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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 81 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 continued its dedication to assist in supporting many agencies that serve the children of our communities. We met through ZOOM meetings and communicated through phone calls, e-mails, and texts.

The **Advocates for Children Committee** has consisted of 11 TVWC members this year, and along with the General Membership, we have been able to support the Oak Grove Center, Safe Family Justice, Koinonia Adoption Agency, Project Touch, Calicinto Ranch, BACA, and the children of patients at Michelle's Place. We were able to accomplish our many goals to assist these charitable agencies, and to provide help in easing the lives of these dear children and their variety of needs. At our February meeting we voted on supporting these agencies for 2021, and 6 members volunteered to be our liaisons to those agencies for any contact needed through emails, phone calls, or correspondence.

Project Title: Backpacks and School Supplies Hours: 94 Donated: \$1,000 In Kind: \$ 1,275.05,

This is our biggest on-going project that we have been dedicated to for years. So many families are struggling with a depleted budget, and they are still expected to supply many of their own school supplies. Each child should be able to feel proud and prepared for school, so we work diligently to fulfill the many requests we get for these filled backpacks. This year, we proudly supplied a total of 146 backpacks to Oak Grove Center (a special needs school), Project Touch (an agency for homeless families), Koinonia (an adoption/foster agency), SAFE Family Justice (an agency for abused and abandoned children), and the children of cancer patients at Michelle's Place (a facility assisting the needs of cancer patients). The general membership and women in our committee gave generously to this project, and with the inclusion of a very generous \$1,000. With an Educational Grant from our own club, we were able to provide an incredible number of supplies, including notebooks, paper, composition books, colored pencils and pens, highlighters, and many other needed items. After collecting all supplies, we had work parties to separate the many items and collect them for each agency. They were all delivered and received with much appreciation by our contacts, and we know the parents felt a sigh of relief that their children could walk into their new classroom feeling proud and ready to learn.

Project Title: Angel Tree Hours: 47 Donated: \$0. In Kind: \$1,425.

Our committee has been sponsoring a Christmas Angel Tree for years within our club. Our liaisons for Oak Grove School and Project Touch homeless charity get the names, ages, and Christmas wishes for underprivileged children. We hung little cards on our tree at the November meeting and this year 33 members graciously chose names to provide 57 gifts for these children. The agencies are so happy to be able to provide a special gift to these children, and our members are filled with that Christmas spirit of giving. The gifts are expected to cost approximately \$25. each, and were brought “wrapped and ready” to our Christmas luncheon on December 16th. After the meeting our “Santa Gals” lovingly delivered them to their special destination.

Project: Ornaments for Oak Grove Hours: 42 Donated: \$95. In Kind: \$0.

Murrieta has a *Festival of Trees* where different agencies and organizations decorate trees and they are displayed in our Town Square Park. The trees are then delivered with lights and decorations to a family in need. Each year our committee has donated supplies for ornaments so the students at our at-risk school, Oak Grove, can put them together and decorate a tree for this event. Because of COVID restrictions, we were not allowed in the school to help the children, but we did have a small work party to cut and assemble the supplies for them. Our theme was *I'll Be Gnome for Christmas*, and one of our members designed and purchased all the items needed for each little gnome kit. The tree was a big success, and the children loved decorating it.

Project: SAFE Family Justice Easter Celebration Hours: 1 Donated: \$300. In Kind \$0.

This agency supplies safe and confidential places for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, and child abuse. Our Advocates for Children liaison contacted them and asked if they had any immediate needs that we could work towards with them. They were planning to have an Easter celebration/party for the children and asked for help with supplies. We voted to donate \$300. to enable them to purchase what they needed to make their party a success.

Project: Purses for a Purpose Hours: 3 Donated: \$0. In Kind: \$45.

SAFE/Family Justice has a booth at the Murrieta Old Town Open Market on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of every month. They asked if we could donate any slightly used purses to be sold at their non-profit charity booth. Using the CFWC donation form, we calculated the price of the bags donated to be \$45.

Project: Calicinto Ranch Thanksgiving Pies Hours: 13 Donated: \$200 In Kind: \$10.

