



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

Chairman: Irene Iverson		Club: Tustin Area Woman's Club	
Number of Members ( <i>per CFWC Yearbook</i> ): 70		District: Orange District	Area: C
Club Position: Environment Chair			
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GFWC Community Service Program – Environment <hr/> Name of GFWC Special Program, Community Service Program, Advancement Plan or ESO			

Founded in the 1800s, Tustin, California, maintains a strong legacy of community involvement. The Tustin Area Woman's Club, a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs since 1958, is a dedicated force for community service and philanthropy. Our all-volunteer team, driven by a rich history of commitment, works passionately to improve the quality of life locally and beyond. Central to our mission is a robust scholarship program supporting local students in their pursuit of higher education and technical training. Beyond academics, we collaborate with foundations and fellow philanthropic organizations, addressing the essential needs of displaced teens, seniors, veterans, and animals. Our leadership actively cultivates connections with sister clubs, showcasing the power of collaboration in our ongoing efforts for positive community transformation.

**Project Title: The Sheldrick Wildlife Trust Hours 2 Donated \$ 50 In Kind \$**

The Sheldrick Wildlife Trust, as one of the oldest wildlife charities, embraces all measures that complement conservation, preservation, and protection of wildlife. It was established 45 years ago and is best known for its Orphan Project. This organization was first made known to Tustin Area Woman's Club by the then Orange District President, Mariellen Yarc. Her enthusiastic support inspired Tustin Area Woman's Club to continue the tradition of adopting an orphan elephant annually.

**Project Title: Santa Ana Zoo Hours 2 Donated \$ 50 In Kind**

The Santa Ana Zoo is a 20-acre zoo focusing on the animals and plants of Central and South America. The Santa Ana Zoo hosts more than 270,000 people annually. The zoo opened in 1952 and is owned and operated by the City of Santa Ana. Joseph Prentice donated land for the zoo with the stipulation that the city must keep at least 50 monkeys at all times. The zoo maintains an extensive primate collection with over a dozen species from around the world. Tustin Area Woman's Club is committed to the conservation and protection of all forms of life and in that vein, we annually symbolically adopt a baby animal. These dollars are used for habitat upkeep, veterinarian care and feeding of the animals.

**Project Title: Garden Lovers Section Hours 144 Donated \$ \_\_\_\_\_ In Kind \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

The Master Gardeners Mission is to extend research-based knowledge and information on home horticulture, pest management and sustainable landscape practices to the residents of California. Tustin Area Woman's Club is fortunate to have within its midst a Master Gardener. Paula Ross is our hidden gem. She dedicates hours to educating and sharing her knowledge of plants, the responsible use of water, and pesticides. She arranges field trips and outings that support the educational criteria. Her time and knowledge is invaluable with today's environmental concerns. She creates supporting opportunities for members to participate in events that showcase the activities of those actively involved in conservation and making our environment conducive to human and animal well-being.

**Project Title: Arbor Day Foundation Hours 2 Donated \$ 250 In Kind \$**

The Arbor Day Foundation is dedicated to planting trees to offset the effects of climate change and deforestation. The Arbor Day Foundation believes that trees provide so much more than oxygen to earth. The presence of the trees helps with calming and well-being and are a keystone to biodiversity in any ecosystem. Tustin Area Woman's Club shares their philosophy and supports the Arbor Day Foundation annually.

**Project Title: Flag Recycle Project Hours 2 Donated \$      In Kind \$ \$40**

In line with our commitment to environmental impact and recycling, the Tustin Area Woman's Club has launched an ongoing project focused on the responsible retirement of old, damaged, and worn-out flags. This initiative, initiated in December 2023, has already seen a generous donation of three American and state flags. To streamline the process, Irene Iverson is partnering with the Elks Club for the proper handling and retirement of these collected flags.

**Project Title: Maui Strong Hours 2 Donated \$ 500 In Kind \$**

There were a series of wildfires that burned parts of the island of Maui in the U.S. state of Hawaii in August 2023. The fires, which began on August 8, struck hardest the historic resort town of Lahaina, on Maui's western peninsula, reducing most of the town to ash and ruins. 98 people were killed in Lahaina by the smoke and flames or by drowning, making the wildfire one of the world's deadliest on record. Almost 3,000 structures were reported to have been either damaged or destroyed by the fire. In addition to the fires on Maui, a series of less devastating wildfires burned parts of the island of Hawaii starting on August 9. To aid in recovery, Tustin Area Woman's Club donated to the Hawai'i Foundation naming the Maui Strong Fund as recipients of the funds.