

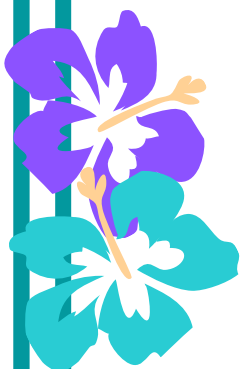
# **CFWC Workshop Paperwork**

## **CFWC Chairman**

**President's Project**  
**Advocates for Children**  
**Kelly Davis**



**AUGUST 19, 2022**  
**9:00 AM**



## Workshop Outline

10 minutes Meet and Greet

20 minutes of pages review and instructions

15 minutes of pointed interaction with club presidents

15 minutes of open conversation (the difficult questions)?

Thank you for attending, email me other questions.



Love to all,

Aloha.

Barbara

Your CFWC President

2022-2024

## **Advocates for Children Covenant House California**

Today I would like us to visit Covenant House in Los Angeles and Oakland, California. Covenant House in Los Angeles provides a safe haven from the hardships of homelessness youths 14-20. It is privately funded and provides shelter, food, immediate crises care and other services to homeless and runaway youth. Covenant House recognizes the fundamental worth of every human being, and creates a safe setting where all youths, regardless of life experience or identity, are served without judgment.



Every night starting at 7 PM until 2 or 3 am their van cruises the streets looking for kids that need help and shelter. Los Angeles has 17,000 kids living on the streets. These kids are trying to survive after abuse or turning 18 years old and being asked to leave home. Many are foster kids turning 18 and leaving the system. They all come into the shelter frightened, hungry, wounded, or having health issues from living on the streets or in some cases from gun shot wounds.

Once Covenant House takes a person into the shelter they start with getting them well, they offer them food, a place to stay, classes and social skills helping them to move forward. Covenant House is a positive culture fostering confidence; encouraging young people to believe in themselves and make informed choices for their lives. Everyone knows they have to do the work. The shelter becomes a second home.

Now, here is the big question, What can we do to help Covenant House? The biggest needs are socks, underwear, and tee shirts. We also have some other ideas that you could implement in your club.

The Video Link:

<https://youtu.be/9YUBeEeg1oo>

## **If you want to get personally involved here are some ideas**

Provide haircuts to our youth

Donate your time to teach young people a new skill like gardening or wood working.

Clubs can run a fundraiser and with proceeds go onto Amazon Smile and sign up to make your in kind donations. Amazon Smile is a simple & automatic way for you to support Covenant House California every time you shop. [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)

Here is a list of the items needed;

Gift Cards,

New Linens,

Food,

Personal Hygiene products,

New clothing,

New shoes,

New undergarments and socks,

Educational Materials Cleaning/Household Supplies

If you have any questions in Los Angeles you can contact

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Santa Clara: Ausbon Dew 408-703-9503 Ext-1203

Donate your vehicle car, truck, or boat & receive a tax-deductible donation.

Of course you can always write a check.

The Video Used in today's talk:

<https://youtu.be/9YUBeEeg1oo>

Resources:

<https://www.covenanthouse.org/homeless-issues/youth-homelessness-statistics>





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My goal for the next two years is to ask Clubs to speak up for Children and make a positive difference in the lives of Foster Kids. Second to increase members awareness of Child Abuse. Together we can bring an end to exploitation, abuse and neglect and build a future for all children free from violence. There are many organizations that work with children & teens. Here is a description of some of the organizations.

**The DCFS** (Department of Children and Family Services, advocates is a Child Protective Services (CPS) . It is a branch of your social services department that is responsible for the assessment, investigation and intervention regarding cases of Child abuse and neglect, including sexual abuse. Child protection services protects children from caregivers who may be harming them. This organization is Statewide.

The second organization I would like to mention is **Covenant House** located in Oakland, CA and Los Angeles and most of the US. Covenant House is over 50 years old and is a privately funded agency, providing shelter, food, immediate crisis care, and other services to homeless and runaway youth. The organization also provides care to homeless youth aged 14-20 designed to transition them out of homelessness into independent adulthood. Of all the things Covenant House, feeding kids may be the most important of all. Severe hunger is dangerously detrimental to Mental Health and well-being. So, when a youth overcoming homelessness comes through their doors, one of the first things they do is to make sure he or she has a healthy nutritious meal. The breakfast, lunch and dinner you help provide gives their kids the strength to tackle the challenges ahead! Food is now their prime need. They feed over one hundred thousand children across America.

**CASA** (Court Appointed Special Advocates) is another vehicle to investigate. CASA volunteers are ordinary people doing extraordinary work. Be the voice for a child in foster care. Make a difference and change a child's story. Speak for the best interest of abused, neglected and abandoned children and youth. They need your help now. CASA ensures that children & youth in the foster care system will have a voice and an advocate. Volunteers are appointed by judges to advocacy that makes a life-changing difference for children and youth who have experienced abuse or neglect, many of whom are in foster care. CASA is a Statewide organization.

Wait! I don't expect you all to run out tomorrow and become a CASA. I only want to make you aware of the organization so you can consider, when you decide where to put your charitable contributions, that you will be aware of them.

