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West End Auxiliary

Of Children's Fund

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Monthly Newsletter

This month marks the 1 year anniversary of COVID-19, wreaking havoc on the world. Although a few of our members have contracted COVID-19, we are so grateful that all have recovered. We have also continued to raise proceeds for our children in need during this pandemic. Thank you for your continued support and commitment. Sandie Chin

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UPCOMING



MEETINGS

DEVELOPMENT MEETING
NO MEETING THIS MONTH

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Wednesday, March 17th @ 4 p.m.

GENERAL MEETING (All Members)

Wednesday, March 24th @ 5 p.m.

***If you are unable to attend the general meeting, please notify Lou Ehresman @ 909-224-3436 prior to the meeting date.



Benevolence

"Filling in the Gap"



Thank you for providing "Support, Opportunity, and Hope" to vulnerable children and teens through your benevolence giving

In February, our auxiliary responded to Children's Fund and Children's Assessment Center requests by giving 48 fleece blankets, 222 books for children & youth, 6 twin bed sheet & pillow case sets, 27 full size shampoos, 17 conditioners, 14 lotions, 14 deodorants, 34 tubes toothpaste, 50 toothbrushes, 10 feminine

hygiene pkg., 10 bottles body wash, 16 bars soap, 4 bottles hand sanitizer, 2 comb & brush sets, a manicure set, Q-Tips, razors, hand wipes, assorted travel size items, 45 Goldfish bags, 10 Fruit Crusher Pouches, and 12 Fruit by the Foot rolls. We also delivered 48 boxes of KN95 masks which Christian Okoye graciously donated to Children's Fund.



March Needs for Children's Fund

Adopt a Foster Youth Computer Package (\$500.00)

Each spring Children's Fund provides computers for 100 youth who are going to college, trade school, or are hunting for a job. The teens attend a computer camp which is staffed by county employees who volunteer their time. After completing the training, the youth are given a laptop computer to use in their college programs. They attend Cal Poly Pomona which has a Renaissance Scholar Program, Cal State San Bernardino, and many other colleges in California.

The purpose of the computer camp is to move beyond emergency needs, and support youth in their educational pursuits. Our benevolence project this month may seem challenging, but if 20 of us send \$25, we have one computer package. If 10 of us send \$50, we have a second computer package. If 5 of us send \$100, we have a third computer package, etc. No gift is too small or too large. Everything that each of us is able to do, makes a great difference in one teen's life.

Information about the computer camp can be found at childrensfund.org/computer-camp.



Donations for computer packages can be made by mailing checks to Barbara Williams, West End Auxiliary, P.O. Box 134, Claremont, Ca. 91711 (Please write "Computer Package" on the memo line) or by calling Barbara Williams at 1-909-899-6797 to make a donation via credit card. Also, credit cards accepted thru our website: www.westendauxiliary.org (note "Computer Package" on memo line).

March Needs for Children's Assessment Center

8 oz. Bottles of Water "Cuties" Oranges

To contribute:

Wednesday, March 17 until March 24 - Baskets by the front doors of: Louise Del Turco, (2029 Muirfield Ave., Upland 91784), Lori Pupka, (2309 N. Indian Hill Blvd., Claremont 91711) or Linda Kraai (922 West La Deney Dr., Ontario 91762) for donations of 8 oz, water bottles, "cuties" oranges, and other items.

Thursday, March 24, 3:30 - 5:00 P.M. **Drop off at N.E. Corner, Pomona Valley Medical Center Parking Lot, (Monte Vista & Claremont Blvd.):** Masks on and trunks open for drop off,

Amazon orders – ship to: Louise Del Turco, 2029 Muirfield Ave., Claremont, Ca. 91711 or Linda Kraai, 922 W. La Deney Dr., Ontario, Ca. 91762

We will take the benevolence donations to San Bernardino on March 26.

Thank you for supporting the mission of Children's Fund in this special way.

Louise Del Turco and Linda Kraai





Instagram – Westendauxiliary_of_CF We are steadily gaining followers. Please continue to send any pictures or stories you would like us to share on our account to lawomansc@yahoo.com and graceclar@aol.com Thank you – Sandie C. – Graciela G.

