



GFWC Woman's Club of Indio

Non-Profit Projects & Volunteer Opportunities

Alzheimer's Association, Coachella Valley (Walk to End Alzheimer's)	2
Coachella Valley Foster Kids	2
Coachella Valley History Museum	3
Coachella Valley Rescue Mission	3
Coachella Valley Volunteers in Medicine	4
Desert Best Friend's Closet	5
Desert Mountain Care Center	7
Epsilon Sigma Omicron's Mini Library	7
Find Food Bank.....	8
Galilee Center	9
Girls Love Mail.....	10
Indio's Arbor Day	10
Indio K9 Unit	11
Indio Rotary Club's Math Field Day	11
Indio Senior Center	11
Loma Linda University Children's Hospital	12
The Ophelia Project.....	12
Penny Pines	13
Read With Me	13
R.I.C.K. Teddy Bear Project (Rotary Indio Cares for Kids)	14
Scholarships	15
Soda Can Tabs	15
SOS (Soldier Organized Services)	15
USO (United Service Organizations)	16
Yard of the Month.....	16

Alzheimer's Association



Contact Info:

Sylvia Baran
760.641.1313
programs@womansclubofindio.org

We support finding a cure for Alzheimer's and all dementias and the National Alzheimer's Association in the Coachella Valley works hard to do just that. We also focus as a priority on services, programs, and resources for local families impacted by the disease. There are many ways to get involved:

- Walk to End Alzheimer's
- The Longest Day,
- Purple Party
- Community educator or representative.

Coachella Valley Foster Kids



Contact Info:

Rosalind Miller
760.333.2374
rosalindginamiller@gmail.com

In 2019 the juvenile dependency attorneys in Indio formed Coachella valley foster kids. We represent on average 1200 to 1500 youths in the foster system. These kids have either been permanently removed from their parents, or are in the process of reunifying with their parents and temporarily placed in foster homes. Ages range from newborn to 21 years old. Studies show that only 4% of the foster youth in California continue on to higher education. We want to change that.

One of the ways we can change their path is by sending the kids to summer camps at high-level universities, such as UCLA, Chapman and USC. We also provide a suitcase with personal items for foster children, who are often removed from their home with absolutely nothing. We need donations of new or gently used suitcases, travel bags, and backpacks.

Coachella Valley History Museum



www.cvhm.org

Contact Info:

Donna Rose
760-342-5878
dmr@cvhm.org

Cynthia Hart
760-342-6651
cynthia@cvhm.org

Gloria Franz
760.774.7479
Gfranz2020@gmail.com

WCI has supported the CV History Museum for many years with money and volunteers. Several WCI members are on the museum's board of directors. WCI members are called upon to be docents, work in the archives, and to help with celebrations and fundraisers open to the public.

History Museum Volunteer Opportunities:

Volunteers to help staff the CV History Museum Store Monday, Thursday & Friday, Saturday 10:00am-1:00pm or 1:00pm-4:00pm or Sunday's 1pm – 4pm and possibly a few other days. Also, looking for Docents. If you love history, you will love being a docent!

Coachella Valley Rescue Mission



Contact Info:

Marcia Daniels
818-235-7625
health@womansclubofindio.org

Program Assistant:
Alva Perez
760-347-3512 x223
aperez@cvmr.org

<https://www.cvmr.org>

Since 1971, Coachella Valley Rescue Mission has been an oasis, a place of refuge for the homeless and needy in our valley. CVRM is a safe haven, a place of rest for the weary and a place where daily physical and spiritual needs may be met. Over the years the mission has continued to meet the ever-growing needs of individuals who, for a variety of reasons, have found themselves without the basic necessities of life. A dedicated staff and volunteers serve more than 340,000 meals annually and provide shelter to thousands of men and women with children. Food, clothing and showers are also provided for those who choose not to shelter with CVRM.

Volunteer Opportunities: Helping in the kitchen prepping and serving Monday through Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.; Thursdays are light days.

