



CLUB AWARD ENTRY FORM

Annual Reporting January 1-December 31, 2019

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Number of Members in Club according to the CFWC Yearbook: 20		
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Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention – GFWC Signature Project		

The Ebell Club of Irvine was founded and federated in 1974. At that time, the City of Irvine had existed for only two years evolving from a working ranch to a "model city" as planned by the Irvine Company. Today the City of Irvine has grown to over 280,000 residents and is the 3rd largest city in Orange County. Our city is viewed as affluent since 68% of the residents are college graduates, the school district is highly regarded, and the population is a diverse mixture of cultures. The median household income as of 2012 was \$92,000, and the median house value was \$870,000. According to the 2018 U.S. Census ACS 5-year survey, 48% of the population was white and 42% Asian.

Our club has historically had 18 to 20 members. Most of us are retired, but we keep busy with our varied community service projects. With the city continuing to prosper, one would expect the number of club members to also grow. However, what has grown is the number of organizations with a single mission, such as CHOC Guilds, Friends of the Library, and Families Forward; unfortunately, we are all competing for same new volunteers. We are always hopeful that some of our many friends who enjoy supporting club activities will decide to become members, and we have expanded our on-line presence to enable potential volunteers to find us. However, we remain a small club of aging but energetic members who are proud to be federated.

Project: Quilts for Human Options Hours: 565 Donated: \$0 In-kind: \$1,561

Human Options started as a crisis hotline in 1981. A year later they opened the County's first emergency shelter for women. Now they operate an emergency shelter and transitional housing. They also have 7 walk-in centers, and a variety of counseling services. To date, Human Options has served more than 32,400 individuals in their counseling and shelter program. Twelve years ago, club members began the cuddle quilt sewing project to provide homemade quilts, 48 by 36 inches in size, for persons seeking shelter and help from Human Options. In 2019, members and recruited friends created and donated 96 quilts, up from 50 in 2018. Some cuddle quilts are designed for a single woman seeking safety, while others are for the child/children arriving with their mother.

For 2019, our club provided budgeted \$400 to purchase the fabric, thread, and batting to create each quilt. The Tustin Exchange Club partnered with us for a second year and donated \$1000. And

our container recycling project brought in another \$161. The Project chair shops the sales at JoAnn's 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 \$15.00. Once the chair has the fabric for a quilt purchased, she irons the material, cuts the fabrics into 6.5 by 6.5 inch squares, and designs the front of the quilt. A ready-to-sew a kit contains a graphic layout of the 48 squares for the topper, the back, the batting cut to fit the finished topper, and a set of step-by-step directions that our chair created. Three members and other volunteer sewers have provided the loving hands to complete each quilt. An additional 540 hours to assemble the quilts were volunteered by non-members. Our original goal for 2019 was to complete 65 cuddle quilts. Thanks to loyal volunteers and unexpected donations, we exceeded our goal by 31 quilts!

The Tustin Exchange Club has already given Ebell \$1000 for 2020, and we have been given 20 yards of assorted cotton quilt material by a woman who is no longer able to sew. Therefore, we have set a goal of over 100 completed quilts for 2020. If you sew or know someone who would like to participate, please contact us. The more, the merrier!

Project: Purses for Human Options Hours: 20 hours Donated: \$ 0 In-kind: \$365

In the first half of 2019, members and friends donated 18 purses in excellent condition. Before these purses were given to Human Options, we filled them with toiletries and other items that members had collected over the course of the year. Items included are soaps, shampoos, combs and brushes, dental and skin care products, as well as an eclectic mix of scarves, socks, wallets, slippers, and anything else that could fit in a purse. Smaller purses had a large quantity of sample size items. Larger purses could contain a mix of large and small items. It was truly an interesting mix, and no two were the same. It's a real win-win – getting a lovely new purse filled with surprise essentials. Midway through 2019, Human Options told us they were no longer accepting purses due to a shortage of storage space. They recommended we give the filled purses to Women Helping Women, another non-profit organization headquartered in Irvine that supplies the women from Human Options with the outfits and purses they need. We have followed their suggestion for the balance of the year.