Development News

We will not have a Development meeting this month, enjoy your break. However, keep your creative juices flowing and e-mail Kerry any new ideas you may have as a “new” fundraiser. Any idea is a great idea. kerrycto@gmail.com



Blanket News

In March, the blanket committee hand made 48 blankets and sent them to the Children’s Assesment Center. Linda Lansford would like to recognize the hard work of the blanket cutters, Debbie Plumley and Jean Smith. Thank you for all the hours invested into this necessary gesture of love and comfort for the children.
Linda Lansfort – Committee Chair



Treasurer’s Update

The “Tea for Two” event was a huge success, more successful than we could have imagined, due to the restrictions of the pandemic. We had 200 reservations and 180 books were donated. The event raised \$11,525.00!!! **THANK YOU** for your continued support of our events. We couldn’t do it without you.

Barbara Williams – Treasurer
West End Auxiliary of
Children’s Fund



Birthdays



Deanna Bush
March 22

We only have one Birthday Girl this month. She is a past W.E.A. President and is now an associate member. Happy Birthday Deanna!!

Sponsors We are so blessed that we are still receiving donations and sponsorships. As of Feb. 27th, we have a total of \$33,400.00!! We thank you for your generosity and support.

Linda K. Rice 909.451.3255 lindakrice@aol.com and **Jeri Roth**



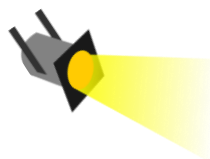
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VOLUNTEER

SPOTLIGHT

Bonnie Hanson



I was born in Inglewood, Ca., in 1940 on a spot that is now Los Angeles International Airport. We moved to Pomona when I was 5, and I went to school here until I graduated from PHS in 1958. When I was about 12 years old, I met a nice friend at Emerson Jr. High School (Linda Patrick - Lansford) and we remained friends throughout high school. If you looked in our school year book you would see us both on the song leader team. If you looked closely you would also find a cute little girl with a baton (Mary Wallace). I got married a week after graduation, and moved around this area for a few years. My son was the first baby born in Montclair in 1962. I was a stay-at-home mother until the children were all out of elementary school, and then I went back to school and got my AA degree. I then went to school on line and got the BA and MA, while working at the California Institution for Men as a clerk typist. After 26 years I retired as a Correctional Case Records Supervisor.

After retiring I heard from Linda who said "I'm in this group called Children's Fund and I think you would fit in well". She was so right, I loved it. I joined right away and I made just one promise to myself, I will be a worker not a chief. I needed to work for something I loved - children, but I had enough of being in charge. This group gave me a chance to do something I felt was important, but did not require anything but a loving spirit and a willing hand. What a group of fantastic women with talent, imagination, and best of all, love.

I have been in the club for 11 years. Keeping my promise to myself, I have not taken any official office, just doing what needs to be done like working in San Bernardino at Christmas, working at the shopping mall with the kids and their parents, collecting thing for the assessment center, working at the golf and other official events. I was one of the first in the group who worked to make blankets for the children at the Assessment Center.

A few of us would go to Los Angeles every month and bargain with the store personnel to get the best deals on fabric. One of my favorite things has been going to Padua Hill at Christmas time and helping the kids make crafts. What a wonderful experience it is to see up close and personal, the joy of a child who has just created something truly beautiful.

Lately, I have been making quilts out of old worn-out jeans that I have collected from various places. The experience of creating something lovely, useful, warm, and comforting out of something old, used, and in some cases discarded, sounds like Children's Fund has rubbed off me. Thank you all for letting me be a part of your group effort.

GREAT JOB

TEA FOR TWO

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Who would have ever thought we could pull off a Re-Imagined “TEA FOR TWO” event? We did Girls! **We really did!** Our dream was to make it feel like you were going to a real traditional “English” tea but in your home, on your patio, in the park or at the beach.

We provided wonderful tea sandwiches, fruit kabobs, blueberry scones and sweet desserts. Thank you, Margret Grady, for those delicious petit fours. They were so yummy! We also included special treats in the bottom of your sweetly decorated shopping bags: the raspberry and lemon curd, (made in England). Plus, the cellophane wrapped tea bags (contributed by Anne). The ultimate **surprise**, which was kept a secret, were the most beautiful flowers you’ve ever seen. Graciela was at the Flower Mart early Friday morning and spent many hours preparing each and every one of the 200 arrangements. Just amazing!!!! Thank you, Graciela. We saw the excitement on everyone’s face when they received flowers along with our Tea for Two bags. It was pure joy to watch.

