



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

Chairman: Nora Gorton	Club: GFWC Woman's Club of Cypress	
Number of Members (<i>per CFWC Yearbook</i>): 117	District: ORANGE	Area: C
Club Position: Chairperson		
Reporter's Address: [REDACTED]		
City: Cypress	State: [REDACTED]	Zip: [REDACTED]
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CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH Name of GFWC Special Program, Community Service Program, Advancement Plan or ESO		

The GFWC Woman's Club of Cypress has contributed time, talent, and funds to help the community for 57 years. Located in the northwest corner of Orange County, the club provides service and philanthropic opportunities for our membership, including dozens of members who mark either 50, or more than 25 years of membership, multiple past-presidents, and new members each year. Members range in age from 35 to 94 years. The majority are retired and able to be actively involved, with the experienced members mentoring those who are newer or working, helping them to get involved however possible. In addition to financial donations, members volunteer hundreds of hours working on vital projects that impact our local, national, and global communities. Our members are motivated, compassionate, creative, civic minded, infinitely generous, and grateful to give back to others.

Project Title: Coupons & Comics Hours 150 Donated \$ In Kind \$100

Throughout 2023, our club diligently pursued the ongoing initiative titled "Coupons and Comics for the Military." In this endeavor, members, along with their friends, actively collected Sunday color comics. These collected comics were subsequently forwarded to an esteemed organization known as For the Troops (FTT). The purpose of this collaboration was to include the comics in care packages destined for our troops. Over the course of the year, our dedicated members gathered an impressive collection, amassing more than 800 color comic sections from the Sunday newspaper. Additionally, we established a collaborative effort with another local Woman's Club, which generously contributed their collected comics to augment our donation. This joint effort enhances the impact of our contribution and underscores the collective commitment of our club to support and uplift our troops through thoughtful gestures.

Project Title: 2023 Veterans Buddy Boxes Hours 225 Donated \$ 589 In Kind \$4163

The Veterans Day Buddy Box project provides patients at the Community Living Center (CLC) on the premises of Long Beach Veterans Hospital with a box filled with gifts, toiletries, and other items. This is the twelfth year that our club has participated in delivering buddy boxes. This year we again honor the veterans for Veterans Day (November 11). The CLC gives out these boxes to each Veteran at a Veterans Day luncheon. Our club members voluntarily fill a box provided by the Woman's Club or donate cash toward filling one. The boxes are donated by our Cypress Home Depot. A list of items needed is included in the box, such as travel size toiletries, deck of cards, mini flashlight, pen/pad, puzzles, and sugar free candy. We were able to complete 60 boxes at an estimated value of \$35 each, and also provided 81 baseball caps for an estimated value of \$17 each. This year, at the request of the CLC, we included art supplies: watercolor and acrylic paints, paint brushes, trays, paper, crayons/pens, paint and color by number books, and wooden ornaments (cost of \$590). We also had 3 members donate 7 lap blankets (est. value \$70). To support this project, we also held a Bunco game night with prizes and raffles where we collected app. \$450 from 26 members that had a great time together, as well as completing the boxes with patriotic ribbon. Over 55 members participated in this project and enjoyed filling a box with items and helping support the project with their time and donations. The staff at the CLC were so very grateful for our efforts, telling us these are the best boxes they receive!

Project Title: 2023 Veterans Holiday Tree Hours 0 Donated \$ 143 In Kind \$0

The Veterans Community Living Center at the VA in Long Beach reached out to us with a festive request—they needed assistance to acquire a brand-new artificial Christmas tree and a stylish tree skirt for their upcoming celebrations. With a deep appreciation for our veteran community, we joyfully stepped up to lend a helping hand this year. The decorating festivities are set to commence post-Thanksgiving, and we couldn't be more excited to contribute to the festive spirit at the center!

Project Title: Women's Veterans' Health Program Hours 16 Donated \$ 0 In Kind \$0

The VA in Long Beach sought our support for the Women's Veteran Breast Cancer screening event, and our passionate group eagerly stepped up. Four dedicated members played crucial roles in overseeing supplies, distributing gifts, and assisting with the event's logistics. Their caring efforts, including escorting veterans to mammogram screenings, left a positive impact, and the Program Manager expressed sincere gratitude for our enthusiastic involvement. This demonstration of love and passion showcased our commitment to making a meaningful difference in the lives of those we are privileged to serve.

Project Title: Cypress Police Foundation Appreciation Luncheon Hours 9 Donated \$600 In Kind \$0

In May, our club brimmed with enthusiasm as we proudly sponsored a table at the Police Foundation Appreciation Luncheon—an event dedicated to recognizing the outstanding members of the police force and deserving support staff. Many of our spirited members attended the luncheon and were absolutely captivated by the countless stories of bravery and courage exhibited by those who dedicate themselves to keeping us safe every day. It was a truly inspiring experience, and we felt an immense sense of pride in supporting this exceptional team of individuals.

