



CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS
CLUB AWARD ENTRY COVER SHEET
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Health and Wellness

The San Clemente Junior Woman's Club, established in 1948, is a medium club {22 members} located in the beachside community of San Clemente, CA. Members range in age from 20's through 50's. We are a diverse group of women, most of us with children and many with professional careers, and all with a passion to serve our community.

Project Title: Project Angel Tree Hours: 300 Donated: \$1,921 In Kind: \$6,800

Each year, the SCJWC hosts a series of Angel Trees throughout the community of San Clemente. We work as Santa's Elves to make the holiday wishes of children, seniors and special needs adults in the local community that are in need, come true. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we have pivoted our traditional model of hosting physical trees with handmade ornaments made by our local schools at key locations within the city to a digital tree through a virtual gift registry.

Our members worked to curate a customized registry list of gifts based on wish lists we received from the Boys & Girls Club, Family Assistance Ministries, RIO ADHCC, and San Clemente Senior Center. In partnering with these local charities we were given a series of lists with specific gift wishes from individual children, adults, and homebound seniors. Through the online registry members of our community were able to select from a variety of options or provide a donation through our PayPal or Venmo account, which was then used to purchase unselected gifts. To reach members of our community we focused our outreach on social media platforms and leveraged our relationships with the City of San Clemente, our local chamber of commerce and local nonprofits to help get out the word. Our posts reached far and wide, providing us with one of our most successful Angel Tree projects to date. All gifts were individually wrapped and presented to our charities to distribute.

Although every year this project brings much needed happiness to those in need, this year we found that this project was needed more than ever. Not only did we provide a special gift for many who may not have received something otherwise, but also provided an outlet for those looking for ways to give back to the community. Through this project we provided nearly 300 much needed gifts throughout our community.

Project Title: Thanksgiving Adopt a Family Hours: 30 Donated: \$300 In Kind: 0

The San Clemente Junior Woman's Club adopted 2 local families in need by providing gift cards to local grocery stores to assist preparing a Thanksgiving meal. Both chosen families included children. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, instead of our traditional method of a food drive to collect donated items for a complete Thanksgiving meal this year we focused on donations from our members through PayPal and Venmo to purchase gift cards in the amount of \$150 each. The adopt-a-family program is run by a local food bank called Family Assistance Ministries. The families were very appreciative, and it was a great feeling to help families in need during the holidays especially during this time when it was needed more than ever.

Project Title: Meals on Wheels Hours: 0 Donated: \$25 In Kind: —0

Today, the average life expectancy is at a record high of 79 years. As we get older, even the most independent among us may experience physical declines or financial hardship that strips away our independence. Add to that an increase in geographic mobility of our families, and the result is millions of seniors left behind, hungry and alone. This year MOW was in no doubt needed more than ever due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Members of the club volunteer every other Wednesday to drive for Meals on Wheels. Volunteers met at the San Clemente Senior Center to pick up prepared meals and deliver them to the home-bound seniors in the community following the ever increasing Covid-19 and CDC safety protocols. For many of our homebound seniors, MOWs is their only form of communication with the outside world, even though we were socially distanced and masked our presence meant the world to the recipients and provided a human connection many of us sorely missed these past few months. The route usually takes a little over an hour and a half to complete.

One of the highlights of the year was packaging and delivering 27 thanksgiving meals to San Clemente seniors and homebound. It was a very rewarding experience that brought joy and gratitude to our hearts.

Project Title: Birthday Cakes for RIO Adult Day Health Hours: 15 Donated: 0 In Kind: \$60

The RIOADHCC is a community-based adult services program in San Clemente that is committed to serving persons 18 years and older who are physically, developmentally, or cognitively impaired. Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, the San Clemente Junior Woman's Club purchased supplies, baked, delivered and helped serve 6-dozen cupcakes each month for the RIO's birthday celebration, with 2-dozen of those being sugar-free for their diabetic patients. Although this project was put on pause in March due to the COVID-19 pandemic and increased safety measures, remembering the joy in patients' faces when they got to eat their cupcakes is what is getting us through this time!

Project Title: Egg Carton Collection Hours: 40 Donated: 0 In Kind 0

The San Clemente Junior Woman's club started a new project during the COVID-19 pandemic to collect egg cartons for a local nonprofit providing food distribution to those in need. This project provided us an ongoing socially-distanced way to help our community.

The nonprofit Family Assistance Ministries {FAM) shared the following fact on their social media, which prompted us to make this one of our projects:

FAM FACT: Eggs are a good source of protein . And, did you know that amongst the near expiration food we rescue from local grocery stores daily are those cartons of eggs you didn't buy, left behind with one broken eggshell?

FAM volunteers clean and repackage the unbroken eggs into empty, donated egg cartons. So please, DON'T throw away your empty cartons. Please DO drop them off at FAM as they allow us to redistribute those eggs to hungry families!

Homelife collected 214 egg cartons throughout the year from our members and dropped them off periodically to FAM providing a much needed resource to help redistribute eggs to families!

Project Title: Gather, Rise, Repeat toiletries drive Hours: 15 Donated: 0 In Kind: 0

In a continued effort to support Family Assistance Ministries (FAM) a local nonprofit, the San Clemente Junior Woman's club collected toiletries from our members to help resupply FAM Family emergency and Gilhouse shelters. Members donated toiletries of shampoo, conditioner, soap, toothbrushes, deodorant and other needed items to FAM. This project provided us an ongoing socially-distanced way to help our community throughout the year.
