



**CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUB'S
CLUB AWARD ENTRY COVER SHEET**

Annual Reporting January 1-December 31, 2020

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Number of Members (From the CFWC Yearbook): 82		District: Orange	Area: C
Club Position: Club Dean			
Reporter's Address:			
City: Cypress		State: CA	Zip:
Email:		Phone:	
FUNDRAISING			
Name of GFWC Special Program, Community Service Program, Advancement Plan or ESO			

The Woman's Club of Cypress will celebrate its 55th Anniversary in March 2021. Located in the northwest corner of Orange County, the Club provides service and philanthropic opportunities for our membership, including dozens of members who mark more than 25 years of membership and participation, multiple Past-Presidents, and several new members each year. Members range in age from 35 to 93 years. The majority are retired and able to be actively involved, while the working members participate whenever 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: **Game Nights** Hours: 32 Dollars Raised: \$1020

Each month the Club holds a Game Night where members and guests can play a Bunco game in order to raise money for one of the club's charities. Members bring different foods and drinks and make a donation to the charity. Approximately \$500 is raised at one of these events. Game Nights had to be cancelled from March on due to covid-19.

Project Title: **White Elephant/Kindness Bags** Hours: 8 Dollars Raised: \$167

We held 2 White Elephant fundraisers at the first 2 general meetings this year to raise funds for the Club President's Project. Members generously donated new items and then we sold opportunity tickets for \$1.00. This is another successful project that had to be stopped due to the lockdowns.

Project Title: **Penny Pines** Hours: 2 Dollars Raised: \$208

We pass a can around the general meetings to collect donations for Penny Pines. This has been a very successful way for the club to support our local forests. Members are very generous due to the many fires that have happened in California.

Project Title: **Ralph's** Hours: 10 Dollars Raised: \$596

Our club is a member of the Ralph's Community Rewards program. Members were encouraged to sign up for the program on the Ralph's website. Each time a club member shops at Ralph's, a small percentage of the purchase is re-bated to the club. This year we earned \$596.

Project Title: **Club Cookbook** Hours 2 Dollars Raised: \$67

The Club published a cookbook 2 years ago. We still have a few left and members are trying to sell off the rest of the inventory. Money from the cookbooks is dedicated to the Patriotic Service Dog Foundation.

Project Title: **Cruise Commission** Hours: 2 Dollars Raised: \$350

One of our club members is a travel agent. She donated part of her commission from a cruise on which several club members sailed.

Project Title: **Brag Box** Hours: 2 Dollars Raised:\$108

At the end of each general meeting Club members can brag about anything by donating a \$1 to the Brag Box.

Project Title: **Yearbook Sponsors** Hours: 12 Dollars Raised: \$500

Club members ask local businesses to place an ad in the club yearbook. This helps to defray the cost of the yearbook, and starts a working relationship with many of the businesses in our city.

After covid-19 began the Club had to cancel our largest fundraiser, the Spring Tea. Fundraising then took a whole new turn.

Project Title: **Zoom Bingo** Hours: 173 Dollars Raised: \$1982 In Kind: \$210

One of our members was disappointed when the Game Night for her project was cancelled due to covid-19. She went on-line and bought a Bingo game. She scanned the Bingo cards so they could be sent to players via email. She then recruited prizes to offer the winners. Zoom Bingo is free to play but donations to the charity are appreciated. Members and guests must RSVP so they can be sent a Bingo card. This member then advertised the Zoom Bingo in the club's newsletter and on her Facebook page. Members were so glad to do something that the first game raised \$631 which went to Crime Survivors. She has held a total of three Zoom Bingos. In December, she invited members of other clubs in the Western Region who had requested instructions and information about holding their own Zoom Bingo event. Over the 3 events, we had almost 100 participants from our club and others throughout the state of California, Idaho and Colorado.

Project Title **Direct Appeal to the Members** Hours: 53 Dollars Raised: \$3972

When covid-19 started, project chairmen lost the various ways they usually used to appeal for donations. Now they were asking members in the newsletter or at the Zoom general meetings to send in donations for their project. The charities that benefited from this direct appeal were:
UNICEF Clean Water Fund \$251

City of Cypress Adopt-A-Family: \$600
Veterans Buddy Boxes: \$265
Books for Babies: \$400
City of Hope: \$320
Stand Up for Kids: \$150
School on Wheels: \$581
Kindness Bags (in addition to white-elephant): \$745
Memorial donations: Marlene C. (for scholarships): \$335
Lucille T. (for Veterans projects) \$325

Project Title: **See's Candies** Hours: 10 Dollars Raised: \$432

Club Members were offered the opportunity to purchase boxes of See's candies or gift certificates. There was no discount to those buying the candy but the club received a percentage of the sales. This year the chairman sent the order form out with the newsletter and had members return the filled in form to her via email. She then delivered the candy to the members' homes.

Project Title: **Holiday Cards** Hours: 43 Dollars Raised: \$687

Each year, club members raise money through a Holiday Card Exchange. Members decide to whom they will be sending holiday cards within the club, sign their cards, then place them into an envelope with the name of the member who is receiving the card. Members pay 25 cents per card and make out a check to the Club. In the past the cards and check were brought to the December meeting. This year the cards were dropped off in a box at the home of the project's chairman. The chairman separated the cards into bags. Then a committee delivered the cards. 36 members participated in this project and the money raised went to Crime Survivors.