



**CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS**  
**CLUB AWARD ENTRY COVER SHEET**  
**Annual Reporting January 1 - December 31, 2020**

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**Advocates for Children**

In 1980, a small group of energetic, community and service-oriented women met and founded the Temecula Valley Woman's Club (TVWC). With a membership of ten, the Club was chartered as a CFWC/GFWC that same year and incorporated in 1981. The Temecula Valley is a community in Southwest Riverside County with a population of approximately 210,000. The Club's membership is currently at 105 women committed to their original and still viable mission to improve the education, ethical and cultural life of the community. Despite the effects of COVID-19, this committee spent many hours on the phone or through e-mails with seven agencies (Oak Grove Center, Safe Family Justice, Koinonia, Project Touch, Rancho Damacitas, and Calicinto Ranch), to coordinate delivery of needed items during the year.

**The Advocates for Children Committee** mission is to support children and their needs in our community. This year, the Committee consisted of 17 TVWC members, along with help from the general membership. Through the ups and downs of the COVID-19 pandemic, and closures of some campuses, we braved the elements and assisted our non-profits. We brought hope, sanity, and pleasure to those children within the above agencies. We accomplished this by using Zoom, E-mails, phone, text messaging and of course, always Social Distancing.

**Project Title: Operation Diapers and Wipes Hours: 10 Donated: \$356.52 In Kind: \$0**

The committee met in March at the beginning of the pandemic and discussed the immediate needs of each of the agencies that we support. It was found that buying and delivering diapers and wipes to Rancho Damacitas and Koinonia was foremost at this stage. Shortly after delivering the diapers and wipes to Rancho Damacitas they became a closed facility and accepted no further donations.

**Project Title: Immediate Needs Hours: 207 Donated: \$0 In Kind: \$2,131.52**

As the pandemic worsened and everyone was confined to lockdown, the children of these organizations were becoming stressed due to their confinement. The committee asked the Temecula Valley Woman's Club members to assist them in their effort to provide items that would help relieve the stress of the students and younger children. Types of items donated were: busy toys, books, puzzles, art supplies, and comfort items, including two masks per student - approximately 150. The nonprofits receiving these items were: Oak Grove, Koinonia, Project Touch, and Safe Family Justice. Volunteers from the committee braved the social distancing requirements and delivered the items.

**Project Title: Emancipation from Foster Care Hours: 15 Donated: \$ 0 In Kind: \$277.96**

Word was received from Oak Grove Center that a young lady was aging out of the foster system and that she was in need of supplies to set up her new room away from what she was used to for many years. Members purchased most of what she would need to start this new life: A fan, mini-refrigerator, towels, sheets, pillow, comforter, blanket, curtains, household cleaners, laundry supplies, hangers, and two masks.

**Project Title: Backpack Project/School Supplies Hours: 66 Donated: \$1,341.98 In Kind: \$ 383.48**

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, most children were not allowed to go back to school. The exception was Oak Grove Center who has some students living on campus. Despite these restrictions, the students still needed school supplies and some still needed backpacks. The Committee purchased 108 backpacks which were delivered to Safe Family Justice, Koinonia Foster Agency, Project Touch and Oak Grove Center. Supplies of notebooks, loose leaf paper, dividers, journals/composition books, pencils, colored pencils, pens, pocket folders, travel 3-hole punches, staplers, highlighters, and art supplies were also provided to 245 students. We met everything on the four agencies wish list for their students.

**Project Title: Just 4 Me Bags Hours: 211 Donated: \$ 0 In Kind: \$797.86\_**

Often children are removed from their homes with only the clothes they are wearing. Safe Family Justice Center is an agency that sends someone to the scene when there is abuse, neglect or abandonment and insure a safe and confidential place for these

children to go. The committee provided 50 “Just 4 Me” bags to be delivered by this agency to these children to help them during this difficult transition. The committee sews and embroiders these colorful drawstring bags, then fills them with soothing and needed items to give them something to call their own. These 50 bags were filled with blankets, Beanie Babies, games, pencils, pens, journals, and other supplies.

Another 21 “Just 4 Me” bags were supplied to Koinonia Foster Care along with blankets and other baby needs.

**Project Title: Calicinto Ranch for Boys and Girls of Prisoners Foundation**

**Thanksgiving Hours: 30 Donated: \$150 In Kind: \$0\_**

This non-profit foundation has been operated by the same family in San Jacinto, California since the 1980’s and has helped thousands of at-risk kids of incarcerated parents to “break the cycle” of incarceration. Our Committee donated 25 pies for their Thanksgiving feast.

**Project Title: Angel Tree Hours: 135 Donated: \$0 In Kind: \$815.63**

After the November General Meeting, an electronic motion was sent to TVWC members to vote on whether we should have an Angel Tree. The vote was unanimous, and an electronic tree with children’s names were sent out to the members (we were still being restricted by COVID, so we could not set up our usual tree for members to grab a name tag). Fifty names, with age, sex, and wishes were attached to the electronic Angel Tree for our members to buy these special gifts (\$25 per child) for these needy children from Project Touch and Oak Grove Center (a facility for at-risk children). The gifts were delivered by Committee members Monday, December 14th to Project Touch and Tuesday, December 15th to Oak Grove.