



West End Auxiliary of Children's Fund

November 2022 Newsletter

Village Venture

Highlights at VILLAGE VENTURE OCT. 22, 2022
Chairperson: Sherry Hughes
VOLUNTEERS: Debbie Plumley, Lou Ehresman, Brenda Hamlett, Linda Lansford, Carolyn Bertram, Barbara Frank, Angie Atkins, Anne Turner, Jana Carney, Margaret Grady, Jean Smith, Nancy Patterson, Diane Graeber CAC/RICA: Tami Lenee/ Teri Lay



SET UP/TEAR DOWN Crew:
Craig Hughes, Aiden Ballesteros, Stephen Graeber



November things to sign up for:

- Christmas Party
- The Queen's Tea
- Blankets
- Teapot Painting
- Become an Auxiliary Sponsor
- Visiting the CAC or RICA
- Become an Auxiliary Sponsor
- Celebration of Giving Volunteer at the warehouse

Our Opportunities

Fall Meeting Dates

Board Meeting: Next meetings will be January 12, 2023, and February 9, 2023, at 10:00am. Mary Wallace's home, 2033 Vinewood St., La Verne.

GENERAL MEETING:

Thursday, November 17, 2022
Social time: 5:30-6:00pm

Come early to celebrate Nicholas Fisher's move to CASA!

The meeting starts at 6:00pm to 7:45pm. Granite Creek Church, 1580 N Claremont Blvd., Claremont

Next meetings will be January 19th and February 16, 2023

Meeting Reminders: Name tags, benevolence items

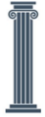
Bring a potential new member

Development Committee- Kerry Castel De Oro: The next meeting will be November 15, 2022, at 2:00pm at Lou Ehresman's home

December 4th Holiday Party

Celebration of Giving Volunteer Days





Recent and Upcoming **OPPORTUNITIES**

Village Venture

The West End Auxiliary of Children's Fund gives a ***BIG THANK YOU*** to the Village Venture Committee and its volunteers for the success of our booth at the Village Venture on October 22, 2022. Thank you to Sherry Hughes, the committee chairperson, who organized her committee and Auxiliary volunteers to tell the West End Auxiliary Story, including the wonderful work we do with Children's Fund of San Bernardino. A beautiful quilt, made by Auxiliary Member Debbie Plumley, drew people to our booth. Members were there to tell our story, show our commitment to making blankets for vulnerable children, and to highlight our work as a local non-profit. The booth offered a fun activity for children and four opportunity items to raise funds for the Auxiliary. Part of the funds raised will go to the Children's Assessment Center in San Bernardino. The rest will help the West End Auxiliary carry on the projects and fundraisers we have planned for this year.



The Queen's Tea

Lou Ehresman, chairperson.

The West End auxiliary Tea Committee is happy to announce our upcoming "in person" English Tea. The theme for this year's tea is "The Queen's Tea" in honor of Queen Elizabeth II. The teas will be held on February 25 and 26, 2023. Our tea will include three settings. Saturday at 10:30am and 1:30pm, and Sunday at 1:30pm.

Sherry Glab again has graciously agreed to let us use her lovely home at 3605 Leichester Court, Claremont for our tea. Invitations will be mailed in early January. Be on the lookout for your invitation. If you haven't received an invitation by the last week of January, give one of our members a call or email. Members, look for the signup table to help with our tea at the meeting.



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Children's Fund Celebration of Giving Volunteer Days

Children's Fund Celebration of Giving Warehouse Volunteer Days are starting Monday, November 14, 2022, to Thursday, December 15, 2022. Each day there will be two times to go: mornings, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm and afternoons, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. The San Bernardino County Warehouse address is 1140 E. Cooley Ave., San Bernardino. Traditionally we have met at the Von's parking lot (north end) to carpool. We can talk about signing up to carpool at the November meeting. Mary is planning on going Thursday, December 5 from 1:00-3:00pm. Michelle is planning on Wednesday, December 7, 2022, from 9:00 am to 12:00pm. We are especially encouraging new and newer members to participate. This will give you an idea of the vastness of Children's Fund's services. It is amazing. Make sure to dress in layers and warmly. You can email Andrea@childrensfund.org to sign up. More info coming.

CHRISTMAS AUCTION REDO- Think of Christmas all year around. This year we would like to have our Holiday Party be just a social occasion, so we are going to spread the auction events/items throughout the year! We will have a "master calendar" of auction items/events for you to sign up 3 months before your event and then have members sign up for your auction item/event at the monthly meetings. We will have a master calendar, so we don't over plan. We would like to open these events to friends and Associates as well.

Holiday Party is Sunday, December 4th at 5:00pm at Brandon's Diner (formerly Mimi's) 370 N Mountain Ave. Upland, CA 91786. Lori Pupka and Sue Volz will have more details at the meeting. We will not have a Christmas Auction at the dinner but will have a 50-50 and a basket to raffle. This will be a nice time to socialize.

