



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

Chairman: Rujisa Hodges		Club: GFWC HOPE	
# of Club Members (as recorded in 2024-25 CFWC Yearbook): 9		District: De Anza	Area: D
Club Position: President			
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Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness and Prevention			

GFWC HOPE is a Juniorette Club, founded in October of 2020 and chartered with the California Federation of Women's Clubs in May of 2021. HOPE stands for Helping Other People Every day. We are designated as a GFWC Juniorette club, as our membership is limited to middle school and high school students, however as we are both male and female, we prefer to be called a Junior Youth Club. We all come from different communities and attend different schools over the Coachella Valley. We work to better our community as best we can.

Project Title: White Ribbon Project **Hours** 20 **Donated \$** 0 **In Kind** \$0

We continued last year's program of the White Ribbon Project. The program is very simple, we ask people to take a pledge that they will not commit domestic or sexual violence, as well as a pledge that they will not stay silent about any known domestic or sexual violence. We have asked people to take the pledge at a downtown concert in the park, at schools and other public events. When a person takes the pledge, we give them a white ribbon to wear on their shirt or lapel, along with a copy of the pledge so that they can ask one or more people to take the pledge. We also ring a bell for everyone to hear.

We have always received a positive response to this program and have heard many stories at our booth from visitors about their experience as a domestic violence or sexual assault victim, or the story of a person close to them. As of now, not one single person has made a joke of the subject, which was not what we expected.

We hope that our modest program will raise awareness about these prevalent and important issues and will perhaps result in even just one person, thinking twice about committing such an act.