



CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS
CLUB AWARD ENTRY COVER SHEET

Annual Reporting January 1- December 31, 2023

Chairman: Susan Ritschel	Club: San Clemente Woman's Club	
Number of Members (<i>per CFWC Yearbook</i>): 53	District: Orange	Area: C
Club Position: Dean/First Vice President		
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HEALTH AND WELLNESS		

The San Clemente Woman's Club is a non-profit organization established in 1931 by a group of San Clemente women who wanted to support a local soup kitchen during the depression and has evolved into a registered service club as part of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. As one of the oldest communities within South Orange County, San Clemente has a rich history and diverse population with some unique characteristics. Bordering the Camp Pendleton Marine Base to the South, the Pacific Ocean to the West, and the Cleveland National Forest to the East, San Clemente's population and character have been shaped by these surroundings. San Clemente is a coastal/surf community with a vibrant Hispanic populace; proud of its historical significance and preservation; and equally proud of its relationship with the adjacent military community of Camp Pendleton.

Our purpose is to work constructively and harmoniously for the promotion of philanthropic, civic, cultural and education interests, as well as the general advancement of the San Clemente community. With now over 50 members and growing the SCWC is continuing to make meaningful and recognized contributions throughout all areas of the local community and beyond.

Project Title: Meals on Wheels/San Clemente Senior Center Volunteering Hours 336
Donated \$ 0 In Kind _____

The Dorothy Visser/San Clemente Senior Center is operated by Age Well Senior Services. The local San Clemente Meals on Wheels service operates out of the senior center. Our club provides volunteers to deliver meals to seniors on 3 Wednesdays each month, in conjunction with the San Clemente Junior Woman's Club whose members deliver meals the remaining Wednesday. In addition, several club members volunteer individually for the Meals on Wheels program and within the center during the daily congregate meal service. The Meals on Wheels program provides not only nutritious meals for homebound seniors in the area, but a human outreach, connection and smile each time a meal is delivered. Volunteers also monitor seniors for any signs of distress or change in condition or other needs during each delivery. This

invaluable service and opportunity for club members to participate brings joy to all involved and is very appreciated by those served.

**Project Title: FAM: diapers, Holiday Adopt-A-Family, and Food Drive (3 projects)__ Hours 40
Donated \$3,000__ In Kind_\$218__**

FAM is a charitable non-profit alliance based in San Clemente. Originally known as Family Assistance Ministries, FAM assists those in need with food, shelter, and personalized supportive counsel and aid, and coaches individuals on how to participate in the journey from dependency to self-reliance. Their unique model focuses on root cause issues delivering long term results.

- 1) In 2023, SCWC continued to support FAM by donating diapers on a quarterly basis, with more than 8,000 diapers provided.
- 2) The club also organized a food drive in September, with members collecting and donating a total of 436 pounds of food to the FAM organization. Club members also collected and donated hundreds of empty egg cartons to FAM for their use in egg distribution to individuals and families in need of food/nutrition.
- 3) Club members also participated in the Holiday Adopt-A-Family program in December, shopping for and donating holiday gifts specifically requested by several families in need.

Project Title: Support for the Family of Esme__ Hours 5__ Donated \$1,000__ In Kind:__

A donation was made to help support a San Clemente family of a child with Sanfilippo Syndrome, a rare and fatal disease with no known cure. This request for support was initiated by the San Clemente Junior Woman's Club who spearheaded this effort to support the family who was struggling both emotionally and financially in light of this tragic circumstance.