Project Title: Cypress Police Foundation /Open House Hours 75 Donated \$ 300 In Kind \$140

Our club passionately participated in the local Police Department's annual Open House, with over 11 members managing a vibrant booth offering water, candy, and popcorn, along with informative bookmarks. The treats were a hit, drawing visitors and providing an opportunity to share our club's purpose. This spirited presence increased our visibility, catching the attention of Cypress city leaders. Notably, new club members volunteered, sharing personal journeys and contributing to the day's success through generous donations. The event strengthened the bond between our club and the community we proudly serve.

Project Title: Cypress Championship Baseball Hours 32 Donated \$806 In Kind \$2306

Cypress Champion Baseball is a program which provides special needs individuals, ages 4 to 40, the opportunity to play the all-American game of baseball for free. With the program now at 185 players, donations are gladly accepted. This year we made two donations of new equipment. For the spring season, we donated 10 baseball bats, 5 helmets and 3 equipment bags, totaling \$806. In the summer, we donated 72 gloves and 8 bases, totaling \$1,500. We received a 30% discount on the new equipment by partnering with a local business -- Play It Again Sports. To pay for the equipment, we used \$500 from the philanthropy budget and the balance of \$1,806 from donations at general meetings and holding a BUNCO fundraiser. This project is so rewarding for our club as it not only supports players from Cypress, but members from the surrounding community as well. This is the largest Pony Champions program in the nation. Seeing the smiles on the players' faces and hearing the thank you's from parents and caregivers makes this project so worthwhile.

Project Title: Crime Survivors Hours 50 Donated \$ 4650 In Kind \$2000

Crime Survivors is an organization that helps victims of violent crime, mostly women and children. The organization provides hope and healing through their holiday events, counseling services, contributions of diapers, clothing, gift certificates, and much more. Our club donated funds raised from QuarterMania, 4,700 Holiday Cards exchanged between our members. The holiday card exchange is a special program in which our members provide cards for other members and pay the club .30/card. Cards are separated into bags for each member, then the bags are delivered by club volunteers. It's a great feel-good program that is a fundraiser and a friend raiser. Also, donations of clothing and toys provided to help young victims of violent crime.

Project Title: Kennedy High School Capstone Celebration Hours 0 Donated \$300 In Kind 0

Capstone Team Celebration Breakfast this year. Kennedy High School, a local educational institution in Cypress, sought assistance for their senior Capstone project titled "My Kennedy Story." Seniors invested time and effort in preparing and presenting projects to the school community, showcasing their development and accomplishments throughout their high school journey. Our donation played a pivotal role in facilitating a celebratory breakfast for the students and their families, serving as a meaningful acknowledgment of their unwavering dedication and hard work. It is a privilege for us to support initiatives that recognize and celebrate the achievements of young minds within our local community.

Project Title: City of Cypress Salute to America Hours 36 Donated \$1400 In Kind \$259

In a display of unwavering patriotism, the City of Cypress proudly hosted its annual Salute to America at Cypress College on June 30th this year. Standing as staunch supporters of this patriotic celebration, the Woman's Club of Cypress took on the role of a Patriot Sponsor by generously contributing \$1,000. This sponsorship entitled the club to a booth, a prominently displayed banner at the event, special recognition on the PA system, and VIP access for club members. The event, drawing in thousands of patriotic attendees, provided an ideal platform for the Woman's Club to showcase its commitment to community engagement. Our booth, a focal point of interest, saw a substantial line of eager individuals waiting to spin the Game Wheel and win prizes adorned with patriotic and Woman's Club themes, graciously donated by the club. Being part of this community event was a privilege, and the Woman's Club of Cypress embraced the opportunity to connect with the community.

Project Title: Second Harvest Food Bank Walk to Feed OC Hours 45 Donated \$0 In Kind \$0

As part of the President's Project, the club participated in a fundraising event for Orange County's Second Harvest Food Bank culminating in a walk at Tanaka Farms on September 9th, 2023. Our shared goal to combat food insecurity in our local communities has fostered a positive and continuing relationship with Second Harvest. Our club members raised \$1,350 online for Second Harvest and received recognition at the event as one of the top fundraisers. Several club members met up to complete the walk on the day; it was a wonderful way to celebrate a successful fundraiser. We look forward to continuing to support Second Harvest Food Bank in the future.

Project Title: Cleveland Golf T Shirt & Hat Donation OC Hours 20 Donated \$0 In Kind \$0

Our decades of service in the local and surrounding communities has established a recognizable name for our club, and we have companies reach out to us to donate goods and services. Cleveland Golf contacted us and graciously donated over 300 T-Shirts and Baseball caps to the Woman's Club, and a club member in turn delivered them to Mary's Kitchen, the American Veterans Assistance Group, and the Boys and Girls Club of Cypress for their new youth golf program. The American Veterans Assistance Group sent a letter of recognition and appreciation for the donation.