Annual-Special Events:

- Easter Food/Easter Basket Drive
- 4th of July Food Drive

- Backpack/School Supplies Drive
- Thanksgiving Food Drive-Turkeys and Trimmings
- Christmas Toy Drive/Adopt a Child or Family
- Christmas Food Drive
- Hygiene (Toiletries) /Undergarment Drive (Sock)
- Sock Drive

1. In the kitchen, we have a limited number of volunteers that can serve at one time.
2. Please make sure you are scheduling your volunteer service in advance on our website <https://www.cvrn.org/ways-to-give/volunteer/>. If it is the first time you use the portal to schedule, you will need the email you used when filling out your application and the volunteer ID # provided to you when your application is approved. If you have already set your permanent password and have forgotten it, we can reset it for you. Please contact us.
3. Minors under 12 years of age cannot volunteer. All minors (12+) must be accompanied by an adult (18+) when volunteering.
4. If you have a guest coming to volunteer, please make sure you all have scheduled your time online. Only those that have applied will be able to schedule their time.
5. You may schedule your time 24 hours in advance.
6. You must register your visit at the volunteer kiosk located next to the security window or using the volunteer sign-in with security (if the kiosk is out of service). Make sure you are signing off once you leave.

Coachella Valley Volunteers in Medicine



As a community safety net, our Health Center treats the whole person by addressing chronic conditions such as high blood pressure, diabetes and arthritis. We also treat acute conditions, such as, colds, flu, preventive medicine, diet, and emotional health. In addition to direct patient care, we provide health education and wellness programs, case

Contact Info:

Kristina Banda,
Director of Operations
82-915 Ave 48
Indio, CA 922014
Direct line: (760) 442-3014

We are located on Avenue 48 west of Jackson St., with Sun Line Transit's bus Route 80 servicing the clinic with a stop directly in front of our building.

management and community referrals for patients. Patients are encouraged to schedule appointments with the Health Center instead of visiting local hospital emergency rooms to receive care for non-life-threatening conditions. A visit to the CVVIM will avoid costly out-of-pocket expenses for uninsured patients, while providing them with high-quality, compassionate care. CVVIM is a member of Volunteers in Medicine, a national nonprofit alliance with more than 90 free clinics across the U.S., whose mission is to provide healthcare services in a compassionate, caring way to our neighbors in need.

The first uninsured, low-income patients walked through the doors of CVVIM new Health Center in November 2010. The only no-cost clinic in the Coachella Valley, it took three years of planning to make the dream a reality. A dedicated and diligent group of healthcare and community volunteers along with governmental leaders championed the cause of helping neighbors in need have access to medical care at the local level.

The CVVIM Health Center offers:

- Six patient exam rooms
- Ancillary clinical rooms
- A community room for group meetings of 25-50 people
- Plenty of free parking surrounding the clinic

Desert Best Friend's Closet



Desert Best Friend's Closet (DBFC) is a local nonprofit that has been providing interview attire to low-income Coachella Valley residents since 2010. WCI supports DBFC with their donations of professional interview clothing and formal attire. As well as writing resumes for clients and assisting with the Prom Dress Give-away.

Immediate Need:

If you would like to support our organization and have an eye for fashion and can provide world class

Contact Info:

Johnny Anderson, Director of
Operations

janderson@bfcloset.org

74040 Highway 111 Ste. F
Palm Desert, California
760.776.9975

www.bfcloset.org

customer service, we would love to talk to you. We have volunteer opportunities in the following areas:

- Boutique Sales Associates
- Image Consultants
- Donation Sorters and Stockroom Associates

Programs:

- Interview Attire Program
- Bridge to Employment
- Warriors to Work
- Youth Attire Program
- Military Ball Gown Program
- Prom Dress Program
- Bras-for-a Cause

Items to donate:

- Men's & women's suits & professional clothing
- Women's plus-size clothing (priority need)
- Business casual separates (slacks, blouses, dress shirts, blazers, etc.)
- Shoes, handbags and briefcases
- Gently used bras, camis, slips & "shape wear"
- Accessories for men and women (belts, ties, scarves, jewelry and cufflinks)

For our Military Ball Gown and Prom Dress Programs we need:

- Contemporary prom dresses, ball gowns and bridesmaid dresses
- Accessories (shoes, evening bags, wraps and "bling" jewelry) No wedding gowns, please.

Donating Clothes--Safety Guidelines and What We Accept

To ensure the health and safety of our donors, volunteers, employees and customers please review our guidelines prior to scheduling your donation drop off. Follow us on social media and check our website for any changes to these guidelines.

Donation Requirements:

- Desert Best Friend's Closet provides no contact donation drop off.

- Please limit your donations to no more than 2 large bags or boxes.
- We will not accept items over 3 years old. Items must be free of snags, holes, rips and tears.
- Donations accepted Mondays & Thursdays. Donations by appointment required.

