



CLUB AWARD ENTRY FORM

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Yorba Linda Woman's Club was founded in 1912 by a group of progressive women seeking to better themselves and following in the footsteps of Jane Cunningham Croly, our founder, they focused upon furthering their education and being more involved in their community. Aided by these forward-thinking women, Yorba Linda became the beautiful, well-respected city it is today — *"The Land of Gracious Living."* Our club Mission Statement is: *We are a diverse organization working to promote civic, philanthropic, cultural and educational interests within our community through the spirit of volunteerism.* Today, Yorba Linda still has a small-town feel with over 100 miles of trails used by dog walkers, hikers, bikers and equestrians. Our club supports the City of Yorba Linda as it continues to improve and embrace the many recent changes in our city: low-income housing; infrastructure, including our new Cultural Arts and Public Library campus and Town Center; technology including our city's interactive website and government transparency.

Project Title: WISEPlace Hours: 425 Donated: \$0 In-Kind: \$2,538

A new project the Yorba Linda Woman's Club (YLWC) was introduced to this year is WISEPlace. WISEPlace, a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit organization, is a community of housing and hope for women in crisis. Formerly the South Orange County YWCA, WISEPlace has a 90-year history of caring for the community. By meeting basic needs such as housing, clothing, physical and emotional nourishment, as well as vocational and life skills training, the WISEPlace Hotel for women is one of the few places unaccompanied homeless women can go to begin again. Due to the large number of women in need at WISEPlace continuous donations of clothing is essential. WISEPlace needs clothes that could be considered business attire for those graduating women looking for employment and in need of the proper attire for job interviews. Three hundred fifty-eight pieces of clothing were donated. Donations includes dresses, pants, skirts, blouses, sweaters, jackets, 2-piece outfits, 3-piece outfits, purses, shoes, jewelry, belts, scarves, hair accessories and underwear. The women of YLWC are continually donating to this project to give women an opportunity to re-enter the business world and support themselves.

Project Title: Socks for Sisters Hours: 125 Donated: \$0 In-Kind: \$692

WISEPlace is also in need of socks. This is the number one item the homeless shelter needs as women enter and need basic clothing elements. The club has so far donated 277 new pairs of socks and donations keep on coming. This will be an ongoing project for the next year.

Project Title: "Recent Trends in Women's Safety" Hours: 20 Donated: \$50 In-Kind: \$0

Many of our club member sisters are of an age where scamming them has become more common. We decided that it would be beneficial to all of us to learn about identity theft and scamming of any kind. We invited an Orange County Sheriff's Department Deputy to be our guest speaker at a general meeting. The Deputy also discussed the Human Trafficking situation in Orange County. She gave us invaluable information and the contact numbers for our future use. It was wonderful to see this woman fully decked out in her uniform with all the paraphernalia she must carry. She gave us an image of strength and independence.

Project Title: Girls Love Mail Hours: 50 Donated: \$0 In-Kind: \$0

Girls Love Mail began when founder, Gina Mulligan, received letters of well wishes after she was diagnosed with breast cancer. Those letters touched her, and she thought others would be encouraged by this type of support. This project tied in with Relay for Life, which our club has participated in for many years. Cards were supplied and our club members wrote letter of hope and encouragement at our January and April General Meetings. The cards were collected and mailed to the Girls Love Mail organization. We sent approximately 69 cards. This project is also the CFWC President's project which we are proud to support.

Project Title: Who doesn't Want to Ride a Horse? **Hours: 24** **Donated: \$550** **In-Kind: \$1,200**
 Established in September 2012, Tara's Chance promotes the physical, cognitive, and social well-being of at-risk youth and those with special needs through equine-assisted activities and therapies. They offer a place where therapy feels like play. When a past club president introduced us to the organization several years ago, it made perfect sense to form a partnership with them. At our June General Meeting, we presented our annual \$500 donation to their co-founders. In September, eight club members attended their fundraiser, "Riding with the Stars" and participated in the live/silent auctions and raffle. One club member donated \$1,200 of wine for a Wine Pull opportunity. Other attending members donated over \$3,000 by participating in the live auction. Tara's Chance deeply touched the hearts of two club members who were recently elected to their Board of Directors as President and Treasurer.

Project Title: Relay for Life **Hours 75** **Donated: \$1,408** **In-Kind: \$0**
 Relay for Life is the signature fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. Relay is staffed and coordinated by volunteers in more than 5,200 communities and 27 countries. Volunteers give of their time and effort because they believe it's time to take action against cancer.

Yorba Linda Woman's Club was successful in fundraising for Relay for Life. The theme was "Now Screening. The theme focused on everyone being "screened" on a regular basis. It is heartwarming to see participants walking; walking alone, some talking and others just looking at the luminarias that lined the track in honor and memory of those with cancer.

We raised a total of \$1,408. Members attended monthly meetings organizing this community event from January to May. Twenty of our members volunteered their time over the 24-hour event setting up, cleaning up, fundraising and of course—walking. Our chairman has been involved with Relay for four years with our club and was involved previously. This is something close to her heart having lost family members to cancer and wanting to see more survivors in the years to come. Not only did our chairman, with her committee organize our club's part in the event, she is also on the Relay community committee: helping to organize the entire event.

