

# CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS <u>CLUB AWARD ENTRY COVER SHEET</u>

# Annual Reporting January 1-December 31, 2022

Chairman: Dinah O'Brien	Club: Yorba Linda Woman's Club	
Number of Members 93	District: Orange	Area: C
Club Position: Domestic Violence Awareness & Prevention Chair		
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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS & PREVENTION		
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: Just One Hours 144.05 Donated \$ -0- In Kind \$144.00

Just One is a project launched from our California Federation of Women's Clubs (CFWC), and is designed to reach out to victims of domestic violence and sex trafficking and provide them with life-saving assistance. At a club meeting, the CFWC Just One chairman explained that victims do not know how to reach out for help or where to turn. This project provides a way of getting vital information to the victims safely and without fear of detection. Decals were produced, listing the 800 hotline number for the National Domestic Violence Center, and that hotline is open 24/7. The object is to put the decals in the bathrooms of public and private places. Because groomers will usually not follow victims into the bathroom stalls, these decals are actually placed on the back of the bathroom stall doors. Yorba Linda Woman's Club (YLWC) members have purchased 144 of these decals, which were put in schools, restaurants, fast-food establishments, rest stops, and businesses all over the area. The idea is for everyone to at least help just one victim escape the situation they are in, and to exponentially increase survival. It is appalling that anyone is in such a dangerous and horrendous situation, and we have to step in and make a difference.

#### Project Title: Fall School Supplies Drive Hours 7 Donated \$ -0- In Kind \$587.94

Waymakers is a nonprofit resource center helping people find their way and sheltering those in need. Club members donated and dropped off school supplies for victims who have been rescued and are entering into a new, safe phase of their lives and beginning an educational program. After suffering domestic violence or sex trafficking, it takes courage to enter into the mainstream. Backpacks were filled with school supplies: pens, pencils, rulers, scissors, glue, erasers, post-its, notebooks, crayons, binders, paper, etc. Those rescued are helped by knowing that they are cared for, loved, and supported in their endeavor to mainstream and attain an education.

#### Project Title: Grandma's House of Hope for Warmth Hours 13 Donated \$ -0- In Kind \$655.00

YLWC was contacted by Grandma's House of Hope for blanket donations to provide warmth to those in need this winter. Grandma's House of Hope has over 10 welcoming homes that specialize in emergency, transitional, and bridge housing for adults. They allow participants a longer stay so they have time to truly heal and meet their financial, mental and physical health goals – ultimately leading to stable permanent housing. In the meantime, there are many needs and one of these was for blankets. We collected and dropped off 63 blankets – it was such a wonderful feeling to collect these blankets knowing that we are helping many to stay warm this winter.

## Project Title: Teen Club/Domestic Violence Compassion Hours 4 Donated \$ -0- In Kind \$1,250.00

Pressing Issues Publications and Service (PIPS), a Valencia High School Service Club, was started by a student. He contacted YLWC and asked if we would deliver donated quilts to the Women's Transitional Living Center. The student's research on YLWC revealed that we actively give to domestic violence service providers. PIPS presented their donation, at a club meeting, and explained the aims of their club. The students of PIPS publish articles on current issues and take action to express compassion to the community. A presentation of certificates was given to each student for their impressive efforts. It was truly an inspirational evening to witness strong, self-motivated teens. The quilts were delivered to the Woman's Transitional Living Center.

#### Project Title: Community on Ice, a Survivor Outing Hours 6 Donated \$ -0- In Kind \$-0-

At the request from the Salvation Army Anti-Trafficking Services Program, a club member planned an ice skating outing for the clients of the Orange County Human Trafficking Task Force, in honor of Human Trafficking Awareness Month. The member looked up costs and made a flyer that included an R.S.V.P. number of appropriate caseworkers. Clearance was given to work with survivors, of which eight survivors and several caseworkers participated. For many, it was their first time ice skating. The Task Force regularly promotes activities to nurture the community, develop more trust with their caseworkers and replace bad memories with positive ones. A pizza party followed, and a donation to the Task Force funded the outing. New experiences remind clients that they can move forward after trauma.

# Project Title: Essential Oils Zoom Class for Survivors Hours 26.5 Donated \$ -0- In Kind \$436.28

A donation of Essential Oils was given to the Orange County Human Trafficking Task Force, to comfort a survivor during court testimony, and that led to an invitation to teach about essential oils as a therapeutic tool to overcome trauma and better health. The oils that were introduced were Lemon for cleansing and uplifting mood; Orange for sense of wellbeing; Breathe clears air pathways due to allergies; Peppermint alleviates upset stomach and headaches; Lavender is beneficial for sleep and relaxation; Balance helps to handle stress; and On Guard is excellent for protection from seasonal threats and urinary tract infections. A member of YLWC ran the two-hour PowerPoint Zoom Class, and this was the largest attended class for the Task Force, with 19 participants that included caseworkers and clients. Samples were delivered to the Task Force and to North and South Orange County clients. Handouts on oil safety and use, as well as information cards describing benefits, were attached to each 2 ml. bottle of oil.

## Project Title: Help a Survivor Shine Hours 17 Donated \$ -0- In Kind \$1,000.00

This project is the second annual project. At club meetings, collection boxes were placed on each table for donations to purchase \$100 gift cards for survivors graduating out of the Orange County Human Trafficking Task Force. A graduate is someone who has overcome their trauma, has a job, has established a support system outside of the Task Force and is no longer in need of an Orange County caseworker for guidance. In the spring, YLWC collected \$248, and a last donation rounded out the total to \$500 for the year. We approached Richfield Community Church, who also donated \$500.00 to the cause, as they participate in anti-trafficking activities. Thus, a total of ten, \$100 gift cards were added to graduation gift baskets. A club member helped to set up and tear down at Gold Coast Farm in Aliso Viejo for a graduation dinner event – raffle prizes were distributed and each client shared what it meant to them to receive help from the Task Force.

# Project Title: Rockin' Restocking Drive Hours 10.5 Donated \$ -0- In Kind \$723.86

The YLWC is a marvelously gracious club. Members enthusiastically donated household supplies requested by Tatiana's House, a 24-hour safe home for survivors of human trafficking. Their Program Director provided a list to us, and a bounty of household cleaners, shampoos, dishwashing liquid, detergent, toothpaste, hand soap, Pine-sol, bleach, paper towels, and toilet paper were donated, all totaling \$723.86 of in-kind donations. This required two trips to drop off. Because the club member who did this is an active member of the Orange County Human Trafficking Task Force, a non-disclosure form is on file which allowed that member to deliver the items to the safe house.