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Prev. Rank	•Address		•Total giving				•Geographic area of giving	•Headquarters	•Title •Phone/fax	
<b>1</b> (NR)	<b>Wells Fargo &amp; Co.</b> 2030 Main St., 8th Floor Irvine 92614-7219 Website: wells Fargo.com Email: keith.h.kobata@wellsfargo.com		\$5.1 million \$322 million	12/22	\$1.8 billion	Housing affordability and access, small business growth, financial health and climate sustainability	Cash grants, in-kind contributions, volunteerism, board service -international	Wells Fargo & Co. San Francisco	Keith Kobata region executive (949) 251-6088	
<b>2</b> (2)	<b>Pacific Life Foundation<sup>(1)</sup></b> 700 Newport Center Drive Newport Beach 92660-6307 Website: pacificlifefoundation.com Email: plfoundation@pacificlife.com		\$5 million \$8.2 million	12/22	\$113.8 million	Education; health and human services; environment, ocean health and marine mammals; civic, community and economic development; arts and culture	Program grants, capital grants -national	Pacific Life Newport Beach	Darryl Button CEO/president (949) 219-5002	
<b>3</b> (4)	<b>Irvine Company/Donald Bren Foundation</b> 550 Newport Center Drive Newport Beach 92660-7010 Website: irvinecompany.com Email: information@irvinecompany.com		\$4.3 million \$14.3 million	12/22	wnd	Education, environment and innovation	Advanced science grants, educational enrichment support, environmental stewardship grants -Southern California	Irvine Company Newport Beach	Donald Bren chairman (949) 720-2000	
<b>4</b> (3)	<b>Bank of America Charitable Foundation Inc.</b> 100 N. Tryon St. Charlotte, N.C. 28202-4000 Website: bankofamerica.com/foundation Email: foundation@bofa.com		\$2.7 million \$2.7 million	12/22	\$3.1 billion <sup>(2)</sup>	Family stability and health access, workforce development opportunities, affordable housing, nonprofits and minority small businesses	Financial, volunteerism, thought leadership/board service -Southern California	Bank of America Corp. Charlotte, N.C.	Allen Staff Orange County market president, Bank of America (980) 386-9127	
<b>5</b> (1)	<b>Edwards Lifesciences Foundation</b> 1 Edwards Way Irvine 92614-5688 Website: edwards.com/corporategiving Email: edwards_foundation@edwards.com		\$2.3 million \$18.8 million	12/22	\$61 million	Education, healthcare	Product donations, in-kind donations, grants, employee engagement in charitable activities -international	Edwards Lifesciences Corp. Irvine	Amanda Fowler VP, global corporate giving, Edwards Lifesciences/executive director, Edwards Lifesciences Foundation (949) 250-2500	

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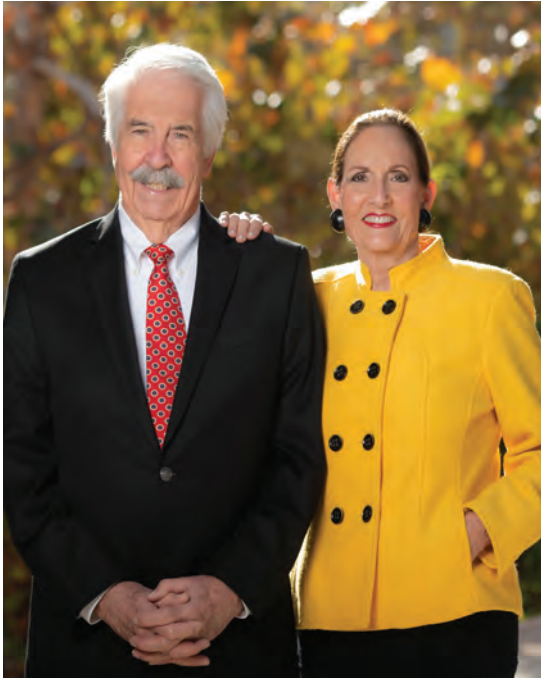
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Prev. Rank	Address		Total giving	End			-Geographic area of giving	Headquarters	Title
6	<b>Pimco Foundation</b> 650 Newport Center Drive Newport Beach 92660-6310 Website: pimco.com/pimcofoundation Email: purpose@pimco.com		\$1.3 million \$8 million	12/22	\$118.9 million	Hunger, gender equality	Volunteerism, grants, employee donation match, in-kind donations, disaster assistance -international	Pimco Newport Beach	Nate Brown director (949) 720-4745
7	<b>Masimo Foundation for Ethics, Innovation, and Competition in Healthcare</b> 52 Discovery Irvine 92618-3015 Website: masimofoundation.org Email: glennparrish@masimofoundation.org		\$1.2 million \$2.4 million	3/22	\$3.9 million	Healthcare for underserved communities	Grants -international	Masimo Corp. Irvine	Joe Kiani chairman (949) 297-7792
8	<b>Angels Baseball Foundation</b> 2000 E. Gene Autry Way Anaheim 92806-6143 Website: angels.com Email: dennis.kuhl@angels.com		\$1.1 million \$1.1 million	12/22	\$11.9 million	Education, healthcare, arts, science and community-related youth programs throughout the region	Monetary grants, donations for fundraising efforts and scholarships -Southern California	Angels Baseball LP Anaheim	Dennis Kuhl president, Angels Baseball Foundation (714) 940-2000/(714) 940-2200
9	<b>Broadcom Foundation</b> 4041 MacArthur Blvd., