



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

Chairman: Barbara Reynolds	Club: Ebell Club of Irvine	
Number of Members: 16	District: Orange	Area: C
Club Position: First Vice President		
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Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention		

The City of Irvine was incorporated in 1971, evolving from a working ranch to a “model city” as planned by the Irvine Company. Three years later in 1974, the Ebell Club of Irvine was founded and federated with the General Federation of Women’s Clubs, an international organization dedicated to improving local communities through volunteer service in the following areas: Advocates for Children, Arts and Culture, Civic Engagement and Outreach, Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention, Education and Libraries, Environment, and Health & Wellness.

In the last 52 years, the City of Irvine has grown to over 309,000 residents and has been named the safest city of its size for more than 17 years. It includes the Orange County Great Park, Pretend City Children’s Museum, Irvine Art Museum, 2 universities and a junior college. Most residents are college graduate; the Irvine Unified School District is highly regarded; and the population is a diverse mixture of cultures. As the population of the city has grown, the number of volunteer organizations has also multiplied. Many of these have with a single mission, such as CHOC guilds, Friends of the Library, and Families Forward.

Our club offers volunteers a diverse approach to volunteering and has held steady over the years averaging about 15 energetic members who are proud to be federated and making a difference in the Irvine community.

Project: Quilts for Human Options Hours 720 Donated \$ 0 In Kind \$1,602

Human Options started as a domestic violence crisis hotline in 1981. A year later they opened the County’s first emergency shelter for women. Now they operate an emergency shelter and seven transitional housing locations to assist women and men escaping domestic violence. They also have walk-in centers with a variety of counseling services. To date, Human Options has served more than 32,400 individuals in their counseling and shelter program.

Fifteen years ago, club members began the cuddle quilt sewing project to provide small homemade quilts, 48 by 36 inches in size, for women arriving at the temporary shelter and seeking help from Human Options. In the beginning, as a small club, we could fund and complete about 12 quilts each year. Five years ago, we partnered with the Tustin Exchange Club to increase the funding for the quilt materials and find new sewers. Thanks to this influx of money and some new community volunteer sewers, we have completed and donated 89 quilts in 2023.

One of our club members shops the sales at JoAnn’s Fabrics and M & L Fabrics in order to maximize our funding. In this manner, she has been able to create each one-of-a-kind quilt for about \$18.00. Once she has purchased the fabric for a quilt, she irons the material, cuts the fabrics into 6.5 by 6.5-inch squares, and designs the front of the quilt. Next, our volunteer sewers pick up a ready-to-sew a kit that contains a graphic layout of the 48 squares for the topper, the quilt backing, the batting cut to fit the finished topper, coordinating thread, and a set of step-by-step directions that

our designer created. This year two club members and 4 other community volunteers have provided the loving hands to complete each quilt. In addition to the 720 hours our two club members have spent on the project, another 445 hours are contributed by our non-member sewers who assemble the quilt kits.

The money to fund the purchase of the materials used has come from the club's philanthropy account, private donations, and a donation from The Tustin Exchange Club.

Project: Denim Day 4/26/2023 Hours 60 Donated \$ 0 In Kind \$0

Celebrated every year on the last Wednesday of April, Denim Day started as a campaign against sexual assault apologists. In the summer of 1998 in Italy, an 18-year-old girl was raped by her 45-year-old driving instructor. One year later, the perpetrator was released after the court overturned his sentence. He appealed that the girl had had 'consensual' sex with him because she was wearing tight jeans that could have only been taken off with her help. The next day, Italian women showed up in jeans to their workplaces as a way to protest the absurdity of the overturned sentence.

On Denim Day, which takes place on the last Wednesday in April we stood in solidarity with sexual assault survivors and victims by wearing denim. Our club had 5 members remember to wear denim on April 24, 2023