The mission of National Charity League, Inc. is to foster mother-daughter relationships in a philanthropic organization committed to community service, leadership development and cultural experiences.

Our Vision:

"Through the mother-daughter relationship, National Charity League will develop strong women leaders serving and impacting communities today and for generations to come."
Dear Prospective NCL Member,

We appreciate your interest in becoming a Provisional Member of the Oakland-Piedmont Chapter of National Charity League.

National Charity League (NCL) is an organization of mothers and daughters. The mothers are called Patronesses and the daughters are called Ticktockers. Our purpose is to provide mother/daughter philanthropic support to those in need in our community and to provide educational, leadership, and cultural opportunities for our daughters to enhance their development into compassionate, community-involved young women. A six-year plan has been developed that includes a wide variety of philanthropic, educational, leadership and cultural activities for our Ticktockers. You will see that we are an involved and committed group that fosters the bond between mothers and daughters.

The following pages will describe the activities in which our Chapter engages and the responsibilities of membership. Financial obligations and time commitments are specifically highlighted, as these should be carefully considered before applying for membership.

Please read the enclosed information and carefully consider the requirements for you and your daughter. Your Sponsor will be glad to answer any questions you may have about NCL or you can contact me at 510-332-3110 or ehestilo@comcast.net.

Sincerely,

Eileen Estilo

Membership Committee
Oakland-Piedmont Chapter
National Charity League, Inc.

(National Charity League, Inc. is incorporated in the State of California as a non-profit charitable organization. Its chapters through the United States are incorporated in their state of origin.)
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What is National Charity League, Inc.?

The Mission of National Charity League, Inc.:

To foster mother-daughter relationships in a philanthropic organization committed to community service, leadership development and cultural experiences.

National Charity League, Inc. is a national mother-daughter membership organization with affiliated local Chapters in communities throughout the country. The mothers are called Patronesses and the daughters are called Ticktockers. Our unique focus on the mother-daughter relationship while serving the community is the keystone to NCL’s success and growth. Mothers and daughters work together as volunteers to support the community while developing as leaders and role models. During the developmental and formative years between 7th and 12th grade, Ticktockers absorb the standards and ideals that generations hold to be important and worthy of preservation.

National Charity League provides opportunities for mothers and daughters to enjoy both mother-daughter and peer relationships through the NCL Experience. The purpose of the NCL Experience is to inspire and empower women to succeed as confident, well-rounded and socially aware contributors in their communities. Chapter activities fulfill the NCL mission to foster mother-daughter relationships in a philanthropic organization committed to community service, leadership development and educational and cultural experiences.

Community Service: Our desire is to learn what philanthropic needs exist in our community and to help meet those needs whenever possible.

Leadership: Our intent is to enhance potential leadership skills through team building, problem solving, mentoring, and group dynamics.

Educational: Our aim is to 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.

Cultural: Our goal is to create an environment that nurtures a positive identity by recognizing and appreciating the value of differences in each other and the world.

The Ticktocker experience is designed to be a small group leadership program that provides opportunities for each young woman 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.

The history of National Charity League can be traced back to 1925 when a small group of women in Los Angeles, interested in philanthropic work, met together and called themselves The Charity League. They worked quietly, doing Red Cross work, 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 the founder of National Charity League.

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 Charity League. At the first meeting, the name Ticktockers was chosen by the girls. September 10, 1947 is the date of the incorporation of National Charity League. A nonprofit corporation organized solely for philanthropic, educational and cultural purposes, it is the original mother-daughter charity.

National Charity League, Inc. now has over 194 chapters in 23 states with more than 50,000 total members and in 2008 celebrated 50 years of success and growth. All chapters embrace the philosophy of strengthening the mother-daughter relationship and the communities in which they exist through philanthropic work and the development of future community leaders. We may all be proud of our legacy and grateful to that small group of women in 1925.

Our Chapter, Oakland-Piedmont was formed in 1992, and currently consists of more than 200 members.
Characteristics of a Good NCL Member

She understands the importance of all four areas of NCL -- **philanthropic, educational, leadership** and **cultural** -- and will make all activities that involve her and her daughter(s) a priority.

