of GFWC Special Program, Community Service Program, Advancement Plan or ESO		

Barber City Women's Club

Founded in 1927, Barber City Women's Club (BCWC) was named after the independent community from which it came, 'Barber City', located in the northwest Westminster, California (pop 89,397; 2022) and incorporated into Westminster in 1957. BCWC, originally formed for the improvement of local roads. In the 97 years since, BCWC has expanded into an organization of talented, educated, community focused people dedicated to the advancement and support of education, philanthropic and charitable activities for the local community, as well as internationally.

BCWC is the oldest continuously operating non-profit agency in Westminster, CA. Our 31 (thirty one) members utilize their talents and knowledge in event planning and organizing; creating and selling artistic crafts, baked goods, decor, jewelry, and sewn items; and hosting a multitude of fun, fundraising events-all to ensure success of the agencies we support throughout the year.

Proceeds from our activities go to:

- Interval House (multi service domestic violence program),
- Safety, health, understanding and education (SHUE) program at Westminster Senior center,
- Meals on Wheels at Westminster Senior center,
- Mental Health Association (multi-service center, Santa Ana),
- School in Malawi via Direct Connections to Africa (DCTA), and
- Food Pantry donations, We Care
- Pet Supply donations, Long Beach Animal Care Services
- Cash scholarships (\$500 x3, \$800 x1) awarded to Female residents of Westminster who are pursuing higher education and/or training at a local college, university, or vocational school.

Mental Health Association of Orange County

Hours 40. donated 0 in kind \$1000

Mental Health Association of Orange County has a multi-service center located in central Santa Ana. Their services include a wellness center, homeless/mental health outreach team, homeless/mentally ill folks linked to multiple services, nutritional support, veteran case management support service, employment services, mental health and recovery services, Social Security assistance, street medicine team, and much more for the increasing population of mentally ill and homeless folks in Orange County.

Our members often bring an untold amount of donated items through out the year, especially clothing and toiletries for members of the service center. We hope this accomplishes at least two goals: help the staff and clients at MHA and prevent usable items to fill the landfills.

Just before the holidays, we gathered McDonald's \$5 gifts cards (44, in kind donations), new and used clothing (including much needed new undergarments), hand crocheted hats and scarves, toiletries, and about 7 boxes of gently used clothing.

Meals on Wheels, Westminster Senior Center-

Hours 20 donated 0 in kind \$300

Meals on Wheels, Westminster Senior center Meals are available to seniors 60 years of age and older and adults with disabilities 5 days a week (Monday thru Friday) by a volunteer. Meals are provided by Kurn Hattin. A donation is requested. Meals on Wheels is a service designed to help seniors (and adults with disabilities) maintain their independence as they face financial, physical and emotional hardships. For at least five years, BCWC has participated in an annual 'holiday cards for Meals on Wheels'. We gathered and donated about 120 holiday cards, including postage for each card, for participants to mail out to family or friends for the holidays.

SHUE, Westminster Senior Center, children's educational and interpersonal support

hours 200 donated \$350 in kind. \$500

Safety, Health, Understanding, Education (SHUE), is a program coordinated within the Westminster Senior Center. SHUE provides after school program within the senior center; senior center members provide tutoring to about 20 local at-risk first and second grade students who have been identified as at-risk by their teachers early in the fall semester. Their initial testing usually shows they are below grade level in reading and math. The follow up testing at the end of the school year, shows they have made remarkable progress and most are testing at or above grade level.

This year, BCWC provided school supplies and organizing boxes, as well as fun extracurricular activities- during spring 2023, Barber City Women's Club received dozens of beautiful live plants from a private garden. We gave these to the kids at SHUE to assist with their gardening program, as well as live sunflower seedlings for graduation presents. At the end of the year, students also received a squishmallow stuffed toy for their holiday. This program allows for community members to come together to help one another and build sense of culture, learning and growing.

Interval House, Domestic Violence

hours 30 donated \$150 in kind \$1,000

Interval House (est 1979) is a local nonprofit agency which provides comprehensive domestic violence services to individuals and families in Los Angeles and Orange counties. Interval House agency staffs and supports: a 24 hour crisis line, emergency response team, community outreach, and assist with emergency and/or transitional housing.

We focus much of our attention on Interval House clients and staff. Most recently, for the holidays, we contributed \$10-25 gift cards (\$800 total) for each client in family housing; squishmallow stuff-animals (13) and candies for the children; and, staff were given holiday cookies. Throughout the year, we bring in gift cards, gift bags for the clients for Mother's Day and Valentine's Day (including "courage" rocks, mementos of strength, school supplies, hand crochet baby blankets/hat sets, baby clothes/supplies, small gifts for the dedicated staff, and more.

Throughout 2023, the children in Interval House family housing received school supplies, eggs filled with candy and other candies for their Easter Egg hunt, large bags of halloween candy, as well as, Squishmallows stuffed toys for holiday presents. They also received live plants given to us by a local private garden.

Direct Connections to Africa (DCTA)-Malawi

Hours 40 donated \$130 in kind \$1200

We continue to support the efforts of 'Direct Connections to Africa' by gathering and shipping school supplies such as pencils, pencil sharpeners, composition books, dry erase boards, and even basic dental supplies. Our donations filled 14 boxes of supplies for children in Malawi! We also contributed 'in kind' as well as club 'donated' money for postage for some of the 14 boxes!

We Care Orange County, Los Alamitos

Hours 40 donated 0 in kind \$1000

WE CARE is a non-profit organization that pools the resources of the community to meet the emergency needs of families and individuals such as rental assistance, utility assistance, therapy services, food, personal care items, and more.

We have gathered over 600 items, including 100 personal hygiene items to donate to "We Care" in Los

Alamitos, CA.

Long Beach Animal Care Services (LBACS)

Hours 40 donated 0 in kind \$500

Is a full service publicly funded animal shelter where they house, adopt out, treat, license pets, hold public events, and foster out animals in need of loving homes. The shelter is usually severely over capacity, in 2023 they had to consider euthanasia of dogs that needed extra help to find a new home. They truly need all the support they can get.

We have gathered and donated dozens of items for the animals at LBACS, including: towels, blankets, pet food, pet toys, snacks, and other pet supplies.

Recycle: batteries, cellphones, pull tops, dinnerware, flatware

Hours 15 donated 0 in kind 0

We created spaces at our club house to help members recycle multiple times to keep them out of the landfill and/or donate to various agencies, including: Domestic violence survivors (cellphones for Interval House), can pull tops for Ronald McDonald's House of Long Beach, and we clean and reuse plastic "disposable" dinnerware and flatware-again to prevent more trash piling up in the landfill. We also adhere to recycle and reuse as much other items as possible, i.e., aluminum, glass, plastic, paper, compost, etc.