



CLUB AWARD ENTRY FORM

Annual Reporting January 1-December 31, 2019

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Number of Members in Club (as according to the CFWC Yearbook): 45			
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Club Position: Member		CFWC Area: C	
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INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH

The Barber City Women's Club (BCWC), founded in 1927, serves the city's 89,700 residents and was named after the independent community of Barber City, which is located within the City of Westminster. The Club initially began for the improvement of the local roads and has evolved into a group dedicated to the advancement of charitable, cultural, educational, and philanthropic opportunities within the community. The Barber City Women's Club is the oldest, continuously-operating non-profit organization in Westminster. The club has forty-five members who contribute their talents in organizing, event planning, logistics, networking, baking, sewing, crocheting, decorating, landscaping and clubhouse maintenance. All fundraising proceeds go to support Scholarships; Domestic Violence Shelters; Veterans; Project Safety, Health, Understanding, Education (S.H.U.E.); the Mental Health Association of Orange County and a School in Malawi, Africa. Some examples of the Club's "hands-on" approach include stuffing two thousand one hundred ninety-eight Easter eggs with candy for homeless children and making gift baskets for the homeless, domestic violence victims and veterans. Members also make blankets and ponchos for the homeless and mentally ill as well as donate clothing, towels, shoes, personal items and McDonald's Gift Cards to the local homeless shelter. In addition, our Club partners with the Assistance League of Huntington Beach by donating clothing, housewares, bedding, toys, and collectibles for sale at their Thrift Store, which benefits local school children-in-need, the homeless and domestic violence victims. Our members are also known for their baked goods, such as baked breads, cookies and cupcakes, as well as homemade jams; these items can be purchased at the Club's Lunches, Craft Fairs, and the City of Westminster Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony. Most club activities are held in our Clubhouse, which was donated to the Barber City Women's Club in the early 1930's. It has historically been used for a multitude of neighborhood events, including an Orange County library and polling site; church services; yard sales; neighborhood potluck dinners and bake sales; piano recitals; Boys & Girls Scout meetings; fruit sales and other community events.

1. Project: *Direct Connections to Africa*

Hours: 100 – Donated: \$400 – In Kind: \$2,000

Twelve boxes of school supplies, including notebooks, erasers, pencils, paper, textbooks, and pencils were sent to two teachers in the village of Magoba, Malawi, Africa. A battery powered pencil sharpener with batteries to which the teacher wrote "It is the first time all the children have sharp pencils. They have been using a razor blade and cut themselves." The teacher, Emma, sent pictures of the children proudly holding the school supplies with the biggest grins of happiness. Books that they would not have access to

were also sent. One teacher has one hundred and twelve students. Since classrooms are in short supply, Emma teaches the 2nd grade under a tree. She writes "When it rains in the morning, my class is disturbed because the students cannot sit on wet soil". Emma also wrote "The calculators that were sent did not arrive. Cartons were opened by customs or may have been stolen in transit, especially in Kenya."