



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

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| Chairman: Irene Iverson | Club: Ebell Club of Irvine | |
| Number of Members: 16 | District: Orange | Area: C |
| Club Position: Education & Libraries Chairman | | |
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The City of Irvine was incorporated in 1971, evolving from a working ranch to a “model city” as planned by the Irvine Company. Three years later in 1974, the Ebell Club of Irvine was founded and federated with the General Federation of Women’s Clubs, an international organization dedicated to improving local communities through volunteer service in the following areas: Advocates for Children, Arts and Culture, Civic Engagement and Outreach, Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention, Education and Libraries, Environment, and Health & Wellness.

In the last 52 years, the City of Irvine has grown to over 309,000 residents and has been named the safest city of its size for more than 17 years. It includes the Orange County Great Park, Pretend City Children’s Museum, Irvine Art Museum, 2 universities and a junior college. Most residents are college graduate; the Irvine Unified School District is highly regarded; and the population is a diverse mixture of cultures. As the population of the city has grown, the number of volunteer organizations has also multiplied. Many of these have with a single mission, such as CHOC guilds, Friends of the Library, and Families Forward.

Our club offers volunteers a diverse approach to volunteering and has held steady over the years averaging about 15 energetic members who are proud to be federated and making a difference in the Irvine community.

Project: Concordia Challenge Hours 20 Donated \$ 0 In Kind \$ 0

Every year a four-day speech and debate tournament is held for home-schooled middle and high school students at Concordia University. They invited our club members to participate as community judges. One member participated. In the past 2 more members participated but were unable to this year. This year they also had the National Speech and Debate Tournament on the campus which this member also volunteered for. Over 400 students participated from 9 different states at each tournament.

Project: Children’s Water Education Hours 30 Donated \$ 0 In Kind \$ 0

The Children’s Water Education Festival educates 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students about local water issues and the environment. It helps them understand how they can protect water supplies. Each classroom of students is led by their teacher following a schedule included in the Check-in Packet. Four members participated on two different days at Registration by checking in the teachers from each school, giving them a schedule and map of the festival grounds, and a large sack containing everything the children would need that day to navigate to the booths on the UCI campus plus a souvenir t-shirt. Members also passed out lunches to the volunteers. It is the largest water festival of its kind in the United States.

Project: Children's Library Hours 6 Donated \$ 0 In Kind \$ 360

Families Forward is an Irvine based non- profit organization which provides temporary housing and counseling for its clients. They recently expanded their program to another city increasing the number of families they serve. One member who frequently chairs our other projects for Families Forward asked if they would be interested in establishing a children's library. The answer was "yes." Five members collected total of 120 books from friends and family members with young children. These books have been delivered by our member took to Families Forward's central office.

Project: Laurie's Scholars Hours 40 Donated \$227 In Kind \$ 336

Laurie's Scholar provides scholarships for higher education or vocational schools to aspiring students from developing nations who face mobility challenges. One club member organized a Murder Mystery Dinner in her home, and club members donated the food and drinks for those attending. Each of the 8 participants donated \$25 to attend. The additional \$27 came from tips for the bartender.

Project: Book Exchange Hours 20 Donated \$0 In Kind \$ 0

To increase and encourage the love of reading, a member brings books to each meeting and encourages others to do so for a book exchange. Books are brought for 3 months and if not shared, the member takes them to a sister club that she belongs to and encourages those members to exchange books. The sister club's books and ours are shared each month.

Project: Raising Rainbows Hours: 5 Donated \$ 0 In Kind: \$ 681

One member heard of a need for children's books for ages 4-10 at Raising Rainbows after school program at Loma Ridge School in Irvine. She put out an e-mail blast to club members and received 227 books from 4 members which she delivered to the manager of the after-school program. One member contacted a neighborhood school asking for books they no longer needed.