



CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS
CLUB AWARD ENTRY COVER SHEET
Annual Reporting January 1- December 31, 2024

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| Chairman: Rebecca Martinez | | Club: Woman's Club of Orange | |
| # of Club Members (as recorded in 2024-25 CFWC Yearbook): 235 | | District: Orange | Area: C |
| Club Position: 1 st VP/Dean | | | |
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| DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE AWARENESS & PREVENTION | | | |
| _____ GFWC Special Program, Community Service Program, Advancement Plan, ESO | | | |
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The Woman's Club of Orange has a rich history. Eleven women got together in 1915 and started talking about ways to contribute to the well-being of the community. Our members have been talking ever since—we do that well! Our collective efforts to support each other while raising money to give to community non-profit organizations in need, drive us forward. Our positives include owning our own Clubhouse which just celebrated its 100th Birthday in 2024. At 274 members and counting, we are the largest club in Orange District. Our challenges? The City of Orange has reduced its donations to many non-profit organizations due to budget cuts. To help these organizations, we have increased or maintained our donations to keep them viable. Our members feel strongly about being an active part of our community.

Project Title: Kherut Catering

Hours: Donated: \$ 5,000 In-Kind:

In April, we learned about a unique catering company known as "Kherut Catering" when they provided the lunch at a district meeting. Following our very tasty meal, the organization's founder, Yves Masquefa, shared his story about how the call to help victims of sex trafficking around the world has helped fulfill a lifelong mission. Yves wanted to develop a business model using his 40 + years of experience in the restaurant business to fill the need of survivors of domestic violence, imprisonment, homelessness, and young women aging out of foster care. These are the vulnerable female populations targeted by traffickers. Yves, through the Kherut operation, has offered the opportunity to work at the Kherut catering facility, the women found a new purpose and learned new skills adaptable for future employment, giving them a real hope for their new future! The Kherut story touched our hearts that we donated \$ 5,000.00 to help his work.

Project Title: Orange County Family Justice Center

Hours: Donated: \$ 6,000 In-Kind:

Did you know that children are abducted from local amusement parks? The office for Orange County Family Justice Center is very near the "Happiest Place on Earth" so they deal with this situation when it occurs. The Justice Center provides direct assistance, along with empowerment and prevention resources to victims whose lives have been impacted by domestic violence, child abuse, sexual assault and elder abuse. Given their success in transforming victims into survivors and, thus, breaking the cycle of violence – the Woman's Club of Orange is immensely proud to support their ongoing efforts.

Project Title: OC Justice Center: Adopt-A-Family

Hours: 8

Donated:

In-Kind: \$380

Do you really need more “stuff” in your home? Have you embraced minimalism or maybe passing your treasures to your children? Instead of stuffing loads of gifts under a Christmas tree, several of our members participated in the “Adopt A Family” for OCFJC. You are given a wish list with 3 suggestions for each member of the family you adopt. Typically, the list is for a top, pants, underwear or shoes. They don’t ask for extravagant items. You have the fun of going Christmas shopping, wrapping the packages and delivering them to the OCFJC office in Anaheim. Plus, you don’t fill your home with more stuff. Would you consider being Santa to someone who really needs help? You will feel amazing knowing you helped someone in need.

Project Title: We’re Friends with The Friendly Center

Hours: 110 Donated: \$1,000 In-Kind: \$ 1,834

The Woman’s Club of Orange believes it’s important to stop the cycle of poverty by providing for the essential needs of families struggling with poverty or lack of available resources. For many years, we have offered support to the *The Friendly Center* of Orange. Their mission is to bring stability, opportunity, and hope. They offer after-school activities, tutoring, STEAM programs and youth workshops. Through these programs, and more, those who are dealing with significant obstacles will be more able to thrive and find greater stability.

This past year, we donated cash and school supplies, provided gift cards valued at \$820, and collected enough toys from our members to toys to fill two SUVs in time for Christmas

In 2024, The Friendly Center celebrated its 100th anniversary and our club celebrated its 109th anniversary. Both organizations, located just a few miles from each other in downtown Orange, are vital to the well-being of our community and residents. The Woman’s Club of Orange provides philanthropic dollars, organizes food drives, and spearheads toy collections to help supplement The Friendly Center’s monumental community outreach programs.

Project Title: HUB Resource Center

Hours: 56

Donated: \$ 2,000

In-Kind: \$211

The HUB Resource Center is a local facility offering numerous and varied programs that empower, encourage and support change for residents and families. HUB reaches out to those most vulnerable in our community who desire to be made well through holistic hope, healing, transformation, and resources. Our club members donated a large variety of personal hygiene items, warm socks and new underwear to support this organization.