Acceptable Items for all identities	Non-acceptable Items
Suits, Sport Coats, Blazers, Dresses	Furniture, Bedding and housewares
Dress shirts, dress pants, blouses, skirts	Makeup and toiletries
Better sportswear for resale in our Boutique	Tee shirts, pajamas, bath robes, socks
Scarves, Jewelry, Belts and Ties	Books, CD's and Magazines
Golf shorts, jeans, polo shirts	Towels
Shoes – Gently Worn	Clothes hangers of any kind
Purses/Handbags, Briefcases, Wallets	Electronics

Desert Mountain Care Center



Contact Info:

Marcia Daniels

818.235.7625

health@womansclubofindio.org

We were approached and asked to begin a pilot program for the adoption of a skilled nursing facility. One in our city that has critical need for support, for both staff and residents is the Indio Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. We need members to write letters and cards, make phone calls, provide cookies and treats, and donate items. We also enjoy hosting pet parades for the residents.

Epsilon Sigma Omicron's Mini Library



← Turning This



← Into This

Contact Info:

Peggy Mathieson
408.802.5858
Education@womansclubofindio.org

The Desert Sun kindly donated 3 newspaper machines to our club, so that we could make mini-libraries. We have refurbished them, and now have a lovely mini-library to serve our community. We regularly stock the free mini library with donated books and volunteers are needed to keep our mini library stocked and looking good.

FIND Food Bank

**Contact Info:**

WCI Contact:
Margaret Nieto
760.799.2391
civic@womansclubofindio.org

Volunteer Contact:
Susana Armenta
760.775.3663 x123
sarmenta@findfoodbank.org

All FIND Food Banks volunteer opportunities/needs are posted on their volunteer website.

www.FindFoodBank.VolunteerHub.com

You can go on to the website and look at the distributions that are happening throughout the valley during the weekday evenings and Saturday mornings. This is where FIND Food Bank can use the most help. Every April FIND Food Bank hosts a Telethon, sponsored by News Channel 3, besides the fact that it is in April and on a Friday, date and time will be announced later.

www.findfoodbank.org

Galilee Center



Volunteers are the backbone of the Galilee Center! Please help make a difference in the lives of families in eastern Coachella Valley by helping them become self-sufficient. We do this by transforming their lives with dignity & compassion.

Contact Info:

WCI Contact:

Susan Everett

760.565.7762

susanLeverett56@gmail.com

Jnsueve@gmail.com

Volunteer Contact:

Lupe Torres

ltorres@galileecenter.org

760.396.9100

info@galileecenter.org

To arrange pickup of usable goods, call: 760.396.9100. Drop off usable goods at:

66101 Hammond Rd,
Mecca, CA 92254

and

1030 6th Street, Unit #5
Coachella, CA 92236

Galilee Volunteer Opportunities:

- Assemble food baskets.
- Maintain and organize the food pantry, provide basic services coordination and referrals.
- Help organize or host special events such as food drives or toy/clothing drives.
- Help organize fundraising events.
- Perform reception and clerical tasks such as answering phones, greet and assist clients, and help with bulk mailing and data entry.
- Help with special annual events such as:
 - Back to School Backpack Drive
 - Thanksgiving Food Baskets
 - Christmas Food Baskets
- Help Assemble Bikes Prior to Christmas
- Christmas Toy Giveaways
- WCI Easter Basket Distribution
- Weekly Food Distributions

During the months of September and October, food distribution takes place every Thursday beginning at 4:00 pm. Arrive by 3:30 pm to help setup. Please note that you must call or email the Galilee Center if you would like to volunteer for special events. Thank you for your service!

In November, the farmworkers shelter will be reopening. The center is in need of the following items:

- Toothbrushes & Toothpaste
- Shampoo & Conditioner
- Bar Soap & Body Wash
- Razors & Deodorant
- Feminine Hygiene Products

Other ways to help...

- Make a Cash/Check Donation
- Make an Online Donation
- Donate gently used clothing and household items which include furniture, shoes and kitchen items.
- Donate Non-Perishable Canned Food



Girls Love Mail

Girls Love Mail is an organization that provides uplifting support to people with breast cancer by sending cards to those suffering and recovering from breast cancer. We will be sending compassionate, supportive, hand-written letters to breast cancer survivors.

Contact Info:

Bonnie Tucker
rsec@womansclubofindio.org



Indio's Arbor Day

GFWC Woman's Club of Indio is proud to donate \$500 is donated each year to the city for planting trees in city parks.

