



CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMAN'S CLUBS
CLUB AWARD ENTRY COVER SHEET
Annual Reporting January 1- December 31, 2024

Chairman: Darlene Wharton		Club: Elsinore Woman's Club	
103 of Club Members (as recorded in 2024-25 CFWC Yearbook):		District: De Anza	Area: D
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On February 7, 1906, 12 ladies of Elsinore and vicinity met and organized the Elsinore Woman's Club. This year we celebrated 118 years of service to the community through our various philanthropic activities, scholarships, fundraising, cultural events to continue improving the district. Our clubhouse is in the Historic District of Lake Elsinore whose population is 72,472. We have 103 members working side-by-side ranging in age from 28 to 99 years of age.

Project Title: THE HEART OF CRAFTING **Hours** 907 **Donated \$** **In Kind** \$2,608

The Elsinore Woman's Club Craft Group embodies the spirit of creativity and compassion, channeling their talents to make a lasting impact in partnership with the nonprofit organization Wishers & Dreamers. This remarkable collaboration has brought comfort and joy to children and families in need, proving that when hearts and hands come together, extraordinary things happen. Throughout the year, the Craft Group dedicated their time and skills to creating handmade treasures that brighten lives. Their projects included cozy hospital blankets, intricately designed quilts, and charming clothes for dolls and stuffed animals. Each item was thoughtfully crafted, blending vibrant patterns and soft fabrics to bring comfort and hope to those who need it most. Partnering with Wishers and Dreamers elevated the group's mission to new heights. Over four months, 10 devoted members worked tirelessly to sew, stitch, and assemble items that would bring smiles to children and their families. They also went above and beyond by collecting donations of crayons, coloring books, Play-Doh, small toys, and more. These thoughtful contributions culminated in a heartwarming event held in April 2024 at the Moore Sewing Center in Temecula, where their handmade creations and donated items were delivered to the community with love. The quilts, blankets, and doll clothes are more than just beautiful crafts; they are tangible expressions of care. The vibrant quilts, pieced together with artistry and precision, provide warmth and comfort to pediatric patients. The doll clothes and blankets bring moments of joy to children, offering a sense of security and playfulness during challenging times. The Elsinore Woman's Club Craft Group, in partnership with Wishers and Dreamers, demonstrates the profound impact of simple acts of kindness. Their dedication to crafting and their commitment to the community are a testament to the power of collaboration and compassion. Together, they have shown that even the smallest stitches, sewn with love, can weave a tapestry of hope, joy, and transformation in the lives of others. The Elsinore Woman's Club Craft Group's dedication to crafting useful and meaningful items for children and hospitals is a testament to the strength and compassion of its members. Through their hard work and creativity, they continue to make a positive difference in the community, one doll, blanket, quilt, and outfit at a time. The group's efforts are a wonderful example of how simple acts of kindness, like creating handmade crafts, can have a profound impact on the lives of others.

Project Title: THANKS FOR GIVING **Hours** 40 **Donated \$** 300 **In Kind \$** 275

The Elsinore Woman's Club has been a steadfast pillar in the community, offering support and kindness throughout the years. One of the most cherished traditions is the annual Thanksgiving initiative, where EWC provided 11 turkeys and gift cards to local families in need. The Elsinore Elementary School provides a list of families in need and the EWC members deliver turkeys and gift cards. The turkeys are donated by the Lake Elsinore Elks Club, and money was donated by members to purchase food gift cards. Five EWC members deliver the items to homes before Thanksgiving. This gesture not only reflects the club's commitment to fostering a sense of unity and care but also brings a little extra joy to families who might otherwise face difficulties during the holiday season. The initiative helps alleviate some of the burdens of daily life and fosters a sense of belonging and support within the local community. The Elsinore Woman's Club continues to play a vital role in spreading warmth and generosity throughout the season, ensuring that the Thanksgiving spirit reaches everyone, regardless of their circumstances. This initiative brings joy to the members as they give **kindness** to others.

Project Title: CHRISTMAS HAPPINESS **Hours** 175 **Donated \$** 146 **In Kind \$** 1,875

The Elsinore Woman's Club has a cherished tradition of spreading holiday cheer to families in need each Christmas season. Every year, club members join forces to support local families by providing toys, food gift cards, and hams. This year, the club supported 8 families from the Lake Elsinore School District. At the December clubhouse meeting, unwrapped presents for the children were placed under the EWC Christmas tree, and all the items for the 8 families were carefully packed and delivered. The dedicated members delivered toys, hams, and gift cards to the families. This initiative aims to alleviate the challenges faced by families during the holidays, ensuring they can celebrate with warmth and joy. The children's faces lit up with excitement, and the single parent expressed overwhelming gratitude and happiness. The Elsinore Woman's Club's commitment to helping others during the holiday season embodies the true spirit of giving and community support. Through their generosity and kindness, club members bring comfort and joy to families, making Christmas brighter for those in need.

Project Title: RAISING MORE THE QUARTER NOTES **Hours** 10 **Donated \$** 200 **In Kind \$**

On December 12th, the Elsinore Woman's Club welcomed a lively quartet from Lakeside High School's band, and they certainly brought the house down with their festive flair! This talented group of four young musicians treated us to a spirited performance of four cherished Christmas carols, setting the perfect tone for the holiday season. Each student took a moment to share their unique journey—how long they've been playing their instruments and their dreams for the future beyond graduation. Their passion and dedication struck a chord with everyone in the room, making their stories as inspiring as their melodies. To show our appreciation, the club gifted the students holiday goodies and a \$200 donation. These funds will help these dedicated musicians make much-needed repairs to their instruments, ensuring they can continue to share their music with the community. The performance was a delightful mix of heartwarming stories and festive tunes that left everyone tapping their toes and beaming with holiday cheer. We are proud to support these young artists as they make their mark in the world, one beautiful note at a time.

Project Title: OPERATION SMILES **Hours** 271 **Donated \$** 413.92 **In Kind**

This year, Elsinore Woman's Club past around at every general meeting a jar for members to participate raising significant funds that directly benefited Operation Smile's mission to provide life-changing surgeries to children across the world. Throughout the year, we encouraged members to contribute to the cause. We have collected over \$400 in donations, directly aiding in the funding of surgeries for children in need.

Project Title: NEVER EVER GIVE UP **Hours** 71 **Donated \$** 199.53 **In Kind** \$434

In March, seventeen Elsinore Woman's Club members participated in a special event organized by the Crafters Committee, which provided the creation of no-sew blizzard fleece blankets using twine pattern. Made from material provided by JoAnn's and Hobby Lobby or Micheal's. These blankets were later donated to the nonprofit organization Never Ever Give Up (N.E.G.U.), that provides for children fighting cancer and gives warmth and support for them in need. Twenty members and friends participated in making 25 colorful baby blankets. We enjoyed making it a fun and engaging opportunity for club members to socialize and help children in need and to create smiles.