

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>EDUCATION</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.

Scholarships Janis Nagy Memorial Scholarship fund.

Hours 2 donated \$0 in kind \$800

When one of our past presidents passed away this year, her family requested donations be made to the Barber City Scholarship fund in lieu of flowers. This scholarship totaled \$800 and was made available for one recipient. The recipient happened to be a retired veteran graduating from the local community college and continuing studies in business entrepreneurship at California State University, Fullerton.

Scholarships BCWC Scholarship Fund

Hours 200 donated \$2,300 in kind \$1,500

We reach out to local schools (high schools, colleges, universities, vocational schools), members and leaders in the community, chamber of commerce, promoted at our craft fairs, and social media. Also, for her 80th Birthday, one of our members asked friends and family to donate to the BCWC scholarship fund. About \$525 was given to BCWC, for her birthday in July, which is how the "BCWC in lieu of gift donations" began.

BCWC Donations “in lieu” donations-Birthdays, memorials, anniversaries, etc.

-Hours 10 Donated 0 in kind \$1,500

In lieu of gifts, some members are asking family and friends to donate to BCWC in general or scholarship fund. Sadly, some of the money has come from memorials due to loss of life (\$800); for one member's 80th birthday, she asked for donations for BCWC Scholarship Fund or general fund, “in lieu of” Birthday gifts and another's 70th wedding anniversary donation totaled about \$600! Well over \$1,500 in 2023 given in lieu of gifts!

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 \$100 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.

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.

Community Agency Speakers at BCWC meetings

Hours 50 Donated 0 In kind \$100

Speakers from Interval House, SHUE and the Dean from Orange District Women's clubs came to our meetings to speak about the services their agency provides.

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!

