



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

Chairman: Denise Jusko, Dean of Chairs		Club: San Clemente Junior Woman's Club	
Number of Members (from CFWC Yearbk):19		District: Orange	Area: C
Club Position: Dean			
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HEALTH AND WELLNESS			
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The San Clemente Junior Woman's Club, established in 1948, is a small club (19 members) located in the beachside community of San Clemente, CA. Members range in age from 20's through 50's. We are a diverse group of women, most of us with children and many with professional careers, and all with a passion to serve our community.

Project Title: Angel Tree **Hours:** 280 **Donated \$:** 1800 **In Kind \$:** 6800

Each year the SCJWC hosts a series of Angel Trees throughout the community of San Clemente. We work as Santa's elves to make the holiday wishes of children, seniors and adults in the local community that are in need. Due to the continuing nature of COVID we have continued to pivot our traditional model of hosting physical trees in two locations with handmade ornaments made by our local schools and girl scout troops at 2 key locations. We now include a digital registry online and post on social media specific tags that need an angel to fill the gift wish.

Our members worked to curate a customized registry of gifts based on the wish lists we received from Boys & Girls Club, San Clemente Senior Center, Family Assistance Ministries, and Laura's House. In partnering with these local charities we were given a series of lists with specific gift wishes from individual children, adults and seniors. The online registry supplemented the tags on the trees to provide our community with a variety of options for purchasing gifts or providing a donation through our PayPal or Venmo account used to purchase unselected gifts.

To reach members of our community we focused our outreach on social media platforms and leveraged our relationships with the City of San Clemente, our local chamber of commerce and local nonprofits to help get out the word. Our posts reached far and wide, providing us with one our most successful Angel Tree to date. The club partnered with the Rotary Club of San Clemente to for a movie fundraiser which raised \$1330. In turn we were able to present each one of the 4 charities with a check for \$450 along with the requested gifts so they could purchase any additional presents needed.

We found this year was our most challenging one due to the very short turnaround time to procure the gifts and meet the deadlines for each of the charities. Our members worked in teams of social media blasts, the online registry updates and gifts pickups for the tags on the trees. The team members

involved included Elizabeth Beas, Anna Frazer, Denise Jusko, Jenny Hostert, Amber Holcomb, Barbara Borkowski, and Candice Middleton (special consultant). All gifts were individually wrapped and presented to our charities to distribute by the deadlines.

Although every year this project brings much needed happiness to those in need, this year we found that this project was needed more than ever. Not only did we provide a special gift for many who may not have received something otherwise, but also provided an outlet for those looking for ways to give back to the community. Through this project we provided nearly 300 much needed gifts in addition to the checks in the amount of \$450 for each of the 4 local charities in our community.

Project Title: Thanksgiving Adopt a Family **Hours** 50 **Donated \$** **In Kind \$** 466

The San Clemente Junior Woman's Club adopted 3 local families in need for Thanksgiving. Due to the ongoing COVID pandemic Family Assistance Ministries (FAM) changed how they distribute food items to local families and seniors in need. This year the club was provided a list of needed items for members to collect toward the meals. Members of the club collected 200 of the food items requested and dropped of the items to FAM for them to distribute them to the families and seniors in need.

The adopt-a-family program is run by a local food bank called Family Assistance Ministries. The families we help are appreciative, and it's a great feeling to help families in need during the holidays especially during this time of year when it's needed more than ever.

Project Title: Meals on Wheels **Hours** 25 **Donated \$** **In Kind \$** 5

As we get older, even the most independent person among us may experience physical declines or financial hardship that strips away at our independence. Add to that an increase in geographic mobility of our families, and the as a result millions of seniors are left behind hungry and alone. With the continued strains of COVID many are still in need of help and lonely. Members of the Juniors club partner with the San Clemente Woman's Club volunteer to drive for Meals on Wheels. The juniors drive the first Wednesday of the month and the Woman's Club drives the other 3 Wednesdays.

Volunteers meet at the San Clemente Senior Center to pickup prepared meals and deliver them to the home bound seniors in the community. Because of the COVID virus many of our homebound seniors only have the MOW drivers as a link to the outside world. Even though we are masked and socially distanced our presence means the world to the recipients and provide much needed human connections. The route usually takes about an hour and a half to complete, and our members enjoy seeing our regulars each week.

One of the highlights for the year was giving each Senior on our route a Christmas card. The joy and happiness on their faces was so rewarding and we plan on implementing more in the upcoming year such as Valentine's day cards and easter baskets.