2019 Dr. Nina Fay Calhoun International Relations Award Submissions

Altrusa International of Anaheim
Sharing Our Bounty, Globally

“Sharing Our Project, Globally” created a collaboration between one international and two local organizations, sharing a common vision of assisting sexually abused/battered women and children in Tijuana to rebuild their lives, by providing clothing, shoes, bedding, financial assistance for counseling, education, and shelter. It also provided Anaheim Altrusans a hands-on international project with which they could personally connect.

Altrusa International of Chula Vista
Esperanza Rising – A Library Blooms

Our Chula Vista club established a library for Kindergarteners, First Graders, and Pre-Schoolers at the Jardin de Ninos La Esperanza School, located in a poor colonial in Tijuana, Mexico. We purchased over 250 age-appropriate Spanish language books; built shelves; sorted old donated books; and shelved the books, thus providing a large, diverse collection for their teachers and children to use.

Altrusa International of the Eastern Sierra
Empowering Women Through Health Education

Our Club’s project empowers women in Mexico and Uganda through increased understanding of menstrual and maternal health along with tools for healthy self-care. Days for Girls kits are being produced and distributed in both countries. To sustain and expand this initiative, training and backpacks with medical supplies are provided to local Community Health Educators.

Altrusa International of Oxnard
Orlando Talavera High School-Quilalo Nueva Segovia, Nicaragua

This year the Oxnard Altrusan’s provided 100 - $50 scholarships to students to assist in advancing their careers. It also allows these children and teens to learn and believe, they too can attend a university. Many other items have been provided such as paint for the buildings and classrooms, books, shoes, school supplies, fencing around the school, computer in the library, and cleaning of the septic tank to allow the school to be open and functional.