



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

Annual Reporting January 1- December 31, 2023

Chairman: Rebecca Martinez		Club: Woman's Club of Orange	
Number of Members (per CFWC Yearbook): 205		District: Orange	Area: C
Club Position: Newsletter Editor			
Reporter's Address: [REDACTED]			
City: [REDACTED]		State: [REDACTED]	Zip: [REDACTED]
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Domestic & Sexual Violence Awareness & Prevention			
Name of GFWC Special Program, Community Service Program, Advancement Plan or ESO			

The Woman's Club of Orange, founded in 1915, is nestled in the historic downtown area of Old Towne Orange where people congregate to eat in the many restaurants and visit the small family-owned businesses and large antique stores. This small-town feel is unique for a city of over 140,000 as Orange attracts visitors from the entire county as we are centrally located. Our founding eleven women were progressive, seeking to improve themselves and their community. Our members are dedicated to serving our community, working hundreds of hours on fundraisers to provide for our adopted philanthropies. We are a cheerful group who work together on projects that impact our local, national and global communities. We own our building, which is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year, and are the largest club in Orange District, and one of the largest in the state.

Project Title: Help Stop Domestic Violence_ **Hours** 28 **Donated \$** 3,800.00 **In Kind** \$1,575

Did you happen to watch the summer hit film, Sound of Freedom? Our WCO president was so deeply affected by this movie that the President's Theme became "Protect our Children." Woman's Club of Orange has, in the past, contributed to the **Orange County Family Justice Center** to support those affected by domestic violence. However, OCFJC also has a division that fights human trafficking, which makes their efforts even more valuable and worthwhile. Therefore, we are making Orange County Family Justice Center the largest recipient of our philanthropic donations in the year 2023-2024.

Several of our members have responded to the request from the **Orange County Family Justice Center** to "Adopt a Family" for Christmas. The receiving families provide a list of the requests by the family members as well as sizes and colors. Typically, there are 3 gifts purchased for each member of the family, with most of them covering basic clothing needs. Gifts are wrapped and delivered to the OCFJC office for their private distribution to the families. It is very touching to receive the list of requests, knowing they are asking for items that most families take for granted.

In October, **Lucy Park, the Orange District Domestic Violence Awareness Chair**, was our guest speaker at our luncheon and spoke about Shyima Hall, an 8 year old Egyptian girl sold into slavery by her parents. She was eventually found in a South Orange County home after a neighbor reported suspicious activity. Shyima was taken by immigration officers and endured 3 foster homes until she turned 18. Fortunately, her story ended well and is recorded in a book, Hidden Girl (2014). Our WCO ladies were very moved by Lucy's presentation; it reminds us all to open our eyes to look for the signs around us that something isn't right...and to reiterate that even at places like Disneyland, "The Happiest Place on Earth," children are being kidnapped and exploited.

Project Title: Secure the Call Donation to Domestic Violence Victims **Hours:** 5 **In-Kind:** \$2,500

Our Woman's Club donated 25 cell phones and 3 tablets to **Secure the Call** in Tacoma Park, MD in March 2023. This was a regional initiative that gave many used phones to local organizations, especially in high-risk communities. The phones are reprogrammed for 911 emergency calls. Community sponsors may include hospitals, senior citizen centers, domestic violence women's shelters, and police and sheriff departments. Secure the Call is also a tree hugging environmentalist organization whose goal is to keep all cell phones and tablets out of landfills and to repurpose them for those in need