



National Charity League, Inc.
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Southern Marin Chapter

Prospective Member Packet

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Dear Prospective NCL Member,

We appreciate your interest in becoming a Provisional Member of the Marin Chapter of the National Charity League (NCL). This packet provides an overview of our Chapter and its contributions to our communities. Our goal is to give you a good understanding of our Chapter's purpose and the associated benefits and commitments involved in joining us.

NCL is an organization of mothers ("Patronesses") and daughters ("Ticktockers"). Our purpose is to provide mother/daughter community service to those in need in our area. We also seek to provide leadership and cultural experiences for our daughters (from the 7th to the 12th grades), enhancing their development into compassionate and community-involved young women.

This packet explains our Chapter's activities and members' responsibilities, including financial obligations. It is very important you understand there are significant time commitments involved for both you and your daughter, including philanthropy hours, meeting/event attendance requirements, and job responsibilities, and that you are prepared to meet these each year for the full six years (7th-12th grade).

We are an involved and dedicated group that enhances the bond between mothers and daughters. Please carefully consider the membership requirements for you and your daughter. You will need to have two active members or sustaining members of the Marin Chapter "Sponsor" and "Co-Sponsor" you, one of which must have known you personally for a minimum of one year. Your Sponsor will be glad to answer any questions you may have about NCL and our Chapter, and will be there to help guide you throughout your entire Provisional year.

We thank you for your interest in National Charity League!

Sincerely,

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What Is National Charity League?

National Charity League, Inc. (NCL) is a mother-daughter organization for mothers and daughters in grades 7 - 12. Its mission is to foster mother-daughter relationships in a philanthropic organization committed to community service, leadership development and cultural experiences.

The mothers are called Patronesses and the daughters are called Ticktockers. Its uniqueness is the keystone to its success and growth. Mothers and daughters work together to support the community through volunteer work. In this formative period, the young women absorb the standards and ideals, which in our generation we hold to be important and worthy of preservation.

The purpose of NCL is to initiate and promote charitable endeavors, to foster the mother-daughter relationship, and to promote leadership in Ticktockers. NCL provides opportunities for mothers and daughters to enjoy their relationship during community service, leadership development, and cultural experiences, as follows:

1. **Community Service:** Learn what philanthropic needs exist in our communities, and help meet those needs whenever possible.
2. **Leadership Development:** Enhance potential leadership skills through team building, problem solving, mentoring, and group dynamics, and provide experiences by participating in various activities that will educate and enhance our membership. These include attending and conducting meetings using parliamentary procedures, speakers, and special guests.
3. **Cultural Experiences:** Develop cultural awareness by planning and attending various events and each year selecting a different art form.

NCL's mission is carried out through mother-daughter community involvement and personal, educational and cultural activities. The Ticktocker experience strives to provide the opportunities for each girl to know the joy of helping others, to learn tolerance and kindness, and to make friends while sharing and participating in these activities.

The Legacy of National Charity League, Inc.

NCL's history can be traced back to 1925, when a group of women in Los Angeles, interested in philanthropic work, met as The Charity League. They worked quietly for the Red Cross, making layettes and assembling and delivering food baskets to the needy at holiday time. A few daughters met with their mothers to help; one of these daughters was the future Mrs. Paul William Lawrence, considered NCL's founder. By 1938, daughters of The Charity League decided to form their own group. Organized under the guidance of Mrs. Bruce Anderson and Mrs. Lawrence, this was the first youth group of The Charity League. At the first meeting, the name Ticktockers was chosen by the girls. Their first "Big Party" was a summer formal in June 1941 in Arcadia, California, with admission of \$2.

On April 10, 1942, Mrs. Lawrence registered the name The Charity League in Sacramento. Then came World War II. There were personal family concerns to be addressed and even though the need for philanthropic endeavors increased, everything was put on hold. After the war, in 1946, the group Ticktockers was reactivated. A year later, The Charity League was reorganized and renamed National Charity League (NCL). At this time the mothers chose the name Patroness. The Ticktockers and their Patroness mothers sent 500 pounds of clothing to needy people in England, Holland, and Belgium as well as participated in local charitable projects. NCL was incorporated on September 10, 1947. A nonprofit corporation organized solely for philanthropic, educational and cultural purposes, it is the original mother-daughter charity.

Today, NCL has 258 chapters in 27 states with more than 70,000 members. All chapters embrace the philosophy of strengthening the mother-daughter relationship through philanthropic work. NCL members proudly volunteer more than 1,000,000 hands-on hours annually.



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The Marin Chapter

The Marin Chapter was founded on March 11, 1999, and chartered by NCL on April 21, 2001 as the 88th NCL chapter.

Our Chapter is comprised of more than 200 mothers and daughters **who live in the southern Marin communities within the Tamalpais and Redwood High School Districts**. Mothers can apply to join when their daughters are in 6th grade, remain as Active members until their daughters graduate from high school, and then can become Sustainers.

