



**DECORATIVE ARTS SOCIETY DONATES \$325,000  
TO 15 OC NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS DURING PANDEMIC**

Newport Beach, CA, March 22, 2021 -- In a time when fundraising is more difficult than ever, but the needs of non-profit organizations are also greater than ever, the Newport Beach-based Decorative Arts Society (DARTS) has given 15 Orange County non-profit organizations a total of \$275,000 in grants, and an additional \$50,000 in donations to five of those charities hardest hit by the pandemic.

The number of charities and value of grants awarded both set a record for DARTS, which has given \$3 million to women's and children's charities in Orange County since its inception 25 years ago.

DARTS gave grants to: Boys Hope Girls Hope; Breast Cancer Solutions; Casa Teresa; Casa Youth Shelter; Families Forward; Fristers; Intervention Center Early Childhood (ICEC); Mariposa Women and Family Shelter; Project Scientist; Serving People in Need (SPIN); South County Outreach; Taller San Jose Hope Builders; The Blind Children's Learning Center; Thomas House Family Shelter; and the Women's Transitional Living Center (WTLC).

The additional \$50,000 donated due to Covid-19 was given to Families Forward, Serving People in Need (SPIN), South County Outreach, Thomas House Family Shelter, and Women's Transitional Living Center (WTLC).

"The pandemic has caused unprecedented hardships for Orange County women, families, and children. We're seeing a bigger need than ever to support local charities, who in turn help those who are most vulnerable in our community," said Laraine Eggleston, President of DARTS. "We are proud to be able to help so many who are unemployed and need financial assistance with shelter and basic needs during this challenging time."

"SPIN is grateful to be one of the grant recipients from the Decorative Arts Society," said Jean Wegener, Executive Director of Serving People In Need. "This Grant has been desperately needed as our request for help with housing and other basic needs for families in crisis increased 250% in 2020 compared to 2019 because of the COVID-19 pandemic."

The Decorative Arts Society (DARTS), established in 1995, is a membership organization that offers an annual lecture series by nationally and internationally renowned experts in the decorative arts, including interior design, architecture, landscape, fashion, and other aspects of the arts. Through subscriptions, donations, and other fundraising, the Decorative Arts Society provides grants to Orange County charities serving women, children, and families.

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