Project Title: WOW (Women Out Walking) **Hours: 190** **Donated: \$0** **In-Kind: \$0**
 The purpose of this project is to promote a healthy lifestyle and of course socializing and building club camaraderie is also a byproduct. The group varies from 6 to 8 walkers twice a week on Tuesday and Friday with members meeting at the Yorba Linda Community Center to walk the 2.4-mile trail taking approximately an hour. When we began this project, members were encouraged to wear their purple shirts to get the attention from other walkers. We upped our game and now have bright red shirts that shout out WOW! which has been a beneficial way of promoting the club with several people joining just because of a walk.

Project Title: HIS House **Hours: 20** **Donated: \$0** **In-Kind: \$160**
 HIS House operates as a local 54-bed transitional housing program. The shelter provides safe shelter and supportive services to the community's most vulnerable population. All HIS House residents must be committed to getting their lives back on track by following the program's guidelines. For these homeless men, women, and children, they provide a safe and supportive environment to begin rebuilding their lives.

The Yorba Linda Woman's Club supports HIS House with donations of non-perishable food items. When a family doesn't have enough food—the most basic human need—stability in other areas is almost impossible. We will continue to hold an annual food drive for this organization.

Project Title: No Limits Learning Center **Hours: 2** **Donated: \$250** **In-Kind: \$0**
 The No Limits Learning Center is in a local community and presented at one of our meetings. They provide aide and assistance to people, young and old, who have intellectual disabilities. This organization teaches life skills in addition to providing social interaction and fitness to a population that is often forgotten. Our Philanthropy Committee was very impressed and granted them \$250. Their director spoke at one of our meeting and has explained their wishes to grow their services. During the fall of 2019, they have announced that they have signed a lease for a new building with the goal to doubling their student population.

Project Title: Second Harvest Food Bank: **Hours: 3** **Donated: \$100** **In-Kind: \$0**

The Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County offers a food truck that feeds the homeless and financially challenged people. This ties into our Orange District President's theme: "Driving Our Hunger!" We donated \$100 to buy 300 meals during the winter holidays. The Philanthropy Committee was so impressed by this organization they have placed it first on our list for next year.

Project Title: Meals on Wheels **Hours: 2** **Donated: \$500** **In-Kind: \$0**

Since 1975, Placentia Yorba Meals on Wheels has been a dedicated, private, non-profit organization serving our local communities. Their mission is to provide nourishing meals to homebound elderly and disabled individuals who are unable to prepare or obtain adequate meals for themselves.

Project Title: "Adopt an Angel" **Hours: 350** **Donated: \$300** **In-Kind: \$2,420**

"Because No Senior Should be Forgotten" is the motto of the Smile Makers Guild. The Smile Makers Guild works with the Orange County Council on Aging to bring holiday happiness to residents of licensed care facilities throughout Orange County. Of the 28,000 men and women living in these facilities, more than half have no family or friends who might bring them a gift at holiday time. Smile Makers' mission is to do just that – put smiles on the faces of those who seem forgotten. During the year, Smile Makers contacts local businesses, clubs, and other organizations about providing gifts. They also coordinate fundraisers to offset program expenses.

This year 96 club members participated with 11 members adopting more than one angel. Using funds raised at our craft fair, the club donated money to buy 16 gifts. The YMCA Senior Exercise Class partnered with our club and donated 15 gifts. A total of 127 gifts were donated.

During the first two weeks of December, Smile Makers schedules gift wrapping sessions to get all the gifts ready for delivery. This year their goal is to have 6,000 gifts donated from generous businesses, organizations, and clubs such as ours. Our members look forward all year to be a part of the mass wrapping sessions and 36 members, one husband and one mother worked 175 hours wrapping gifts and enjoying the camaraderie and joyous holiday mood.

Project Title: "What's a Little Gift Card?" **Hours: 10** **Donated: \$1,500** **In-Kind: \$50**

The Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District encompasses students at both ends of the economic spectrum: those fortunate who live in multi-million-dollar homes as compared to those struggling with a life lived in poverty. Through our Placentia Yorba Linda School District Family Support Project, they determined the number of families most in need. We gave them \$,1200 (twenty-three \$50 Walmart gift cards). Their program helps families and students lacking necessities and/or struggling with financial stability. In May, using extra club funds, we donated an additional \$300 to the Placentia Yorba Linda School District Assessment Center for a family in great need. The parents both passed away. A family friend took in the children but needed money to help her support them. Our club worked hard on our Craft Fair fundraisers to raise this money. Additionally, when we received an emergency call for pantry food items, a member donated \$50.

Project Title: Vitas Hospice **Hours: 230** **Donated: \$0** **In-Kind: \$925**

An additional way our section "Sew Kind" helps out in our community is supplying for hospice. This year they made 420 adult bibs and 30 lap robes. All of the fabric was donated.

Project Title: Garden of Innocence **Hours: 25** **Donated: \$0** **In-Kind: \$50**

Sew Kind again came through by making 100 small burial blankets for the abandoned babies. Several members attended the graveside service in Orange County. These blankets are beautifully made—a precious gift to these precious babies.

Project Title: Stars for Siblings **Hours: 92** **Donations: \$70** **In-Kind: \$10**

Once a year the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation sponsors a camp for families who have lost a child to brain cancer. A member designed comfort pillows in the shape of a star, we made star shaped flannel pillows for all the siblings. Sixteen members lovingly filled 50 comfort pillows with polyester as we envisioned the children who had lost a brother or sister to brain cancer. The pillows were designed for a child to cuddle, hold and hug while at camp grieving, talking and reminiscing about their sibling who had passed away from brain cancer.