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## Orinda Woman's Club Awards Grants

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From left: Susan Domingos, Barbara Rogan, Don Graves (of Contra Costa County Children and Family Services), Allison King, Kathleen Kerr-Schochet  
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Costa Counties. The deadline for consideration of application is March 5, 2012, at 7:00 p.m.

The Orinda Woman's Club presented the Child Abuse Prevention Council and the Independent Living Skills Program each with a \$15,000 check. The Club recognizes these programs for their service to our population who are hungry, need education and require living skills training. The proceeds from the Festival of Trees in November yielded income of just over \$45,000.00. This was then divided three ways - between the two major beneficiaries and the Woman's Club scholarship program that is designed to assist young women in need to better themselves in education or apprenticeship.

The Club general membership also votes to provide smaller grants to local and county programs that serve community need in our area. Last year ten programs in the area benefitted in some way from these smaller grants. The Club membership works throughout the year to acquire funds for worthy causes and also provides manpower to assist Programs like A Friendly Place in Oakland where hunger and hygiene are addressed for street people.

The Woman's Club is committed to serving women and children in need locally, regionally and internationally. We welcome new members. Applications for major beneficiary awards 2012 are actively being accepted and processed from eligible agencies in Alameda and Contra

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