



CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS
CLUB AWARD ENTRY COVER SHEET
Annual Reporting January 1-December 31, 2022

Chairman: Cathy Aiken		Club: Yorba Linda Woman's Club	
Number of Members 93		District: Orange	Area: C
Club Position: Environment Chairperson			
Reporter's Address: [REDACTED]			
City: [REDACTED]		State: [REDACTED]	Zip: [REDACTED]
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ENVIRONMENT Name of GFWC Special Program, Community Service Program, Advancement Plan or ESO			

Yorba Linda has a small-town feel and is known as the Land of Gracious Living. In 1912, the Yorba Linda Woman's Club was founded by a group of motivated women, whose inspiration was boundless and was matched only by their faith in their ability to accomplish good thing for their community. To this day they follow their Mission Statement: *We are a diverse organization working to promote civic, philanthropic, cultural, and educational interests within our community through the spirit of volunteerism.*

Project title: Canine Companions for Independence Hours: 25 Donated: \$100 In-kind: \$190

Who's a good boy? Canine Companions are! The Yorba Linda Woman's Club (YLWC) has added this General Federation of Women's Clubs, International (GFWC) *affiliate* charity to its list of projects. In the United States, 1 out of 4 people have a disability. Canine Companions for Independence provides specifically trained dogs so that individuals with disabilities live an independent life. This organization has helped over 70,000. They serve adults and children over five years of age with physical and auditory disabilities, veterans with a physical or auditory disability or Post-traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), and professionals in a health care visitation, criminal justice, or educational setting. YLWC donated to their annual festival, Dogfest, by sponsoring a four-dog graduating team with work vests. Additionally, we collected and delivered Kong toys to give the pups a "paws"itively merry holiday. The YLWC is excited for future opportunities to work with Canine Companions for Independence.

Project title: Penny Pines Plantation Project Hours: 25 Donated: \$340 In-Kind: \$0

"And in to the forest I go to lose my mind and find my soul." John Muir
 In continuing to support our local national forest, the YLWC has collected donations for the Penny Pines Plantation Project. For a \$68 donation, the United States Forestry Department (USFD) will plant an acre of pine seedlings. The planting of these seedlings helps reforest areas hit by fire as well as provide watershed protection, soil stabilization, and homes for birds and forest animals. Club members generously gave their loose change, and we were able to donate five acres to the San Bernardino Forest.

Project Title: Legacy Rose Garden Hours: 5 Donated: \$96.95 In-kind: \$0

Everything's coming up roses in Yorba Linda! Dedicated in 2021, the Legacy Rose Garden provides beauty to the new Yorba Linda Public Library plus a look into the City's and the YLWC's history. The first rose garden was created and dedicated to the original library in 1959. This earned the YLWC's Garden section the California Richfield Award. The Legacy Rose Garden was a gift from the YLWC to the City of Yorba Linda and to the new Yorba Linda Public Library. Coincidentally, the rose is the official flower of both the City of Yorba Linda and YLWC. During the extreme summer heat, two rose bushes died. The club replaced the dead rose bushes, and the city agreed to provide care to the rose garden going forward.

Project title: Ronald McDonald House Hours: 28 Donated: \$55.52 In-kind: \$0

There is no place like home, but Ronald McDonald House of Orange County comes pretty close. Located near Children's Hospital of Orange County (CHOC), Ronald McDonald House provides lodging for parents of hospitalized children for \$10 a day. Besides lodging, parents are provided meals and emotional support. No family is ever turned away. Pop tops, i.e. pull tabs on aluminum cans, were collected by club members. The pop tops were recycled and redeemed for cash and then donated to Ronald McDonald House to maintain the property. Our members collected over 18 pounds of pop tops this year!

Project title: Eyeglass Reuse

Hours: 16

Donated: \$0

In-kind: \$120

"The better to see you with, my dear." Big Bad Wolf.

YLWC members donated their used eyeglasses to a local Lion's Club International (Lion's Club) member and ophthalmologist. The Lion's Club goes out into the public most Saturdays and Sundays and may examine as many as 350 patients a day. Each patient walks away with a free pair of glasses that matches their prescription needs. If their prescription is unavailable in the donated glasses, the Lion's Club will purchase eyeglasses for the patient. YLWC donated 24 pairs of eye glasses to this cause.

Project title: Battery Recycling

Hours: 18

Donated: \$0

In-kind: \$0

"We forget the water cycle and the life cycle are one." Jacques Yves Cousteau

Dead, single-use batteries were collected and delivered to the North Orange County Hazardous Materials Depot where they were safely disposed of. Household batteries, including alkaline and rechargeable batteries, can no longer be landfilled in California because they contain acids and toxic metals such as mercury, lead, cadmium, and nickel, which can leach in to our groundwater, therefore, contaminating it. YLWC members collected over 100 batteries this year, which were disposed of safely.