

The Gazette

Women's Rights Action Group



Orangewood Foundation - Helping young women and girls (and their children).

Item Drive for Orangewood Underway!

Our next group/congregation activity is to assist the female residents of the Orangewood Foundation. On April 8th and 15th we are accepting donations of lightly used work/career clothes and gift card/scrip to benefit the Beverly House (for young women who have aged out of foster care) and the Lighthouse (for female sex-trafficking victims).

Gift cards (Target, Marshalls, Ross, etc.) are especially welcome. As Jim Carson, director of Orangewood Foundation explains:

"Gift cards for BH and LH are what work best for a couple of reasons: One

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"I'M A FEMINIST.

I've been a female for a long time now. It'd be stupid not to be on my own side." ~ Maya Angelou

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GENEROSITY SUNDAY

4/29/18

Recipients will be the Beverly House and The Lighthouse (see above).

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UNITED NATIONS ASSOC WOMEN OC

4/3/18 (6:30-8:30pm)

LaVerne Univ, 2855 Michelle Dr #250, Irvine. Contact Karen to carpool.

MARK YOUR



CALENDARS!

April 19

Planned Parenthood Advocacy Night, 5:30-7:30pm

Contact Rona or Debbie for carpool.



April 29

Women's Rights Action Group 12:45 to 1pm

Bourne Hall/St. George

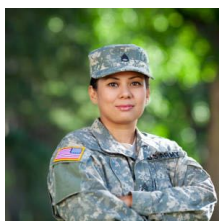
If you are unable to attend but want to share ideas/ thoughts, email Karen at kbbingo@hotmail.com

reason being that sizes and styles are so individual and personal, and the second reason might surprise you. The girls at the Lighthouse have been under control of a pimp for years, and they haven't had a chance to choose what they wear, or sometimes even go shopping other than out fits needed for "work." Part of their healing is learning that they own themselves and that they are allowed to have choices in all areas of their lives. This is a concept that most people don't think of, but being able to choose, buy and keep their clothes is a small step in their healing process, and it means the world to them."

<https://www.orangewood4you.org/rising-tide-communities/beverlys-house/>

<https://www.orangewood4you.org/the-lighthouse/>

In Case You Missed It:



Stock Photo

Update on our Ladies of Liberty Team – We're Expanding!

Our item & gift card drive in March was a HUGE Success! Congregants donated \$200 in gift cards/ cash in addition to an amazing array of much needed items!

We're excited to announce that due to our congregation's generosity, we will be able to expand the number of care packages per month to cover TWO soldiers for the remainder of the year!

Our second recipient for March was Zoua, our first US National Guard soldier. Here is her message to her "Angels" – that is, Us!!

"Serving in the U.S. Army National Guard has given me purpose and direction in my life and do not regret my decision. Next summer will mark 7 years with the military. I plan on doing my 20 years. I was blessed to have completed my bachelor's degree in Psychology last semester before my deployment so I plan on either commissioning to become an officer or to be a warrant officer. This is my first deployment. I enjoy the outdoors and love to have a busy schedule. A specific thing I like to do is explore the trails or the city. I am the third youngest in a family of ten children. Unfortunately, my parents are deceased. Thank you for our support."

Call to Action:

United State of Women Summit - May 5 & 6, 2018 at The Shrine Auditorium, Los Angeles

Barriers are meant to be broken. Special guests Michelle Obama and Delores Huerta. WRAG members also attending!

<https://www.theunitedstateofwomen.org/>

RECOGNITION FOR OUR CO-CHAMPIONS!

From the time we launched the Women's Rights Action Group, Rona Henry and Debbie Salahi stepped up to represent us at the monthly Planned Parenthood meetings as Co-Champions. At the last meeting in March, Planned Parenthood presented Debbie and Rona with certificates to acknowledge their volunteer efforts in standing up for reproductive rights and freedom – in honor of Women's History month.

Congratulations Ladies!!

If you would like to attend the next meeting in April, and are interested please contact: rona.s.henry@gmail.com or debbiesalahi@gmail.com.



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