We currently have 7th and 8th grade Ticktockers who attend the following schools: Del Mar, Hall, Kent, Marin Primary, MCDS, Mill Valley Middle School, Mount Tamalpais, Ross, San Domenico School, and St. Hilary. Our high school Ticktockers currently attend Branson, Marin Academy, Marin Catholic, Redwood, Urban, St. Ignatius, and Tam.

The continued strength of NCL relies on our chapter's ability to welcome committed members who have a desire to serve our communities. Some examples of member expectations are:

- She is willing to commit the significant time to fulfill the specific attendance, philanthropic, and committee obligations of her NCL chapter.
- She is a "team player" and will accept the decision of the majority.
- She is willing to accept either a minor role or a major role, depending on the needs of the Chapter.
- She understands the importance of all three areas of NCL **community service, leadership development and cultural experiences--** and will make all activities that involve her and her daughter a priority.
- She understands the importance of a positive attitude and constructive problem solving in all NCL matters.
- She is focused on the philosophical ideals of NCL, rather than any associated status or prestige.
- She fully understands and is willing to accept the financial obligations associated with NCL membership.
- She will make an extra effort to become acquainted with all chapter members.



Membership Obligations

I. Community Service

For our community service hours, we operate on an April 16th to April 15th period. Patronesses and Ticktockers post philanthropy hours to the Chapter Website before April 15 of each year. (Summer is a great time to fulfill hours!) Credit towards required hours is only given for service in NCL-approved philanthropic projects when worked as a Mother-Daughter team. Additional hours can be earned beyond the required hours either together as a Mother-Daughter team or separately.

Required philanthropy hours for Patronesses and Ticktockers:

7th, and 8th and 12th grades: 10 hours

9th, 10th and 11th grades: 15 hours

II. Meeting & Event Attendance

Of the eight Regular Membership Meetings offered in the calendar year, **each Patroness must attend a minimum of five.** (Regular meetings are held each month starting in May; no meetings are held in June, July or August.) **Ticktockers are expected to attend all monthly grade level meetings. Both Ticktockers and Patronesses are required to attend the Senior Celebration and Fashion Show Tea events.** We post our attendance on our website. Grade Level Advisors must be notified in advance if a Ticktocker needs to miss a meeting.

III. Patroness Involvement All Patronesses have a job each year and it is **required that each Patroness holds at least two significant positions** over her six years, *i.e.*, Board, Grade Level Advisor or Event Chair. Ticktockers also hold jobs each year, ranging from President to Photographer.

III. Financial

We operate on a June 1 to May 31st fiscal year.

Annual Total Dues and Fees

Provisional Patroness entrance fee (1st year only).....	\$50
Provisional Ticktocker entrance fee (1st year only).....	\$25
Patroness annual dues.....	\$146
Ticktocker annual dues (per ticktocker).....	\$202

Total entrance fee for 1 Provisional Patroness and 1 Ticktocker = \$423

Dues are all inclusive. We do not ask for additional payments for events.

Annual Dues and Fees cover the following:

- Patroness Annual Dues
- Patroness Entrance Fee (first year only)
- Ticktocker Annual Dues (active or provisional)
- Ticktocker Entrance Fee (first year only)
- Chapter Tea, Senior Celebration, Class Dinner Fund

New Provisional members must submit an Acceptance Form and Fees as their acceptance to membership, no later than March 1, 2020.



Community Service and Chapter Awards

Philanthropy is at the heart of our organization. Mothers and daughters volunteer together by signing up for specific jobs with our approved philanthropies. As teams, our mothers and daughters contribute hours of service to our Chapter's selected projects throughout the year. We are proud that in 2017-2018, our members volunteered more than 4000 hours to local philanthropies. Mother-daughter teams earn hourly credits by assisting with our 20 approved Chapter's philanthropies, which currently are:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Adopt A Family of Marin ◆ Bay Area Discovery Museum ◆ Bridge the Gap ◆ The Cedars of Marin ◆ Community Action Marin (Manzanita) ◆ Center for Volunteer and Non Profit Leadership (CVNL) ◆ Gilead House ◆ Golden Gate National Recreation Area ◆ Halleck Creek Ranch 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Hooves for Harmony ◆ Marin Community Food Bank ◆ REC Inc. ◆ The Redwoods ◆ REST ◆ Ritter Center ◆ San Francisco Symphony ◆ Sausalito Art Festival ◆ Special Olympics, Northern California ◆ St. Vincent de Paul Society ◆ Turtle Island Restoration
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Our Philanthropy Vice President continually re-evaluates current and new philanthropy relationships to determine where we can best serve our community and provide meaningful service opportunities for our members.

AWARDS:

The Marin Chapter presents awards to Patroness and Ticktock teams at our year-end Chapter Recognition Ceremony in honor of outstanding community service. These awards are based on the number of philanthropy hours each mother-daughter team performs, and awards begin at 25 hours. In addition, we also track cumulative hours for the Presidential Volunteer Service Award.