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

Chairman: Irene Serna	Club: Woman's Club of Orange			
Number of Members (from CFWC Yearbk):189	District: Orange	Area: C		
Club Position: President				
Reporter's Address				
City	State:	Zip		
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Domestic & Sexual	Violence Awareness & Preventio	n		

The Woman's Club of Orange, founded in 1915, is nestled in the historic downtown area of Old Towne Orange where people congregate to eat in the many restaurants and visit the small family-owned businesses and large antique stores. This small-town feel is unique for a city of 140,000 as Orange attracts visitors from the entire county as we are centrally located. Our founding eleven women were progressive, seeking to improve themselves and their community. Our members are dedicated to serving our community, working hundreds of hours on fundraisers to provide for our adopted philanthropies. We are a cheerful group who work together on projects that impact our local, national, and global communities. We own our building and garden area and are the largest club in Orange District, and one of the largest in the state.

Project Title <u>Help Stop Domestic Violence</u> Hours <u>97</u> Donated <u>\$1000</u> In Kind <u>\$910</u>

Can you imagine what it is like to be living in a violent home and then suddenly be whisked away to a safe house with hardly more than a suitcase? This happens regularly in Orange County, but the Orange County Family Justice Center Foundation (OCFJC) in Anaheim co-ordinates for the care of these victims. They provide direct victim assistance for families whose lives have been impacted by domestic violence, child abuse, sexual assault and elder abuse, providing a safe place to live, counseling, legal assistance. They also work to transform victims into survivors and break the cycle of violence with their classes: Kids Creating Change, Real Teens Real Talk and Parents Creating Change.

Our club supported OCFJC by giving a cash donation of \$4,000.00. In addition, two of our members donated to send OCFJCF recipients to summer camp and five of our members adopted families for Christmas. The recipient family members provide a list of their 3 wishes, which allowed our members to purchase personal gifts. Their requests are usually quite simple items such as shoes, pants, tops, underwear, soccer balls, drawing books, etc. In total, 4 families consisting of 17 individual recipients had their wishes fulfilled. Our members purchased, wrapped and took the gifts to the OCFJCF for delivery to the families. The gifts allow the families to have some stability and celebration at the holidays, which is also so appreciated by the OCFJC staff.

Project Title_	Domestic Violence Awareness	Hours 8	8	Donated \$	In Kind \$
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Our members attending the District Convention in Van Nuys were affected by the presentation about all the ways children were drawn into porn and violence, and shared the information with our club members at our next General Meeting luncheon. Since October is domestic violence awareness month, we invited Orange Police Department's Crimes Against Persons Unit Detective Tyler Ray and Detective Trevor Nelson to speak about the signs of domestic abuse, the cycle of abuse, the resources available related to domestic violence, and examples of individual cases of domestic violence within the city of Orange. It is sad we have to make our members aware of this information and statistics, but the Detectives were very informative and provided hand-outs for the members to share with family and friends.