

2019 Mamie L. Bass Award Submissions

Altrusa International of Anaheim

JOYA Scholars

JOYA partners with Altrusa International of Anaheim (AIOA) to support low-income junior high and high school students and their working-class immigrant families in their quest for higher education. The program assists these students through one-on-one mentoring, academic tutoring, educational workshops, parent academy campus visits, SAT preparation materials and classes and college scholarships. With these activities, JOYA and Altrusa volunteers fill a relational and knowledge gap in a system that can be daunting to navigate.

Altrusa International of Chula Vista

Spreading Holiday Cheer and Goodwill to Domestic Violence Survivors

The Altrusa Club of Chula Vista provided gifts and grocery cards to domestic violence survivors housed at Casa Seguras, a safe house operated by South Bay Community Services, during the December holidays. We were assisted by staff from SDGE whose foundations gave us additional funding.

Altrusa International of Eastern Sierra

Welcome Home Baskets

Welcome Home Baskets provided to families affected by domestic violence who have moved into newly developed transitional housing. Collapsible laundry baskets are filled with a houseplant, personal and household supplies to make a home. Altrusans hope to not only bring healing to families as they begin new lives, but also to cultivate an ongoing relationship with the domestic violence agency.

Altrusa International of Oxnard

Ventura County Veterans Stand Down

To provide respite, clothing, toiletries, haircuts & Beard Trimming, meals, counseling to over 200 homeless veterans from Ventura County, Santa Barbara, Kern and Los Angeles Counties annually in July of each year for 3 days.

**Altrusa International of San Diego
Blankets, Quilts and Hugs, Oh My!**

This project collects and distributes handmade "Project Linus" blankets to children in hospitals, shelters, social service agencies and anywhere there is a child in need. Blankets are collected from individuals and organizations wanting to donate blankets Over 37,000 blankets have been distributed within and outside our community.

**Altrusa International of San Luis Obispo County
Holiday Families Project**

Altrusa International of San Luis Obispo County Inc. partnered with 5Cities Homeless coalition (5CHC) to spread Christmas Cheer to 10 Families with 19 children and 12 adults. Our Foundation approved \$3,500 plus \$1,000 from a Altrusa International grant received to provide toys, books, clothing, grocery/gift cards, and special needs. We donated items to 5CHC & Casa Solano women's recovery home.

**Altrusa International Santa Maria
Junior High Awards**

Many students are judged on their academic abilities, however students who do good things for their schools, church, and the community are overlooked. For 25 years our Club has rewarded altruistic Junior High School students by inviting them to a banquet. Their parents, siblings and principal/teacher also attend. To-date 225 students have been honored.

**Altrusa International of Tucson
St. Luke's Home Library Reorganization**

In the Fall of 2018, the Altrusa Cub of Tucson re-organized the library of St. Luke's Home, a low-income assisted living community. The project involved sorting through 3,000 books+, removing damaged or excessive titles and then re-shelving the books in alphabetical order by author on shelving units throughout the large, rambling facility.

**Altrusa International of the West Valley
Grandparents Raising Grandchildren PJ Party**

We supported "Grandparents Raising Grandchildren" by purchasing and gift wrapping in a holiday bag PJ's, books, Highlights Magazine and a soft and fluffy stuffed animal. We partnered with Kids Need to Read and Benevilla, the sponsor of Grandparents Raising Grandchildren. Each gift bag was specially made to the specific preferences of each grandchild. We made a difference for 30 grandchildren.