Contact Info:

Ellen Cafferata
environment@womansclubofindio.org

Indio Police Department K-9 Unit



Contact Info:

WCI Contact:
Margaret Nieto 760.799.2391
civic@womansclubofindio.org

The Indio Police Department has benefited from the use of police service dogs for many years. There are currently three active K-9 teams and are led by Sergeant Jeremy Hellawell. Officers Santos and Studer along with their German Shepard partners Askio and Loki are trained for patrol duty and narcotics detection while Officer Mendez and his Golden Retriever partner Mikey are trained for narcotics and gun powder detection. The Indio Police Department is grateful to the community which has enabled purchase and training of all police service dogs entirely through the use of private donations and WCI supports this effort annually.

Indio Rotary Club's Math Field Day



President Doug Weiben

Contact Info:

Ann Morales
Ann.morales@desertsands.us
Cell: 760.902.9861
Work: 760.200.3720

WCI donates \$500 each year to help defray the costs of the annual math competition.

Possible volunteer opportunities will keep you updated as information becomes available.

Indio Senior Center

Contact Info:

WCI Contact:
Margaret Nieto 760.799.2391
civic@womansclubofindio.org

Senior Center Contact:
Shelley Soliz,
Community Program Admin.

Provides a place where people, 50 years plus, can leisurely socialize, make new friends, share their skills and ideas. It is dedicated to enhancing and dignify the quality of the lives of our culturally diverse aging population.

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Help organize games, events and other duties.
 - Donate Valentine's Day Toiletries Gift Bag.
 - Donate March/April Spring- Toiletries Gift Bag.
-

ssoliz@indio.org
45-700 Aladdin Street
Indio, CA 92201
760.391.4170
www.indio.org

- Draw names from ISC Christmas Giving Tree for Homebound Seniors.
- Donate throw blankets for Mizell Senior Center- Meals on Wheels Homebound Seniors.

Loma Linda University Children's Health



Contact Info:

Karen Hudis
323.842.0969
karenhudis@gmail.com

Offers general pediatric services and specialized pediatric care, in an outpatient setting, for conditions prevalent in the Coachella Valley.

Possible volunteer opportunities will keep you updated as information becomes available.

The Ophelia Project



Contact Info:

WCI Contact:
Susan Francis
760.413.6437
susanfrancis@jfkfoundation.org

Volunteer Contact:

Peggy Mengel
760.776.1600
pmengel@jfkfoundation.org
<https://www.jfkfoundation.org>

John F. Kennedy Memorial
Foundation and Ophelia Project
Headquarters Address:
73555 San Geronio Way
Palm Desert, CA 92260

The Ophelia Project, associated with the JFK Memorial Foundation, is a very successful five-year program for 8th through 12th grade female at-risk students. Twice a month on school campuses during school hours, students meet with mentors and guest speakers to learn a variety of life skills. The Project's goals are to increase GPA's, reduce drop-out rates & absenteeism, increase graduation rates and goal setting. Partnering with College of the Desert, Ophelia Project offers full-ride, two-year scholarships for Junior College. WCI is one of the Project's major financial supporters. Ophelia Mentor – Orientation is held on the 3rd Friday of every month at 9:30am at our office in Palm Desert but must rsvp in advance

Committees to serve on:

- Annual Ophelia Luncheon Committee
- Social Media /Technology Committee
- Art Committee
- Scholarship Committee
- Fundraising/Development Committee
- Media and Public Relations Committee
- Events & Office Volunteers

Penny Pines



At each General Meeting, money is collected in the green cans at the center of each table. The monies are given to the USDA Forest Service for planting trees in burned or insect damaged acreage in our local mountains.

Contact Info:

Ellen Cafferata
environment@womansclubofindio.org

Read With Me



Contact Info:

Peggy Mathieson
408.802.5858
Education@womansclubofindio.org

Read With Me Volunteer
Program:

PO Box 1016
Rancho Mirage, CA 92270
www.readwithmevolunteers.com

Of the 16 CV elementary schools
that the program serves, four are
in Indio:

Jackson Elementary School
Alena Callimanis,
readwithmealena@gmail.com

Mountain Vista Elementary
Alena Callimanis,
readwithmealena@gmail.com

Richard Oliphant Elementary
Alena Callimanis,

In 2004, Read With Me Volunteers (RWMV) was established in Southern California. Its mission is to help children from a low income, limited English speaking environment develop to their fullest potential by learning to read, comprehend, and speak English while understanding that people care about them as individuals. The program was awarded the Golden Bell Award for Language Acquisition by the California School Board Association for its contribution to improvement in students' reading scores in the Coachella Valley.

Volunteer Qualifications

- Enjoys reading
 - Is fluent in English
 - Likes children and willing to follow directions
 - Can commit 1-4 hours/week in the school year.
- The minimum time commitment is one day a week for at least 8 weeks during October through May; many volunteers are at schools for all the 8 months.

