



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

Annual Reporting January 1- December 31, 2024

Chairman: Paula Ross		Club: Tustin Area Woman's Club	
# of Club Members (as recorded in 2024-25 CFWC Yearbook): 68		District: Orange District	Area: C
Club Position: Hands-On Section Chair			
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GFWC Community Service Program – Health and Wellness			
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Nestled in the heart of Tustin, California, a city with a rich history of community engagement since its founding in the 1800s, the Tustin Area Woman's Club has been a pillar of service and philanthropy. A proud member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs since 1958, our all-volunteer team continues the tradition of working tirelessly to enrich the lives of those both near and far. At the core of our efforts is a strong scholarship program, offering support to local students pursuing higher education and vocational training. Our commitment extends beyond academics, as we partner with other organizations to address the pressing needs of displaced teens, seniors, veterans, and animals. By fostering strong relationships with sister clubs, and city-wide philanthropic entities we amplify the impact of our work, demonstrating the power of collaboration in driving meaningful change within our community.

Project Title: Smile Makers Gift Wrapping Hours 56 Donated \$ In Kind

The National Council on Aging has a holiday project that provides gifts to house bound seniors each year for the holidays. Eighteen dedicated volunteers from the Tustin Area Woman's Club wrapped 225 gifts during a three-hour shift. Additional time was needed by the chair to organize the volunteers, arrange the schedule and corral the volunteers. The volunteers had a great time and exceeded all expectations of the organizers with their dedication and efficiency.

Project Title: The PJ Project Hours 173 Donated \$ In Kind \$1316

The Tustin Community Foundation holds a Pajama and Underwear Drive each holiday season, and the Tustin Area Woman's Club members consistently participate by gathering, sorting, and delivering the items to the designated locations. The PJ Project, managed by Paula Ross, is a hands-on initiative that engages members and fulfills a vital need in the community. This project invigorates participants, fostering connections and teamwork among members as they work together for the greater good.

Seven Tustin Area Woman's Club members took part in sorting, while 40 members dedicated about an hour each to shopping, collecting, and delivering a total of 152 items. These items were distributed to various organizations in Tustin, including homeless shelters, schools, and the police department, all of which had put out a call for help.

Project Title: CHOC Jack and Jill Home Tour Hours 30 Donated \$ In Kind

The Tustin Area Woman's Club is proud to support the Children's Hospital of Orange County (CHOC) Oncology Unit through its annual fundraising event. The funds raised help provide toys, books, and tablets for young cancer patients, easing their treatment experience. This year, seven dedicated members of the Tustin Area Woman's Club hosted the Holiday Boutique location, offering a festive atmosphere while also serving lunches to attendees, further contributing to the event's success and supporting this important cause. There were 4 hour shifts and 2 hours for the chair to organize and direct the activities.

Project Title: Angel Gifts Hours 106 Donated \$ In Kind \$750

The Tustin Area Woman's Club members generously participated in the Angel Gift program, purchasing thoughtful gifts valued at \$30 each for homebound seniors as part of the Council on Aging's project. With 25 volunteers contributing a gift each, the club brought joy and warmth to those in need during the holiday season.

Project Title: Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Box Hours 79 Donated \$ In Kind \$600

The Tustin Area Woman's Club members gather and donate specific items to fit in a shoebox-sized container for children around the world during the holiday season. This project kicks off at our general meeting in October and our members donate filled boxes and extra items for the boxes. Each year, our 102-year-old member, Dottie Brown, valiantly takes charge of this beloved charity event. She collects the items, including a \$5 donation for shipping costs, and ensures they are delivered to the designated shipping location. In November, members pack the shoeboxes as a hands-on activity during the meeting and assist Dottie in loading the boxes into her vehicle for final delivery. Approximately, 40% of our members participated, creating 30 boxes to ship, each box is valued at \$20.

Project Title: Cancer Kinship Hours 27 Donated \$ 500 In Kind

Cancer Kinship empowers cancer patients to face their diagnosis with confidence through peer mentorship, individualized and group support, survivor education, and socialization, all provided by caring and compassionate volunteers and staff. Some Tustin Area Woman's Club members have personally experienced a cancer diagnosis, bravely enduring the process while often feeling alone, depressed, and scared. This non-profit is dedicated to alleviating the emotional distress of cancer patients and supporting them through their journey by providing wigs, emotional support, and a listening ear.

In support of Cancer Kinship's mission, the Tustin Area Woman's Club invited Yolanda Origel to speak at one of our meetings. She delivered an impactful presentation and introduced a hands-on project. Members created cards with uplifting messages to be included in wig boxes for women in need. It was deeply moving to witness our members pouring heartfelt sentiments into homemade cards for women they may never meet.

Project Title: GFWC National Day of Service Hours 30 Donated \$ 250 In Kind \$500

Food insecurity is a pressing issue that affects communities daily, even in more affluent areas, with children being particularly vulnerable. To address this, the Tustin Area Woman's Club participated in the GFWC National Day of Service in September, collecting pasta and pasta sauce for Caterina's Club, a well-known charity that feeds thousands of children each year.

This year, the Tustin Area Woman's Club partnered with the Ebell Club of Irvine, collectively contributing approximately 75 pounds of pasta and sauce. The effort also included young relatives of Tustin Area Woman's Club member, Gayle Carter, fostering a spirit of volunteerism in the next generation. In addition to the food donations, the Tustin Area Woman's Club also contributed monetary support to Caterina's Club. Pictures of the delivery were posted on Caterina's Facebook page, which furthers our touch into community.

Project Title: Financial Donations to offset Food Insecurity Hours 3 Donated \$ 1350 In Kind

Tustin Area Woman's Club is committed to the efforts to minimize the food insecurity issues faced by many families and homebound seniors. To that end, the following donations were made.

1. **Second Harvest** \$500

2. **Families Forward** \$250
3. **Tustin Community Friends Feeding Seniors program** – this special program was generated in response to the known issue of Seniors in the community that have had hospitalization and upon release do not get enough food to sustain them. \$200
4. In addition to addressing local food insecurity, we also contributed to **Feeding America** to support those impacted by Hurricane Helen in the Southeast, particularly the communities in North Carolina that were severely affected and temporarily cut off from emergency services. \$400

Project Title: Financial Donations for Health Services Hours 6 Donated \$1750 In Kind

Tustin Area Woman's Club helps to provide medical services including drug rehabilitation, Alzheimer's, mental health, heart health and research support to various listed organizations working to bring relief to sufferers and their families.

1. **Salvation Army Anaheim Recovery Center** \$250
2. **Alzheimer's Association** \$250
3. **National Alliance on Mental Illness** \$250
4. **WomenHeart** \$250 – The national coalition for women with heart disease, founded in 1999 by 3 women who suffered heart attacks in their 40s and faced obstacles including misdiagnosis, inadequate treatment, and social isolation. Now a thriving group of heart health care advocates for women.
5. **American Heart Association** \$250
6. **Doctors without Borders** \$250
7. **Canine Companions** \$250 - Canine Companions is a GFWC Affiliate charity, providing dogs to adults, children, veterans with disabilities, and facility dogs for professionals in healthcare, criminal justice, and education, since 1975.