



## *Decorative Arts Society*

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**The Decorative Arts Society of Orange County grants over \$175,000 to twelve non-profit agencies in the Orange County community.**



As The Decorative Arts Society embarks on their 23<sup>rd</sup> annual reception and lecture series this fall, they are pleased to announce their 2017/2018 Grant Recipients. These recipients, announced at a formal luncheon in June at the Pacific Club in Newport Beach, are comprised of a highly dedicated and passionate group of Orange County based nonprofit organizations and are a direct reflection of the mission of DARTS. Over \$175,000 Grant Monies will be provided for these organizations to fund projects and other needed resources to support their cause.

Since its inception, the Decorative Arts Society has distributed over \$2 Million to Orange County non-profit organizations that help and empower women and children to achieve their potential as responsible contributing members of our community.

“We are proud to be supporting, through our membership and sponsorships, several areas of needed support in our own Orange County including counseling and support, life coaching, health, education and shelter care and housing” said Maureen Madigan, President of the Decorative Arts Society. “Our organization is somewhat unique in that our lecture series and receptions fuel the passion of the arts of

our members, and our members, at the same time, are giving directly back to their community via their membership dues. It's such a successful win-win for our community."

They are honored to announce the following recipients and the attendees:

1. American Red Cross/Linda Voss
2. Breast Cancer Solutions/Jennifer Anderson
3. Casa Youth Shelter/Amy Larkin and Jennifer Frank
4. Caterina's Club
5. Down Syndrome Association of Orange County/Lauren Sibus
6. Mariposa Women and Family Center/Krista Driver
7. Project Hope Alliance/Jennifer Friend
8. Providence Speech and Hearing Center/Andrew Simone
9. Taller San Jose/Hope Builders/Shawna Smith
10. Women Helping Women/Janie Best
11. Women's Transitional Living Center/Gigi Tsontos
12. Youth Employment Service/Wendy Weeks

The Decorative Arts Society, established in 1995, is a membership group of community-minded women and men who support the organization by participating in an annual lecture series presented by nationally and internationally known experts in the field of the decorative arts, including interior and fashion, architecture and landscape design.

Through this series their members expand their knowledge of the decorative arts. Their subscriptions and donations to the Decorative Arts Society provide funds for projects and programs which benefit women and children in Orange County.

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