



CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS
CLUB AWARD ENTRY COVER SHEET
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		
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<hr/> Advocates for Children		

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 Books for Sycamore Elementary Hours 138 Donated \$ 0 In Kind \$ 4,200

We were shocked to learn that the Media-Specialist (Librarian) at Sycamore Elementary, which is located in an area of lower income here in Orange, was not provided any books through the School District. Two members of our board contacted the Librarian, and received a list of 500 books the library would like to receive, which gave us guidance for their needs. Bookmarks were designed, printed, labeled with the book title and author. The bookmarks were attached with a ribbon that designated the cost commitment, and then placed on a tabletop Christmas tree for members to select. Providing an option to pay cash toward the purchase of books expanded the outreach. Each book was tagged with a "Donated by the Woman's Club of Orange" sticker with our logo. In December, after the books were collected, the bookmarks were then labeled with a motivational quote for the students.

We received 420 books from our members, and were able to purchase additional books with the cash donations. The Bookman, a local used bookstore, contributed 48 books. This was a huge success as our members were excited to participate. We hope to continue this effort and intend to start in early Fall of the next school year.

Project Title Fleece Blankets for emergency use Hours 300 Donated \$ 0 In Kind \$ 4,450

It sounds simple; a fleece blanket takes 2-3 hours to make, no big deal, right? But multiply that by 200 and you have a one woman army who in her spare time makes 200+ fleece blankets for the community. The local Orange Fire Departments, O. C. Foster Children, Salvation Army Women's Shelters, Orange County Rescue, Sheepfold and Camp Pendleton families are always in need of her homemade fleece blankets and they know they can call on her when in need.

Project Title Casa Teresa Hours 125 Donated \$ 4,425 In Kind \$ 1073

Imagine you are pregnant, single and nowhere to go. Some women become homeless and might turn to drugs; Casa Teresa is there to help. They provide shelter, caring and classes for pregnant women. They have 5 residential programs. Their Emergency Maternity Shelter allows healing and preparation for motherhood. A Parenting Program teaches goal setting, gives prenatal care, and classes on healthy relationships and nutrition. Casa Teresa helps these young mothers complete their high school education, if needed. Mothers continue to the T1 and T2 transformational programs for success and independence. Hannah's House, another nonprofit organization which supports women who choose to relinquish their babies for adoption, is an option made known to the prospective mothers.

The Woman's Club of Orange supports Casa Teresa by cash donations and yearly collection of baby items. We collected 1,058 items for the mothers and babies and \$325.00 in gift cards to help the mothers purchase needed items.

Project Title Friendly Center Hours 87 Donated \$ 8,875 In Kind \$ 1,665

The mission of the Friendly Center is to provide wrap-around services that elevate families to overcome crisis and the barriers of poverty. Friendly Center staff provides family counseling for job development and domestic violence intervention. On Wednesdays they have a food distribution and help with emergency assistance. The help they provide in education is priceless. After-School-Tutoring is provided for minors. ESL classes and Financial Literacy classes are available for adults. The Woman's Club of Orange has donated to the Friendly Center since 2013. This year our cash donation was \$9,000.00. In addition, we have collected school supplies, pens, paper, Kleenex and personal hygiene, gift cards and toys for their Christmas program which made up our n-kind donation \$2,480

Project Title Jordan Elementary tutoring Hours 180 Donated \$ 0 In Kind \$ 0

One of our members volunteers at Jordan Elementary K-1 to help the students learn the alphabet and the phonetic sounds. It is so important that students learn at an early age so they don't fall behind on the grade level reading. It is never too soon to change a child's life by creating the love of reading.

Project Title Operation Christmas Child Hours 750 Donated \$ 0 In Kind \$ 1,000.

Samaritan's Purse collects thousands of gift-filled shoeboxes from donors throughout the United States and thirteen other countries around the world. These shoeboxes, filled with toys, school supplies, and hygiene items are delivered to children around the world as a tangible representation of God's love for them. Gifts include handmade toys such as rag dolls, bears, hand puppets, wooden cards, tabletop spinners and blankets. If a donor is particularly artistic, they also decorate shoeboxes to make them more personal for the child receiving them. This could mean painting something on the inside of the box, making a road in the inside of the box so the child can use it to play with matchbox cars, making a collage of pictures from magazines, etc. Our member shops for toys, hygiene supplies, school supplies, pencil cases, backpacks, etc. to fill the shoeboxes.

Project Title Fristers Hours 160 Donated \$ 0 In Kind \$ 0

One of our members volunteers at Fristers, a nonprofit organization that offers support and a place of safety, community, help, and hope to teen moms and dads who have chosen to parent. She teaches life skills and helps teenage mothers set educational and vocational goals. Supporting young mothers and teaching them skills to be independent and a good parent are so important for breaking the cycle of poverty.

Project Title Living Well Pregnancy Center Hours 250 Donated \$ 0 In Kind \$ 0

One of members volunteers at Living Well Pregnancy Center that offers free pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, initial prenatal exam, pregnancy counseling, housing referrals and educational classes.