Dear Sara,

THANK YOU for attending and supporting this year’s 44 Women for Orangewood Scholarship Luncheon. With your help, we raised a record amount of over $230,000 for scholarships for former foster youth to attend college or graduate school. Our student speaker Sascha and guest speaker Jimmy Wayne literally hit it out of the park. I received many accolades from the Orangewood Board and guests who attended about how much they enjoyed the event. The Resort at Pelican Hill was a beautiful venue. Many thanks to our wonderful chairs, Carey Clawson and Sona Shah along with the luncheon committee who worked tirelessly to produce a very successful event.

Our next event is the College Rally Week, August 22 - 27. Please read about this exciting event in this newsletter. This will be a great hands-on activity for members and their family to participate in. We prepared care packages with a personal note to the youth back in February for foster youth away at college. I have spoken to several of the students who received them and it meant so much to them that we were thinking of them.

This letter marks my last as Chair of 44 Women. For the last two years I have been honored to serve with such a wonderful, caring, passionate, hardworking group of women. In the last two years working as a team, 44 Women has made great progress:
- Improved communications to our members by starting an e-newsletter;
- Conducted successful annual Membership Cocktail parties;
- Updated logo, website and membership brochure (in line with Orangewood’s new branding);
- Added many new wonderful women to our membership;
- Held successful fundraising events (Anaheim Ducks Jubilee/Center Ice Party and Scholarship Luncheons);
- Added new members to our board;
- Financially supported and attended Peer Mentor Holiday Bowling Parties;
- Board Members stuffed holiday stockings for the residents of Beverly’s House;
- Supported Belle of the Ball (paid for lunch and members volunteered at the event);
- Instituted documentation of board position responsibilities and minutes of our board meetings;
- Continued support of the Orangewood Resource Center (donations, drives and lunch for homeless foster youth at Orangewood Café);
- Held informative education lunches (topics included Independent Living Program, Sexting, Human Sex Trafficking/Lighthouse program);
- Assembled care packages for former foster youth away at college.

We would not have made such progress without the support of the administrative staff at Orangewood Foundation. I have had to opportunity to work with the hardest working administrative and management staff at Orangewood Foundation. Specifically I want to point out Jeff Gilstrap, Manager of Auxiliary Services. He is always there to assist in all our activities, provide organizational support and answer my many questions.

The prior 44 chair moved out of state before her tenure was up. Therefore I must thank Susan Samueli for stepping in to help. Susan Samueli was my guiding light and with me every step of the way through my two year tenure. I so appreciate her support and advice.

Carey Clawson steps in to serve as chair for the next two years. I leave 44 Women in very capable hands. She has been my right hand throughout my tenure as chair while at the same time chairing and co-chairing successful Scholarship Luncheons. I will continue to serve as Chair Emeritus for two years and provide whatever support is needed. I am excited about this new stage in my life. Recently I was assigned a former foster youth to mentor so I am happy to have some more time to spend with her and hopefully make a difference in her life.

Again, THANK YOU all so much from the bottom of my heart for your help and support. With Carey’s guidance I look forward to many more successes in our support of Orangewood.

Gratefully,

Karen Goldhirsh, Chair
44 Women for Orangewood

UPCOMING EVENTS

College Rally Week!
During the week we will be collecting items to fill college care packages for our 300 youth on scholarship. You can drop off items (for a list of items [CLICK HERE](#)) between the hours of 9:00AM and 5:00PM to the Orangewood Foundation offices:

1575 E. 17th Street
Santa Ana 92705.

On Saturday, August 27th between the hours of 10:00AM and 2:00PM at the Orangewood Foundation offices you can come help us package them and add a personal note. And, YES you can bring your children to help!

If you cannot make it to Orangewood this week, please consider underwriting some care packages by going to: [www.myorangewood.org/collegerallyweek](http://www.myorangewood.org/collegerallyweek)

[CLICK HERE](http://www.myorangewood.org/collegerallyweek) to view flyer!

For more information, please contact Jeff Gilstrap at jgilstrap@orangewoodfoundation.org or 714-619-0237

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**MAKING A DIFFERENCE!**

Need Your Jewelry Repaired?

New 44 Member Josette Patterson and her husband Mark's jewelry store, [Mark Patterson Jewelry](#) located at 3425 E. Coast Highway, Corona del Mar CA 92625 are contributing ALL repair proceeds to Orangewood Foundation!

Interested in learning more ways in which you can help Orangewood? Contact Jeff Gilstrap, Manager of Auxiliary Services at jgilstrap@orangewoodfoundation.org or 714-619-0237

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**RESOURCE CENTER NEEDS**

Orangewood Resource Center

Many foster youth struggle to become self-sufficient once they are released from foster care at age 18. Some are homeless or in unstable housing while others are under- or un-employed. Through our onsite resource center we help these youth with the basics such as non-perishable food, toiletries, and hot lunches. Additionally, we offer access to mail boxes, computers and a washer and dryer. **This month the Resource Center is in need of:**
- Waterless/Dry Shampoo
- Sunscreen
- Body Lotion
- Wet Wipe Body Cleansers
- Travel Size Toothbrushes and Toothpaste
- Tubes of Neosporin (small size)
- Cotton Pads
- Air Fresheners and Clorox Wipes
- HE Laundry Detergent Pods

To schedule a pick-up, contact Jeff Gilstrap, Manager of Auxiliary Services at jgilstrap@orangewoodfoundation.org or 714-619-0237

**MEMBERSHIP**

**Welcome new 44WFO members:**

Please welcome our newest members - Josette Patterson, Penelope Parmes, Pamela Evertz, Kim Byrens, Patti Gorczyca, Lauren Peterson, Valerie Roos and Mahtty Kowalik.

**Membership dues:**

44WFO Membership dues for fiscal year July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016 are now due.

You can spread the payment of your membership dues across the year through our "44 Forever More" program, an easy monthly plan that can be set up to automatically debit your account $44, $88 or $500 per month.

**NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME!**

44 Women for Orangewood is an amazing group of women who are philanthropically minded; however we need more help! Do you know of someone who would be interested in learning more about and possible joining 44 Women for Orangewood? Do you, as a current or past member, want to get more involved?

I would love to spend the time with you and any potential member to let you know more about our exciting programs and the impact we make on foster youth lives. Contact me at karen.goldhirsh@gmail.com or 949-929-7345 and let's arrange to meet for coffee or drinks.

**MEMBERSHIP LEVELS:**

**Scholar Benefactor**

Provides a scholarship for one of our former foster youth to attend a college, university, or trade school for one year.

- Yearly Dues: $6,000
- Committee involvement optional

**Patron**

Provides resources to fund our Program Support needs including Peer Mentor events, Orangewood Resource Center supplies and Special Projects.

- Years Dues: $1,000
- Committee involvement optional

**General Membership**
Provides resources to fund our Program Support needs including Peer Mentor events, Orangewood Resource Center supplies, and Special Projects.

- Yearly Dues: $500
- Committee involvement required

Supporting Membership
Entry level membership for two years and dues may be waived if you serve on two fundraising committees and attend at least one fundraising event.

- Yearly Dues: $250
- Committee involvement required

You can spread the payment of your membership dues across the year through our "44 Forever More" program, an easy monthly plan that can be set up to automatically debit your account $44, $88, or $500 per month.

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