



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

Chairman: Amber Enriquez		Club: GFWC Woman's Club of Cypress	
Number of Members (from CFWC Yearbk): 95		District: Orange	Area: C
Club Position: Environment Chair			
Reporter's Address: [REDACTED]			
City: [REDACTED]		State: [REDACTED]	Zip: [REDACTED]
Email: [REDACTED]		Phone: [REDACTED]	
ENVIRONMENT			
Name of GFWC Special Program, Community Service Program, Advancement Plan or ESO			

The GFWC Woman's Club of Cypress has contributed time, talent, and funds to help the community for 56 years. Located in the northwest corner of Orange County, the club provides service and philanthropic opportunities for our membership, including dozens of members who mark either 50, or more than 25 years of membership, multiple past-presidents, and new members each year. Members range in age from 35 to 94 years. The majority are retired and able to be actively involved, with the experienced members mentoring those who are newer or working, helping them to get involved however 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 UNICEF Clean Water Project **Hours** 85 **Donated** \$1,000 **In Kind** \$0
Project Leader: Mary Martinez

The mission statement of the UNICEF Clean Water Project is to clean up our world by collecting empty plastic bottles that pollute our oceans and lands; then recycle the water bottles for money to purchase pumps and water equipment for the countries where there is little or no clean water available. UNICEF receives the money the Club donates to help provide the clean water.

This has been a two-year project with a goal of raising \$2000 each year. Some club members prefer giving money to the cause outright; then about twelve members regularly give bottles every two week with an average of \$40.00 collected each time. By June of 2023, we expect to have given \$4000.00 to this project.

Other ways we have found to collect the bottles are participating in Club activities, providing bottled water at Bunco Night, potlucks, Police Safety Program, restaurant night and General Meetings; then recycling the bottles.

In April, the Club hosted a Bunco night to raise additional funds for the Clean Water Project, where \$350 was raised.

Project Title Soles4Soles **Hours** 50 **Donated** \$300 **In Kind** \$4,875
Project Leader: Amber Enriquez

Soles4Souls was a new project for the Woman's Club of Cypress this year. The mission of Soles4Souls is to turn unwanted shoes and clothes into opportunities for education and employment to provide a more hopeful future for

those in need. The Club's annual October Inspiration Breakfast featured a presentation about Soles4Souls, including a video highlighting one of the many beneficiaries of donated shoes who turns the donated shoes into a micro business selling them to those in her community to provide food and basic life necessities for her family.

As part of the Inspiration Breakfast, the Club held a pumpkin decorating contest and raffle, which generated \$237.50. This money, along with another \$62.50 donated from the Club, provided a cash donation to Soles4Souls of \$300. In addition to the monetary donation, a shoe drive was held, collecting a total of 325 shoes and 7 single shoes (single shoes are donated for those who have one amputated foot). The donated shoes totaled \$4,875 for in-kind donations, and came from roughly 40 different members' households. The environmental impact of this donation resulted in re-using shoes that might have ultimately ended up in the landfill.

Project Title: Cleaning Products Education Hours 40 Donated \$0 In Kind \$0
Project Leader: Amber Enriquez

One of the large businesses headquartered in Cypress, California is ECOS, the manufacturer of plant-powered, eco-friendly household cleaning products. In October, ECOS hosted a 2-hour educational tour for 20 club members. Members got to tour the carbon neutral, water neutral, zero-waste facility, while learning about the importance of using green cleaners in their households. As part of the tour, each participant had the opportunity to make their own natural essential oil blend air freshener to take home, and also went home with a box of ECOS products to share with their families.

Project Title Seal Beach Animal Care Center (SBACC) Hours 10 Donated \$400 In Kind \$0
Project Leader: Dawne Reed

The Woman's Club of Cypress continued to be a supporter of the Seal Beach Animal Care Center in 2022. As part of the partnership with the shelter, the Club donated \$400 to be a sponsor of a dog run for a year. A plaque with the Club's logo was placed on the dog run to highlight the sponsorship.

Project Title Penny Pines Hours 50 Donated \$408 In Kind \$0
Project Leader: Muff Elstran

At each Club General Meeting, we pass a can to collect donations for Penny Pines. Penny Pines donations help to maintain the National Forests in California. Participation in the program also helps to educate people about conservation of natural resources and wise management of the public forestlands that belong to them. We have been doing this for many years, as it is a successful way for the Club to support our local forests. Members are very generous because they know of the devastation of the forest due to the many fires that have occurred in California. This year our "can" collection was \$161 which was added to our Penny Pine account. We wrote a check to the USDA Forest Service, Penny Pines Program for \$408 to buy a least six plantations or to aid the program with other expenses.