



West End Auxiliary of Children's Fund

October 2023 Newsletter



Recent and Upcoming OPPORTUNITIES

Mad Hatter's Tea Party – Thursday, October 12th and Saturday, October 14th at 10:30am and 1:30pm.

Our annual Tea was a great success thanks to the dedication and hard work of our members! We held four tea sittings over two days and wonderful fun was had by all. Our decorations committee did a beautiful job- from the whimsical walkway outside, to the "wonderland" backdrop in the entry, to the centerpieces and mantel, and much more. The food committees outdid themselves with spectacular items from beginning to end- scones, muffins, fruit cups, sandwiches, phyllo cups, desserts galore, and of course, the TEAS! These were all happily delivered by our busy servers, including many National Charity League students and their moms. Attendees were clearly amazed at the Opportunity items available, and the beautiful teapot door prizes hand painted by our members. Very special thanks goes to the generous and gracious Sherry Glab for allowing us to use her gorgeous home, including china, flatware and more! There were countless other jobs and details, and we could fill this whole newsletter with thanks to our members for their contributions of time, effort, finances, and creativity. We will be acknowledging and celebrating each one at our meeting on Thursday!

Thank you all!

Lou, Lori, Brenda



Our Opportunities

Meeting Dates

GENERAL MEETING:

This Thursday, October 26, 2023

Social time: 5:30-6:00pm

Meeting time: 6:00pm to 7:45pm

Granite Creek Church, 1580 N
Claremont Blvd., Claremont

Next meetings: Board Meeting

November 8th @ 4:00pm @ Sue's
home- 276 Alamosa, Claremont

General Meeting: November 16th

Board: January 10 @ 4:00pm @
Sue's home

CHAMPIONS FOR CHILDREN

Seeds of Opportunity

Scholarship Dinner

Planning meeting Wednesday,
November 1, 2023, at Mary's at
10:00am

Followed by **Development meeting**
at 12 noon at Mary's.

Meeting Reminders:

Name tag

Benevolence items

Bring a potential new member



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HOLIDAY PARTY- LORI PUPKA



Let's **TACO 'BOUT** our **HOLIDAY PARTY!** Our party will be on Friday, December 1st at El Rancho Mexican Restaurant from 6-9 pm. Cost for the evening is \$25, which includes three entrées, beans, rice, salad, drinks, tax, and gratuity. And chips and salsa, of course! Social Committee will provide the dessert and extra fun! Please RSVP to Lori. Sue V. will be collecting cash or checks made out to Children's Fund, starting Thursday at our meeting. Spouses and significant others are welcome and certainly add to the fun! We hope to see you all there! **Feliz Navidad!**

Please keep these family members and friends in your thoughts and prayers

John Carney, Osvaldo Orellana, and Alfonso Castenada as they are recovering.



Member News:



October 14- Gracelia Gonzales
October 19- Norma Grannis

Happy Birthday Ladies!

Hours: Kerry.

Please submit your hours to Kerry each month. If you haven't and are behind, just do the best to catch up. Kerry will appreciate your cooperation.

In-Kind forms to Sue

Please submit In-Kind forms to Sue to document all your donations. This **greatly** helps Children's Fund increase the amount of Matching Funds they can receive from other sources. Thank you!



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SUPPORT

Blessings from Beth- We all know Traditional afternoon tea consists of a selection of dainty sandwiches (including of course thinly sliced cucumber sandwiches), scones served with preserves and lemon curd, delicious, cookies and/or pastries are also served. Tea is poured from beautiful tea pots into delicate bone China cups and is an often an opportunity to showcase a collection of mismatched tea items. As I sat enjoying the delightful treats, conversation, and decorations I noticed another fine collection. This fine collection consisted of sweet new faces, learning how to serve tea, observing the fine art of conversation and eye contact. This fine new collection was learning from another fine group of women, The West End Auxiliary, the joy of serving others. The Joy of serving others AND expecting nothing but joy in return is the foundation of the West End Auxiliary. *My Cup Runneth Over, My Teacup* that is, watching future and seasoned philanthropist joined together to make a difference in so many children's lives. Thank you ALL for making a difference and sharing this love with others.

Notes from Cesar-The holiday season has quickly approached us, it's time to think about what we are grateful for and how to celebrate with our loved ones. This time of year brings out the best in people. As another year is quickly coming to an end, I can't but help reminisce about my childhood. I remember getting excited as I saw the Christmas decorations start to go up in all the stores and throughout the neighborhood. I remember thinking about what I would love to receive this Christmas and at the same time hoping to at least get one gift this year that I would be proud and excited to share with friends at school when we all stood around and named each gift that we received to see who had the best Christmas. I was always fortunate to at least receive one gift. My mother made sure that we stood in line every year at our local community center to receive a holiday gift. I remember the eager anticipation as I made my way through the line, eating a pancake breakfast, receiving candy, a picture with Santa, and a surprise at the end. I'm excited to now be on the other end, to help make this happen for thousands of children throughout the county. Last year was my first year experiencing Children's Fund's Celebration of Giving, it truly is magical. Our Celebration of Giving Campaign begins this month, our goal this year is to distribute 50,000 gifts to children throughout the county, but we can't do it alone. We need your help, please consider donating a toy, hosting a toy drive with your family and or co-workers, or volunteering your time behind the scenes in the warehouse filling orders of gifts for our nonprofit partners that host their holiday celebrations. Help us make this holiday season special for our children.

