



CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS
CLUB AWARD ENTRY COVER SHEET
Annual Reporting January 1- December 31, 2023

Chairman: Michele Pourtemour	Club: GFWC Women's Club of Cypress	
Number of Members (<i>per CFWC Yearbook</i>): 117	District: ORANGE	Area: C
Club Position: Vice President / Dean		
Reporter's Address: [REDACTED]		
City: [REDACTED]	State: [REDACTED]	Zip: [REDACTED]
Email: [REDACTED]	Phone: [REDACTED]	
FUNDRAISING		
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 57 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: Honey Bee Tea Hours 500 Donated \$1500 In Kind \$4000

The annual Spring Tea Celebration, themed the "Honeybee Tea," was an absolute triumph for the Woman's Club of Cypress (WCC) in 2022! Serving as the year's largest fundraiser, this event radiated energy, bringing together a vibrant community of over 300 attendees, including WCC members, district members, past presidents, community leaders, family, and friends. Enthusiasm was contagious, with attendees fully immersed in the spirit of the occasion. The remarkable success of the Honeybee Tea can be attributed not only to the spirited participation of everyone involved but also to the unwavering dedication of WCC members who poured their hearts into organizing and planning, clocking in countless hours. The community's incredible generosity was on full display through a plethora of donations, contributing to lively gift baskets and silent auctions. And here's the cherry on top – the WCC soared past expectations, raising a whopping \$21,604 through this electrifying and joyous Honeybee Tea fundraiser! What a fantastic showcase of camaraderie, commitment, and community support for meaningful causes. Cheers to the Woman's Club of Cypress for this phenomenal success!

Project Title: Direct Appeal to Members Hours 100 Donated \$ 300 In Kind \$1500

The introduction of a new vibrant atmosphere at the Women's Club of Cypress (WCC) has not only invigorated our members but has also become a catalyst for their active engagement and contributions to the organization's endeavors. Captivating speakers, heartfelt letters from the community, and engaging meet-and-greet sessions have inspired our members to contribute both their time and monetary support. To cater to the diverse schedules of our members, we've taken a bold step by introducing a Night Section. This innovative approach provides a unique platform for members who are unable to attend the general meetings to join potluck gatherings. These gatherings offer a relaxed setting for members to connect, share ideas, and delve into the club's activities. The Night Section not only facilitates in-depth discussions but also fosters stronger bonds, ensuring that every member can actively participate in shaping the future of the WCC. Whether it's a small-scale project like our Brag Box or other initiatives, our members consistently demonstrate unwavering dedication. Moreover, our involvement in various impactful projects, such as the Walk for Hunger, Veterans Buddy Boxes, Habitat for Humanity, Penny Pines, Operation Smile, SB Animal Shelter, and Hope for Justice,

showcases the diverse ways our passionate members support the causes we fund. The WCC is not just a club; it's a dynamic community making a real difference! To celebrate at the conclusion of each general meeting, we unite and recite the collective, proudly affirming that our combined voices create a resounding, powerful, and united statement. This ritual serves as a demonstration that, when we add our voices in harmony, we stand together as a force that is loud, proud, and strong. In this spirit, we are thrilled to announce that our recent initiatives have collectively raised an impressive \$16,084!

Project Title: Game Nights Hours 100 Donated \$240 In Kind \$ 1200

On a monthly basis, project chairs at WCC skillfully orchestrate entertaining game nights, providing members with the opportunity to foster connections in a lively environment while simultaneously raising awareness for our causes. Throughout this year, we hosted memorable events such as BUNCO nights, Quartermania, and Paint & Point, each leaving a lasting impression. These initiatives not only showcase the unwavering dedication of our project chairs to engage with fellow WCC members but also underscore their commitment to creating a vibrant and inclusive environment within our organization. These game nights play a pivotal role, not just in strengthening the bonds within our community but also as a platform to extend invitations for members to consider joining the boards and chairs that play integral roles in running WCC. The success of these events truly highlights the dynamic and collaborative spirit that defines the Women's Club of Cypress! With immense enthusiasm, we are delighted to share that through our engaging game nights and various initiatives, we were able to raise an incredible \$7,177!

Project Title: Edgemont Holiday Block Party Hours 150 Donated \$1000 In Kind \$2500

The Edgemont Circle Holiday Party has become a cherished tradition in Cypress, uniting neighbors for a magical night of festive celebration on the enchanting Edgemont Circle. With a street renowned for its 90% participation in spreading Christmas cheer, the event showcases the community's dedication to joy and togetherness. Featuring a Santa House adorned with over 100 Santas, a live band, dancing, raffle baskets, a BBQ truck, and a cake walk—all generously provided by the WCC and the community—the festivities create a lively atmosphere fostering unity and warmth. Orchestrated with the active involvement of three dedicated WCC members, the event embodies the spirit of charity and philanthropy, introducing the WCC to new attendees and inspiring community engagement. The Woman's Club of Cypress (WCC) extends its commitment to inclusivity and community well-being through the Edgemont Circle Holiday Party. Ensuring everyone can partake without financial constraints, the WCC offers free amenities, including food, drinks, popcorn, hot chocolate, candy tables, face painting, and live music. This thoughtful approach emphasizes the WCC's dedication to creating an inclusive atmosphere. The event incorporates a philanthropic aspect, with donation cans for those wishing to contribute. The community's generosity resulted in raising exceeding \$5,000, showcasing the power of unity and giving back. The funds raised supported two impactful charities: Second Harvest Food Bank and Unlimited Possibilities Martial Arts, reflecting the WCC's commitment to making a positive impact on diverse aspects of the community.

