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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION

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 the 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, and technology including our city's interactive website and government transparency.

Project Name: Splish, Splash! We're Having a Towel Drive

Hours: 139 Donated:0 In Kind: \$1,271

This Project was inspired by a Women's Transitional Living Center presentation at the Orange County Human Trafficking Task Force. A 501 (c) nonprofit organization, it is a community sanctuary for those escaping Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking. When asked "What is your most pressing need?" bath towels was the answer. Those towels travel with the individual as they move through the program, often switching to a different safe house taking the towel with them. New towels are always a need. The club members heroically met the need during the time of lockdown. The total of 64 bath towels, 4 bath towel sets and 30 boutique quality crocheted hand towels in a rainbow of colors were donated. Donations were given toward the purchase of COSTCO towels. Others left their donation on their doorstep allowing the chairman to pick them up in safety. The chairperson kept the donation for several months as the facility, like many service providers, was not accepting donations. The towels were finally delivered in mid-July.

Project Name: Love Your Neighbor card drive for Grandma's House of Hope

Hours: 18 Donated:0. In Kind: \$160.00

Yorba Linda Woman's Club offered to donate \$5.00 gift cards as a kindness to those who have experienced violence and negative messaging from their abusers. Grandma's House of Hope is a non-profit, 501 (c) 3 service provider for those who have experienced human trafficking and homelessness.

The gift cards were given as a reminder to the receiver that they are both lovable and valuable. Club members participated in sending the message of love by donating 29 gift cards: 15 - \$5.00 Starbucks,

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14 - Walmart \$5.00 and one \$15.00 gift card were donated. A Grandma's House of Hope newsletter later shared a story of a client moved to tears by the unexpected gift of a gift card paired with donated goodies. It had been a long time since that individual was remembered with kindness. Small meaningful gestures can navigate a survivor away from negative messaging they received past abusers into a path of positive thinking and accepting of love couched in safety.

Project Name: Cover a Baby in Love Baby Blanket Project

Hours: 189 Donated: 0 In kind: \$1,200

Need is the Mother of necessity. With an inability to do group projects and many members adhering to the lockdown orders Baby Blankets were requested to keep our members busy. And boy were they busy! A whopping 30 blankets were made. When service providers opened up to receive donations, the bounty was divided and donated to the Orange County Human Trafficking Task Force and Grandma's House of Hope. Each organization serves expecting mothers. Having blankets on hand is a welcomed resource.

Project Name: Tidings of comfort and Joy Scarves and Beanie Project.

Hours: 328 Donated:0. In kind: \$710.00

Club members were taught how to loom the year before. This new skill set came in handy as stay at home orders kept us home. We opted to keep our hands busy. The survivors that use public transportation often have to wake up 4:00 a.m. to arrive at 6:00 a.m. job. It is often quite cold in the winter months. Scarves and hats were loomed and crocheted to keep them warm against the morning chill. 24 loomed beanies and 27 scarves were divided and given to the Orange County Human Trafficking Task Force and Grandma's House of Hope. In addition, 60 hand crocheted hand towels and 12 hand crocheted hair ties for girls in festive colors were given to Grandma's House of Hope to bring Christmas Cheer to their safe, time appointed, gift giving event.

Project Name: Laura's House Most Needed Drive

Hours: 14 Donated: \$243.35 In Kind: \$215.36

Laura's House website has a most needed button. Press it and you are redirected to Amazon. This was our stay-at-home Domestic Violence Awareness Project for October. Only two people responded. In all honesty, the stay-at-home order put most club members in a funk. Even though this was an online activity I think the need of consecutive steps was too much for our club that is accustomed to one and done activities like a bath towel drive. I now know to pick one and done projects for the Yorba Linda Woman's Club for maximum success.

In order to make up a loss in giving \$243.35 from the Domestic Violence Awareness budget was spent for Christmas. This Chairman and another club member (we wore masks and carried hand sanitizer) merrily went shopping. We purchased journals: inspirational and blank, sketch books, puzzles, make-up kits, craft kits for children, art supply kits, Playdoh, Jenga family games and bath luffas. In addition, (8) \$25.00 gift cards to Stater Bros. along with Baby Bibs and onesies were donated. All these items were on the recommended list.