Volunteers must complete the school district's volunteer application and a 40-minute online course on identifying child abuse and neglect. Volunteers decide what grade level they would like to work with and what day(s) of the week they work. Volunteers are matched with teachers who need help at a specific time that is mutually agreeable. Teachers direct which materials are used, match volunteers with children, and monitor progress. There are many materials that are provided, including,

readwithmealena@gmail.com

Van Buren Elementary School
Carol Morton
carol.morton@pacificsir.com

for example, flashcards, word sheets, alphabet building blocks, books, and whiteboards. The child reads to the volunteer who helps with pronunciation and with comprehension by asking questions.

If you have been a teacher and/or helped to teach your own children or grandchildren how to read, you can dive right into working with the children. For those who would like more preparation, a group orientation is provided in November and again in January at each school. In addition, training videos are available.

R.I.C.K. Teddy Bear Project (Rotary Indio Cares for Kids) Sunrise Rotary Club



Contact Info:

Ann Morales
Ann.morales@desertsands.us
Cell: 760.902.9861
Work: 760.200.3720

Physical Address:
82915 Avenue 48
Indio, CA 92201

760-342-4414
9AM-5PM
Tue, Wed, Thu

According to health experts, COVID-19 pandemic has long-term negative impacts on school-aged children. The social distancing, online learning, and heightened stress at home increases the risk of depression or anxiety, delayed learning, and abuse or neglect. This is an even greater likelihood for children with higher risk circumstances like learning or emotional disabilities, family difficulties, or in foster care.

To combat some of these negative impacts, the Indio Sunrise Rotary Club is raising funds to purchase teddy bears that we will give to high-risk Indio elementary and middle school kids. This small gesture will let the children know that they are not alone and that the community cares about them.

Scholarships - GFWC Woman's Club of Indio



Contact Info:

Peggy Mathieson
408.802.5858
Education@womansclubofindio.org

Woman's Club of Indio scholarships are awarded based on academic achievement, demonstrated leadership, community service, and financial need. Scholarships awarded are based on the number of qualified candidates and the amount available in the scholarship fund. Our goal is to award \$1,500 scholarships to students in Indio High Schools and give a \$1,000 Empowering Women Scholarship to a woman who delayed going to college or is returning to college.

Each May, a special Scholarship Awards Luncheon is held and GFWC Woman's Club of Indio invites scholarship recipients to meet club members, receive their awards, and share their experiences.

Soda Can Tabs



Contact Info:

Margaret Nieto
civicoutreach@womansclubofindio.org

Bernadette Subia-Martinez
760.863.2859
recognition@womansclubofindio.org

WCI members donate soda can tabs to the Ronald McDonald House, a charity that provides housing near hospitals in 63 countries. This very worthwhile charity helps families with hospitalized children and gives grants to non-profit organizations.

SOS (Soldier Organized Services)



Contact Info:

Margaret Nieto
civicoutreach@womansclubofindio.org

WCI donates \$500 per year to this program that provides free transportation for the military service personnel and their families to and from the marine base and airport.

USO

(United Service Organizations)

at the Palm Springs Airport

**Contact Info:****Jeff Mich**

Desert Area Manager, Bob Hope USO
Palm Springs

210 N. El Cielo Rd. Ste 102

Palm Springs, CA 92262

Office: 760-866-1100

Cell: 562-277-8562

Email: jmich@uso.org

Web: www.bobhopeuso.org

The USO provides programs, entertainment and services at more than 250 USO locations worldwide, including Afghanistan, Djibouti, Kuwait, United Arab Emirates, Germany, Italy, Japan, Iraq, South Korea and the United States.

In 2019, USO centers were visited more than 8.1 million times by service members and their families. USO centers provide a warm and comforting place where service members can connect to loved ones via Internet or phone, play a video game, catch a movie, have a snack or just put their feet up and relax. WCI donates \$500 per year to support the non-government funded USO which provides a place for the travelling military.

Yard of the Month

**Contact Info:****Bernadette Subia-Martinez**

recognition@womansclubofindio.org

We brought an old project from the past back. We honor 1-2 homeowners in Indio for having fabulous front yards that enhance their neighborhoods and our community. Our Yard of the Month program is done in partnership with the Coachella Valley Water District and recipients of the Yard of the Month award have our sign in their yard and receive recognition from CVWD as well. We hope that not only will it inspire homeowner improvements in the winner's community, but that it will get our Club name out there as well.