



## CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS CLUB AWARD ENTRY COVER SHEET

*Annual Reporting January 1- December 31, 2024*

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# of Club Members (as recorded in 2024-25 CFWC Yearbook): 81	District: De Anza	Area: D
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<p><b><u>Health and Wellness</u></b></p> <p>GFWC Special Program, Community Service Program, Advancement Plan, ESO</p>		

The Riverside Woman's Club (RWC) was established in 1896 when eleven visionary women gathered in the home of Dr. Sarah Maloy, a local physician, to form the Woman's Club of Riverside. Our club's name was later changed to the Riverside Woman's Club, making us the oldest community service organization in Riverside. Some of our early accomplishments include the establishment of the Riverside American Red Cross Society, with one of our founders, Mrs. Hewitt, serving as its first president; securing funding for Riverside's inaugural public library; and launching the Riverside Community Players, whose productions were initiated by a club member. In 2024, we proudly celebrated the 128th anniversary of service and the 102nd anniversary of our historic clubhouse. As a diverse assembly of women, we are actively engaged in projects that aim to improve the lives of individuals within our community and beyond. Our initiatives include providing scholarships, giving Christmas gifts to developmentally disabled adults, donating to local food banks, serving dinner to our local firefighters, and delivering meals to women veterans experiencing PTSD, among many other efforts. Through these endeavors, the Riverside Woman's Club continues to honor its enduring "Legacy of Service," celebrating a proud history while forging a brighter future in the lives of others.

**Project Title: Training the Physicians of Tomorrow      Hours 45    Donated \$        n-Kind \$35**

Eighteen members and guests attended a unique event that offered an invaluable training opportunity for both medical students and participants, contributing to the development of future doctors. This program has experienced remarkable growth since its inception, with student involvement tripling over time. After rigorous subject study and meticulous presentation preparation, students strive to anticipate and address all potential audience questions, making it a comprehensive learning experience. One presenting student shared her excitement about participating, noting that previous participants often praised the program for its role in preparing them for their medical careers. According to the students, this experience is highly coveted and regarded as an exceptional stepping stone in their educational journey.

**Project Title: Walking for the Animals & Us!      Hours 26      Donated \$0    In-Kind \$235.00**

We proudly put our "paws" to the pavement once again to support one of our favorite fundraising events: Walk with the Animals. This annual event is the primary fundraiser for the Mary S. Roberts Pet Adoption Center, a local no-kill facility dedicated to saving the lives of cats and dogs in search of their forever homes. The center also offers pet food assistance to eligible elderly or disabled individuals in Riverside County. Our team of five clubwomen (and two enthusiastic dogs!) enjoyed walking through a

local park to show our support for this incredible cause. Together, we personally donated \$235 to further the center's mission. In addition to participating in Walk with the Animals, we also supported the Mary S. Roberts Pet Adoption Center year-round by using the **WoofTrax** app. Each walk we logged with the app tracked the number of walks and miles covered, which prompted donations from sponsors to benefit the shelter. Walking not only benefited our health but also helped make a positive impact on the lives of shelter animals—a true win-win!

**Project Title:** Breast Cancer Awareness Walk      **Hours** 20      **Donated** \$0      **In-Kind** \$0

In October, we proudly supported Breast Cancer Awareness Month by participating in the Pink on Parade walk, a local 5K event with a meaningful cause. Three of our members registered and embarked on a memorable journey to the top of a local mountain, demonstrating perseverance and solidarity. Step by step, they successfully reached the summit and returned, embodying the spirit of the event. Proceeds from Pink on Parade directly supported The Pink Ribbon Place, a vital organization that offers free services and resources to families impacted by cancer. The event also featured a vibrant array of activities, including a resource fair for survivors and their loved ones, as well as an engaging car show that added an extra layer of enjoyment for all participants.

**Project Title:** The Gift of Life      **Hours** 12      **Donated** \$0      **In-Kind** \$0

Every two seconds, someone in the United States needs blood—a vital resource for which there is no substitute. Recognizing the critical importance of blood donation, we remain steadfast in our support of the American Red Cross by contributing much-needed blood donations. This year alone, our efforts resulted in five whole blood donations, directly aiding patients in urgent need of lifesaving transfusions. One of the most rewarding aspects of donating is the ability to track your donation's journey through the American Red Cross Blood Donor App. This innovative tool not only keeps donors informed about where their blood travels but also sends notifications when it reaches its final destination. There is something profoundly gratifying about learning that your blood has been used to help someone in need—possibly saving their life. It's a powerful reminder of the impact a single act of generosity can have on another person's well-being.

**Project Title:** Caroling at Valencia Gardens      **Hours** 15      **Donated** \$ 0      **In-Kind** \$0

For several years, members of the Riverside Woman's Club have embraced the spirit of the holiday season by bringing joy and cheer to the residents of Valencia Gardens Health Care Center, a long-term rehabilitation facility. This heartwarming tradition has become a meaningful way to uplift patients' morale and spread festive cheer. Club members choreograph delightful performances of holiday songs, blending energy and creativity to create a lively and engaging atmosphere. This year, ten enthusiastic members joyfully sang beloved Christmas classics, encouraging patients to join in the festivities. Their efforts not only filled the halls with music and laughter but also fostered a sense of community and warmth, making the holidays a little brighter for everyone involved.