

CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS <u>CLUB AWARD ENTRY COVER SHEET</u>

Annual Reporting January 1- December 31, 2024

Chairman: Claudia Thunnell	Club: Temecula Valley Woman's Club	
# of Club Members (as recorded in 2024-25 CFWC Yearbook): 57	District: De Anza	Area: D
Club Position: Domestic Violence & Awareness		
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Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Awareness & Prevention		

In 1980, a small group of energetic, community and service-oriented women met and founded the Temecula Valley Woman's Club (TVWC). With membership of ten, the Club was chartered as a CGWC/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 57 women committed to their original and still viable mission to improve the education, ethical, and cultural life of the community.

Project Title: Spinning Wheels Protecting our Children Hours <u>59</u> Donated \$ <u>\$25.00</u> In Kind <u>\$21.00</u>

April is National Prevent Child Abuse Awareness & Prevention Month. The Pinwheels for Prevention of Child Abuse and Awareness and the Blue-Ribbon Campaign are just a couple of projects we utilize to help bring awareness to our local schools. Members of our club began this project in 2014 starting with Pre-Schools and later asked to sponsor the project with a local Elementary School. After these successful projects a member's daughter, a teacher, asked if we could sponsor this project at her Middle School. This member went to one of our sister clubs in that area and we have successfully collaborated in this rewarding venture since then.

What is better for lifting your spirits than making pinwheels with these sixth graders? To hear their "Wow!" when they blow on the finished pinwheel and it actually spins is a delight to the heart. The presentation begins with a video put on by the school counselors about abuse. It is explained that there are safe people who care and they can go to for help, but also this is not this abuse is children's fault. This is where we step in and help them design their own personal pinwheel. The children plant/place them on the fence out back which helps bring community awareness about abuse. We know that we are making a difference because each year several children end up going to the counselor's office with their story. We are very excited to be back helping these children, but have downsized from 1100 students to just the 6th graders, approximately 350 students finding it less daunting and manageable for all.

This year we were once again able to collaborate with the Hemet Woman's Club and the GFWC Menifee/Sun City Woman's Clubs the day of the project. A Temecula Valley Woman's Club

member opened her home for preparations with the Hemet Woman's Club before the project i.e. drilling holes in the paint sticks, donated by local paint stores and putting the packets of cut and lined paper and brads together to make the day of the project run smoother.