Lastly, to our wonderful team of girls, Lou, Sherry, Graciela, Michelle, Anne N., Barbara, Margaret, Sandie and Linda R., and Lowell (for traffic control). We can’t thank you enough! A special thank you and pat on the back to Barbara for keeping count of 200 reservations. Not an easy task. Also, to Shauna and her team at Wolfe’s! This tea would have been impossible without them, during this time of Covid

Whether you worked or purchased tea packages, it all WORKED! We are proud of all of you!!!! TEAM WORK TRULY MAKES THE DREAM WORK!

It was, by far an extraordinary event. We are so thankful. We hope to see you in 2022.

Lori and
Mary Jane

Our NEXT EVENT starts TODAY!

WALK



RUN



HIKE



2ND ANNUAL VIRTUAL 5K/10K

PRESENTED BY



West End Auxiliary

of Children's Fund

REGISTRATION DATES

MARCH 1 - 31ST

EVENT DATES

APRIL 1 - 30TH

APRIL IS CHILD ABUSE
PREVENTION MONTH. ALL
PROCEEDS WILL GO
TOWARD THE PREVENTION
OF CHILD ABUSE.

Our Event Team is SO EXCITED to announce that today, March 1st, our Virtual 5K/10K walk.run.hike registration is live!!! All proceeds go towards April's Child Abuse Prevention Month. **You can register anytime between March 1st – 31st at www.westendauxiliary.org OR remit check to West End Auxiliary of C.F. at P.O. Box 134, Claremont, Ca. 91711.**

This year, our committee is offering **PERSONAL ASSISTANCE** to anyone who needs help to **SIGN UP FOR THE EVENT**, please call one of our following team members and they will go on line with you and sign you up.

Debbie Plumley – 1+909-815-9937 e-mail – theplumleys@hotmail.com OR

Michelle Guillen – 1+909-238-2481 e-mail- michelleaguillen@aol.com

Package pick up for participants within 12 miles of Claremont will be the week of April 12th. Sandie will send more information as the time comes via e-mail. All other participants outside of 12 miles of Claremont will have their packages mailed the week of April 12th. Cost of Participation is \$45.00. (includes shirt, backpack, medal, snacks and finisher certificate).

More information on the website. www.WestEndAuxiliary.org

Questions? Contact Sandie Chin at westendauxiliary@gmail.com

committee

Anne Turner
Debbie Plumley
Michelle Guillen
Melissa Smith
Barbara Williams



NEW Auxiliary MEMBER! Tara Tisopulos

Tara Tisopulos has been an almost lifelong Claremont resident. She attended USC and then returned to Claremont. She and her husband Laki have three daughters that all attended or still attend Claremont schools. Tara is an environmental consultant. She has been actively involved in the Claremont Schools and the Claremont Educational Foundation and is looking forward to becoming a part of Children's Fund.

welcome!

Presidents' Message

(Diane Graeber and Sherry Hughes)

First, we want to congratulate Lori Pupka and Mary Jane Shapiro for chairing such a wonderful, successful TEA FOR TWO! A big shout out to Wolfe's Market for making this event possible! Once again, with the support of our members and associates who

contributed additional items/money, volunteered at the event, and/or purchased tea packages goes to show how wonderful and strong our Auxiliary is for supporting the children in need.



As an Auxiliary we need to continue to give our vulnerable children SUPPORT, OPPORTUNITY, and HOPE, by breaking destructive cycles through community partnerships. Children are specifically vulnerable to abuse during COVID-19. Research shows that increased stress levels among parents is often a major predictor of physical abuse and neglect of children. Stressed parents may be more likely to respond to their children's anxious behaviors or demands in aggressive or abusive ways. The support systems that many at-risk parents rely on, such as extended family, childcare and schools, religious groups and other community organizations, are no longer available in many areas due to the stay-at-home orders.

There is so much to be thankful for as we witness the coming of Spring in March and the promise of new beginnings.

Spring - "Where flowers bloom, so does HOPE!" – Lady Bird Johnson



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