She understands and is willing to commit the time to fulfill the specific attendance, philanthropic, and committee obligations of her NCL chapter.

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 is willing to participate in leadership roles as needed by the Chapter.

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.

In the Oakland-Piedmont Chapter, a Patroness must live in and/or have a Ticktocker who attends school in either Oakland or Piedmont to be eligible for membership.

She understands that by virtue of being a member of a local Chapter, she is affiliated with a National federated system, which requires adherence to National standards and policies at all times and mandates belief in the core values of National Charity League, Inc.
Membership Obligations

SERVICE: Our service hours are divided into Philanthropy and League hours. The required hours for Patronesses and Ticktockers are listed below from May 1 to April 30. Patronesses and Ticktockers are required to record hours via the Chapter website by specified times throughout the year. May – August will need to be recorded by September 30, September – December by January 30 and January – April by April 30.

Active & Provisional Patronesses
25 total required hours: 15 Philanthropy and 10 League*

Active Patronesses with only Grade 12 Ticktocker
20 total required hours: 10 Philanthropy and 10 League*

Active & Provisional Ticktockers - Grades 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11
30 total required hours: 15 Philanthropy and 15 League*

Active Ticktockers - Grade 12:
20 total required hours: 10 Philanthropy and 10 League*

*Additional/League hours may be comprised of League hours and/or Philanthropy hours.

MEETING REQUIREMENTS – September through May
Separate or joint Patroness or Ticktocker meetings are held.
- Patronesses are required to attend a minimum of five of the nine membership meetings.
- Ticktockers are required to attend at least six monthly grade level meetings.
- Both Patronesses and Ticktockers are expected to attend the mandatory Chapter Tea and other required events.

JOBS
- Patronesses are required to serve on at least one committee per year.
- Ticktockers are required to hold an office position at least once during their NCL membership.

FINANCIAL:
Annual dues and event fees are due February 1st of each year.

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Total for First Year (Patroness & 1 Ticktocker): $380

There may be additional expenses for some Ticktocker meetings, or other events such as Senior Celebration.
PHILANTHROPY: Philanthropy is the heart of our organization. Mothers and daughters working together to help serve our Chapter’s chosen projects earn philanthropy hours.

Any mother-daughter team can assist at any of the chapter’s philanthropies (occasionally some agencies may have age limits, waiver requirements or training guidelines). Some of the philanthropies that we currently support are the Junior Center of Art and Science, Girls Inc., the East Bay SPCA, Oakland Museum of California, St. Mark’s Dinner Program, Special Olympics and the Oakland Zoo. Philanthropy hour credit is given only for approved events with philanthropies with which we have an approved relationship; the agencies in turn rely upon our members to be responsible and reliable participants in the specified activities.

LEAGUE ACTIVITIES: It is through league hours that the other parts of our mission are accomplished. Patroness and Ticktockers earn league hours by doing work that supports the functioning of the Oakland-Piedmont Chapter and by attending league events. Examples of these activities are committee meetings/work, Board activities, Patroness/Ticktocker meetings, event planning, etc. Every member of the Chapter – both Patroness and Ticktocker – is expected to participate in the business of the Chapter, including leadership.

AWARDS: The Oakland-Piedmont Chapter presents various awards to Patronesses & Ticktockers honoring them for outstanding philanthropic service. This is done at our Recognition Event. Seniors participate in a Senior Celebration Event that they design.

HOW DO I BECOME A MEMBER? In order to join Oakland-Piedmont Chapter of the National Charity League, Inc., mothers and daughters must be sponsored by a member of our Chapter in good standing. The mother and daughter must reside in or the daughter must attend school in Oakland or Piedmont. The mother and daughter must be willing to meet the financial and time commitment as outlined herein. The Prospective member must be a woman with a daughter in grades 6th-9th at the time of the Membership Drive. (we do not accept new members in the 11th or 12th grades).

We hope you are enthused about joining our Chapter. We invite your questions – please contact the VP for Membership, Eileen Estilo, or take a look at the National Charity League website.

We look forward to your application which is now accepted online. We will provide instructions once your Sponsor and Co-Sponsor have filled out their forms online.