



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

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| Chairman: Bernice Sherwood                         |  | Club: Ebell Club of Irvine |                 |
| Number of Members : 16                             |  | District: Orange           | Area: C         |
| Club Position: Civic Engagement and Outreach Chair |  |                            |                 |
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| <b>Civic Engagement and Outreach</b>               |  |                            |                 |

The Ebell Club of Irvine was founded and federated in 1974. The City of Irvine was incorporated in 1971, evolving from a working ranch to a "model city" as planned by the Irvine Company. Today the City of Irvine has grown to over 309,000 residents. Irvine has been named the safest city of its size for more than 17 years. It includes the Orange County Great Park, Pretend City Children's Museum, Irvine Art Museum, 2 universities and a junior college. Most residents are college graduates, the school district is highly regarded, and the population is a diverse mixture of cultures. With the city growing rapidly, one would expect the number of club members to also grow. But what has grown is the number of volunteer organizations with a single mission, such as CHOC guilds, Friends of the Library, and Families Forward. Our club has historically had about 15 energetic members, who are now aging but who are proud to be federated and making a difference.

**Project Title: Feasts From the Heart Hours 24 Donated \$ 0 In Kind \$ 170**

Three of our club members cooked a meal for the residents of Ronald McDonald House in Orange and six other members provided food items for the "feast". Food that wasn't consumed that evening was packaged up for consumption later.

**Project Title: I Love Irvine Hours 12 Donated \$ 0 In Kind \$ 0**

This is a citywide movement for people who love their city. Public, non-profits, faith communities and businesses work to address the needs of our city. We set up a work station in the parking lot of the senior center to collect cans and bottles to support our projects. 2022 was not a successful year as we did not receive any donations although 3 of us spent 4 hours each there. However, we did meet 4 community members who donated to our club and 2 who helped us work in our Tustin Tiller Days booth fundraiser. We may not participate again.

**Project Title: Adopt-a-Family for Christmas Hours 15 Donated \$ 100 In Kind: \$ 150**

Families Forward in Irvine gave us the names and ages of a family, requesting outfits for 2 children, gifts for each from their wish list, gift wrap, and \$50 gift cards for Walmart, Target, gas, and groceries. Eight members participated in this project to provide Christmas for the family. The club contributed \$100 to supplement the voluntary donations from club members.

**Project Title: Flag Folding Hours 29 Donated \$ 0 In Kind: \$ 0**

Six members met to fold small flags that are to be donated to deployed soldiers. The project develops patriotism and pride. Folding the flags took 29 hours and they were not all finished and so not yet donated. A note is folded into the flag that say "A flag for your pocket so you can always carry a little piece of home.. We are praying for you and proud of you. Thank you for defending our country and our freedom." We will complete the project next year.

**Project Title:** Thanksgiving Food Drive **Hours** 9 **Donated \$** 150 **In Kind:** \$170

Every year Families Forward sponsors a food drive to provide holiday meals to families struggling with hunger. Ten of our members contributed food items valued at \$170 and our club donated \$170 to purchase additional food for total donation worth \$320 to Families Forward.

**Project Title:** Working Wardrobes **Hours** 5 **Donated \$** 0 **In Kind:** \$1900

One member announced that Working Wardrobes needed clean, usable clothes to dress their clients for success when going for a job interview. During the next few months she took over 200 pieces of clothes to the donation center. She then decided to help them at the center doing quality control of the clothes, sorting jewelry, shoes and ties and working the front counter to accept clothes others were donating. She took another member to work with her one time and now goes alone once a month.

**Project Title:** Inaugural Gowned Dolls **Hours** 9 **Donated \$** 0 **In Kind:** \$160

When we were made aware that 16 dolls dressed as First Ladies in their inaugural gowns were available in a garage sale, we wanted to find a good home for them where they could be appreciated for their historical value and workmanship. The gowns were meticulously sewn after researched with the Smithsonian and other books. One member bought tubs to store them and another contacted local libraries and the Nixon Library hoping they had space available for display, but none did. This member met women from Daughters of the American Revolution who were very interested when we offered to give them the dolls. They are now displayed in their library.

**Project Title:** Stamps for Veterans **Hours** 7 **Donated \$** 18 **In Kind:** \$0

Members donated cancelled postage stamps, leaving ¼ inch around the stamps to keep them in good condition. One member sent them in a shoebox to the organization in Virginia and they gratefully acknowledged receiving 2500 stamps.

**Project Title:** Habitat for Humanity donations **Hours** 4.5 **Donated \$** 0 **In Kind:** \$136

Orange District was collecting items at the September Council meeting for Habitat for Humanity's Welcome Home Baskets. Four members supplied items for this and one drove the donations to the Council Meeting. These were books and kitchen items.

**Project Title:** Orange County Rescue Mission **Hours** 2 **Donated \$** 0 **In Kind:** \$ 0?

We had previously been collecting toiletries from hotels to put in purses for another organization. They stopped wanting them. Then we heard that Orange County Rescue Mission would like them. Two members delivered 25 pounds of hotel amenities and 5 pounds of hotel coffee condiments to Orange County Rescue Mission.

**Project Title:** Pop Tabs for Ronald McDonald House **Hours** 7 **Donated \$** 0 **In Kind:** \$ 0

Collected pop tabs from our club members and one member brought them to Ronald McDonald House in Orange early in the year. Since it is now closed, we are saving ongoing tabs for when it reopens. We think we donated 20 pounds of tabs this year. We have collected 61 lbs. Ronald McDonald House recycles them for money that they use to help families housed in their facility.