WEST END AUXILIARY SPONSORS - 2022 - 2023

Linda Rice & Jeri Roth

As members of the West End Auxiliary, we have an opportunity to financially support the goals of our organization by becoming a sponsor, and in turn, receive complimentary tickets to both "The Queen's Tea" and the "Champions for Children" Spring event. Jeri and Linda will be distributing packets at the November 17 general meeting which will give you further information. If you have suggestions for other friends, family, or businesses that you think could possibly consider becoming a sponsor, please email or telephone Linda or Jeri and they will be happy to send them a packet or contact them directly by telephone. Many members have enjoyed attending past events as a sponsor and many times been able to invite a friend to accompany them because of their personal sponsorship.



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SUPPORT

[Benevolence- Linda Kraai](#): *The approximate value of your October donations was \$1,210.05.*

November Requests: (See email -11-2-22) for more details

Children's Assessment Center and Pediatric Resiliency Clinic: Girl's underwear, new toys for children and youth ages 0 to 18 years, single use coloring books, boxes of 8 crayons, full size hygiene items (body wash, hair products, deodorants, toothbrushes, toothpaste, mouthwash, feminine hygiene products), XL twin sheet sets, diapers.

Single serving Goldfish bags, Variety pack of baked chips, Mozzarella string cheese, Mac & Cheese Servings, 8 oz. bottled water, individual packs of peanut butter or cheese cracker sandwiches, new clothing for all ages.

The generosity of auxiliary members, associates, sponsors, and friends is most appreciated. We are asking members to fill out the Benevolence/donation form to help Linda keep records to send to Children's Fund for their records.

CELEBRATION OF GIVING- ANNUAL TOY DRIVE

Each year, Children's Fund collects and distributes toys and gift cards to children in the foster care system. Last year, 56,192 children received a holiday gift. We will begin collecting toys and gift cards after Thanksgiving by having a toy collection box at the Wine Merchants at the Packing House in Claremont, as well as taking toys at our Christmas Party on Dec. 4th, and accepting toys placed in the front porch baskets at the homes of our Benevolence Committee. The drive will go for two weeks from Nov. 28th until Dec. 9th. If you have any questions, please contact Kerry Castel De Oro. kerrycdo@gmail.com





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Associates Letters Have Been Sent Out

The Associate Committee has 4 hardworking members, Kay Lott, Jean Smith, Ellen Hamilton, and Melissa Smith. We recently met and came up with an up-to-date list of potential associates we could move forward with. We had a very successful Associate Luncheon in October. Everyone was very happy to see friends and, in some cases, meet new friends. The Associate Committee has sent letters to those on our Associate list inviting them to consider renewing their membership as Associates for 2022 – 2023. So far, we have received \$ 780.00 donated. Thank You to the Associate Committee and to Associate members, we are off to a great start.

Melissa Smith



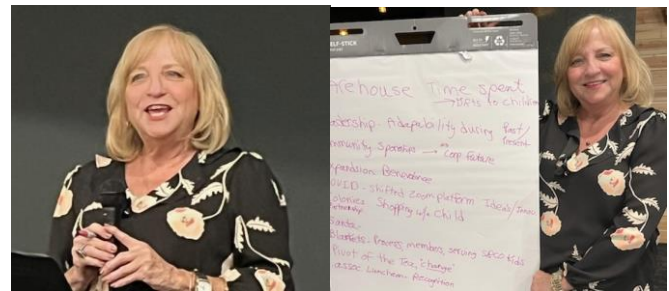
Teapot Painting

The teapots in the newsletter have been hand painted by Jana, Marilyn, and Mary. They will be door prizes for our tea. We would like to invite auxiliary members to come paint with us on Friday afternoons at Mary's home. Mary has all the materials and will guide you to a successful ceramic project. More info at the meeting.

Welcome Beth



Welcome to Beth Spalding, Advancement Officer of Children's Fund. She served as Operations Manager of Children's fund before taking this position. She chose to come to Children's Fund and bring her experience from the private sector to our Nonprofit Organization, Barbara and I have met with Beth several times to share ideas and gain knowledge of the possibilities as we move the Auxiliary forward this year. At our last General meeting Beth asked us to share what our Auxiliary does well. Surprise, we like to do things together for others! We look forward to a great partnership with her.



Marshall Bryant, Marketing Officer will be joining us at the November meeting. Bring your phone, we think he might be sharing some tricks of the trade on using the web page.



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*Presidents' Message from
Mary and Barbara*

As we end 2022, the Auxiliary is blessed to have three new members join our Auxiliary for the 2022-23 fiscal year.

So far this year we have had a successful **Meet and Greet** in August, our **Associate Luncheon** in October and were able to talk to many people at the **Claremont Village Venture**. In 2023 we are looking forward to **"The Queen's Tea"** in February. Please begin thinking of someone to invite to "The Queen's Tea". This event is special to us and we would like to share it with as many people as possible.

In late April the Auxiliary is planning a **"Champions for Children"** Spring event. We are hoping to focus the proceeds from this fundraising event on various kinds of scholarships for children from grade school to college. We will give you more information as we more clearly define the details.

We wish you all the happiness this holiday season brings your way.

Best Wishes,

Mary and Barbara

Together this can be a great year for our Auxiliary. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Visit us on the web @ westendauxiliary.org.

Look for updates on our facebook page [West End Auxiliary of Children's Fund](#)

Newsletter: Brenda Hamlett, Mary Wallace, and Marilyn Whitney