Calicinto Ranch is a wonderful Christian-based respite for boys and girls of imprisoned parents, located in San Jacinto. The children spend a weekend there away from the city enjoying ranch animals, horse rides, crafts, and games. Three of us traveled to donate 28 pumpkin pies for families serviced through this agency. We were also blessed to have an informative tour of the facility and learned of the incredible accomplishments they have made with these children, who so desperately miss their parents, and crave a more normal life.

Project: Prom Dresses for Calicinto Ranch Hours: 2 Donated: \$0. In Kind: \$43.

At Calicinto Ranch there are separate dorms for the boys and girls. As you walk upstairs in the girls' dorm, you see a large, open closet packed with fancy dresses lined up by the colors of the rainbow. We found out that the girls get to have an actual tea party on the weekend they visit, and are allowed to choose one of these beautiful dresses to wear for the celebration. Many of them have never had the chance to dress up like this, nor attend such a “girly” event. We asked for donations from club members for some modern dresses that girls would like to wear and received three donations. The dresses were delivered with the pies in November.

Project: Game for Calicinto Ranch Hours: 4 Donated: \$0 In Kind: \$100.

Our Calicinto Ranch liaison found out that the children would enjoy some electronic games to play while visiting the ranch. She bought and donated a game and delivered it to them.

Project: Koinonia Diapers and Wipes Hours: 1 Donated: \$200. In Kind: \$0

In February, our Koinonia liaison asked if this adoption/foster agency had any immediate needs. They replied that diapers and wipes were, of course, an on-going necessity for their families. We were happy to donate \$200. to Koinonia to purchase the correct size diapers for their generous families who so kindly welcome these little ones into their loving homes.

Project: Just for Me Bags Hours: 42 Donated: \$97.41 In Kind: \$121.10

One of our Advocates for Children members makes beautifully embroidered bags out of flannel. This year, the Koinonia Adoption agency requested 12 bags filled with necessities for newborns. We purchased items such as baby shampoo, baby lotion, wipes, antibacterial gel, and a small stuffed animal for these bags. Besides making the pull string bags, our member also made a little flannel blanket to go in each bag. Each month our club allocates \$100. for the various committees to make centerpieces for our tables at the meetings. The \$97.41 used to purchase the items was gained by making some very creative centerpieces using these baby items.

Project: BACA donation Hours: 1 Donated: \$100. In Kind: \$0.

BACA stands for *Bikers Against Child Abuse*. Our liaison contacted their president and he said that they did not have a specific immediate need in mind but would greatly appreciate a donation to be used for future emergency situations. These folks do incredibly admirable work with traumatized children who have been victims of abuse, helping them to feel supported and safe through the difficult legal process.

Project: GALA Basket Hours: 3 Donated: \$0 In Kind: \$100.

Due to all the COVID cancellations we have not been able to enrich our treasury with our regular fund raisers, as in prior years. We have been resilient and adjusted our goals, but it has been a big change for us. As soon as COVID restrictions were altered, our club decided to have a Casino Night fundraiser. We followed protocol, and it was truly wonderful to get out and see our beloved club friends once again. Each of the committees was expected to provide a silent auction basket for the GALA. Since our committee advocates children, we decided to put together a Family Fun basket. It included donations of a basket, puzzles, games, popcorn, and a \$50. gift card for pizza.

Project: Blankets for Project Touch Hours: 379 Donated: \$0 In Kind: \$204

A Temecula Valley Woman's Club committee worked with some young girls to create some tied fleece blankets for donations. The blankets each cost \$8.00 each to make with about one and one-half hours to complete each one. Advocates for Children received 25 of them and we found that Project Touch, our homeless charity group, would welcome them for their families in need. We were delighted to be a part of this project and happily picked up the blankets and delivered them. It is good to know that, through our efforts, someone may find a little extra warmth through this very cold winter.

Project: Liaisons Hours: 12 Donated: \$0 In Kind: \$0.

Each of our charities has a member that is our representative for any communication needed between our Advocates for Children committee and those in charge at the agency. During our ZOOM meetings, or per emails, our Chair would often ask the liaisons to contact their charity and report back with information. When deciding on activities and budget to be used, the information gleaned from these contacts could be used to make the best decision for our year's goals.