For more information, please reach out to the amazing ladies of the West-end Auxiliary and or visit our Celebration of Giving web page: <https://www.childrensfund.org/cog>

Thank you,
Cesar Navarrete
President & CEO
Children's Fund



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SPONSORS – Linda Rice and Jeri Roth

Currently, we have 26 sponsors with \$22,600.00 in donations.

We are expecting to still receive our usual generous contributions. We are depending on our members to contribute as well as share with their family and friends about our mission to support and empower families as we provide for the vulnerable children that we serve.

Associates– Melissa Smith

Currently, we have 42 associates with \$3,930.00 in donations.

Blanket Making –Jana reports that

102 blankets have been made. 40 were delivered last meeting, 40 will be delivered this meeting and 22 are ready to be given. A big shout out to Jean Smith, she cut and tied 42 blankets. There are 36 blankets ready to be tied. Contact Jana if you would like to help tie blankets.

Jana will be letting us know when the next blanket making day will be.

Opportunities to Sign up for:

- **Blanket making**
- **Scholarship Dinner committee,** meeting on November 1st
- **General Meetings:** refreshments, opportunity drawing.



website Look at our updated Web page at: www.westendauxilliary.org
To register and get updates.

Support Pillar

October Benevolence Update - Linda Kraai

Benevolence Update

Your response to benevolence requests for the month of September was wonderful! Tara Tisopulos delivered benevolence to the Children's Assessment Center. Barb Frank made a trip to the Children's Assessment Center and a trip to the Children's Fund Office to deliver donations which had been brought to our meeting or left at the homes of committee members during the week prior to our meeting. The approximate value of these donations was \$1030.05. The Blanket Committee of our auxiliary sent 32 blankets to the CAC and 8 blankets to the Children's Fund office with an approximate value of \$1000, which are so greatly appreciated. Members, Associates, Sponsors, Families, Friends, and Neighbors made this possible. Thank you one and all!

Children's Fund Requests for October

Twin size sheet and pillowcase sets, pillows, comforters, laundry soap, dish soap, Windex, laundry baskets.

Children's Assessment Center Requests for October

Coloring & activity books for children and youth.

Toys for infants to 18 years (They have already received puzzles and board games. All other gifts are needed.)

Boys' deodorant and body spray.

Solid color baseball caps.

Hairbrushes, lip gloss kits, and make up kits.

8 oz. water bottles, microwave meals that don't require refrigeration such as Cup of Soup, Mac & Cheese.

Individual serving bags of baked chips, Goldfish, cookies, etc.

Small stuffed animals.

The Benevolence Committee will be outside Granite Creek Church from 5:00 until 5:45 P.M. before our next meeting on October 26 to collect donations. Benevolence may also be left in baskets by the front doors of Louise Del Turco (2029 Muirfield Ave. Upland), Tara Tisopulos (786 Via Espirito Santos, Claremont), Barb Frank (534 Clarion Place, Claremont), Lori Pupka (2309 North Indian Hill Ave. Claremont), or Linda Kraai (922 W. La Deney Dr. Ontario) during the week prior to our meeting. Thank you for attaching the value to your donations.

If you have a suggestion for a school, business, or community organization that might be interested in benevolence, please talk with a member of our committee. We will be happy to contact them.

With love and appreciation from your Benevolence Committee,
Louise Del Turco, Tara Tisopulos, Barb Frank, and Linda Kraai



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CHAMPIONS FOR CHILDREN

Seeds of Opportunity Scholarship Dinner

Saturday, March 2, 2024

Sheraton Fairplex, Pomona

5:30 to 9:00 pm

Dinner

Live and Silent Auctions

Save the Date

For this Exciting Event

www.westendauxiliary.org

Newsletter: Mary Wallace, Brenda Hamlett

Attachments: None



Message from Mary and Barbara

What a month it has been. We are blessed with a great group of people who support the West End Auxiliary. The Mad Hatter Tea, from preparation to completion, was made possible by 36 Active Members, the National Charity League Mothers and Daughters, Children's Fund Staff, and many, many community volunteers. (A great group of men hung in there to the very end). The biggest **THANK YOU** goes to Sherry Glab who opened her beautiful home and allowed us to use all of her dishes, silverware, and anything we forgot to bring to make the event successful. Everyone who attended had a great time and became reacquainted with us and Children's Fund. A big **SHOUT OUT** to Tea Chairpersons, Lori Pupka, Lou Ehresman, and Brenda Hamlett who kept us focused and worked tirelessly on every detail.

We are forever grateful,

Mary and Barbara



Together we will make a difference in 2023-24!