Project Title: Remembering Family and Friends Special Times Hours 120 Donated \$100 In Kind \$200

Amidst the warmth of sunshine and the embrace of remembrance, the Women's Club of Cypress (WCC) stands united in honoring the dedication of a devoted member committed to the well-being and support of our extended family. This year, which has witnessed the collective loss of lives, including both members and their loved ones, calls for a special tribute. In a heartfelt departure from traditional gestures, the WCC has chosen to redirect funds typically allocated for flowers towards philanthropy, contributing to causes chosen in honor of the departed member. This thoughtful initiative aims to perpetuate their lifelong commitment to giving back, and we are proud to share that these efforts have raised a commendable \$4,129. In addition to this impactful contribution, the WCC remains actively engaged in other meaningful projects, embodying the spirit of compassion and community support.

Project Title: President's Projects Hours 80 Donated \$150 In Kind \$700

As an integral part of the President's Project, our club actively participated in a fundraising initiative benefiting Orange County's Second Harvest Food Bank, culminating in a walk at Tanaka Farms on September 9th,

2023. This collective effort aimed to address food insecurity in our local communities, establishing a positive and enduring relationship with Second Harvest. Through online contributions, our club members successfully raised \$1,350 for Second Harvest, earning recognition at the event as one of the top fundraisers. On the event day, several club members came together to complete the walk, creating a joyful and celebratory atmosphere in acknowledgment of the successful fundraiser. Looking ahead, we are enthusiastic about sustaining our support for Second Harvest Food Bank in the ongoing future. Continuing the past President's mission of inclusion, we also contributed to the Cypress Champion Baseball. This is a program dedicated to providing the opportunity for individuals with special needs, aged 4 to 40, to engage in the beloved American game of baseball at no cost. With a current enrollment of 185 players, the program warmly welcomes donations to support its endeavors. In the past year, we contributed new equipment to enhance the players' experience. For the spring season, our donation included 10 baseball bats, 5 helmets, and 3 equipment bags, with a total value of \$806. In the summer, we furthered our support by donating 72 gloves and 8 bases, totaling \$1,500. Through a strategic partnership with a local business, Play It Again Sports, we secured a 30% discount on the new equipment. Funding for these contributions was sourced from a \$500 allocation from the philanthropy budget, with the remaining \$1,806 raised through donations at general meetings and a successful BUNCO fundraiser. This project holds immense significance for our club as it not only benefits players from Cypress but also extends support to members from the surrounding community. Notably, it stands as the largest Pony Champions program in the nation. Witnessing the joy on the players' faces and receiving heartfelt expressions of gratitude from parents and caregivers makes this project profoundly rewarding for our club.

Project Title: Cypress Women's Conference Hours 327 Donated \$100 In Kind \$100

The Cypress Women's Conference stands as a pinnacle of inspiration and empowerment, providing a platform for influential speakers to share their insights and experiences. Notable figures like Claudia Bonilla Keller, CEO of Second Harvest Food Bank Orange County, and Angie Kardashian, an accomplished entrepreneur, graced the conference with their impactful presentations. Additionally, a career panel featuring Dr. Nancy Nien, Assistant Superintendent of Business for the Anaheim Union High School District; Natalie Nacker, Fire Captain/Paramedic with the Orange County Fire Authority; and Dr. Diana Lee, Ophthalmologist and Founder of The Women Doctors, offered valuable perspectives on diverse professional journeys. The profound impact these women have made in their respective fields and communities resonates directly with our own community. In a special recognition, our very own Women's Club of Cypress Recording Secretary, local business owner and resident, Shirley Bradley, was honored as the Cypress Woman of the Year—an acknowledgment by the public that reflects the significant contributions of women within our organization to the broader community. The Cypress Women's Conference continues to be a catalyst for positive change and celebrates the remarkable achievements of women who shape and inspire our community. The Women's Conference successfully raised an impressive \$1274.00 .

Project Title: Community Contributions Hours 520 Donated \$0 \$In Kind \$0

For the past five years, the Women's Club of Cypress (WCC) has actively participated in the Kroger Community Ralphs Rewards program. Members engage by registering their phone numbers and emails under the club membership number, allowing them to enjoy discounts while the club earns a percentage of the total sales for the month. This seamless process provides members with an effortless way to contribute on a daily basis. Moving on to another noteworthy initiative, the creation of our annual yearbook is made possible through the dedication of a committed member. This individual reaches out to the public and local businesses to secure sponsorships for the yearbooks, turning the fundraiser into a platform that promotes these businesses and covers the printing charges. Every WCC member receives a complimentary yearbook, providing them with comprehensive information about our club. The yearbook includes details about our collective, emblems, motto, appointments, WCC members, standing rules, and bylaws, among other valuable content. This initiative not only serves as a valuable resource for our members but also fosters community engagement and support. We were able to raise \$1,579 through this simple but effective community contribution.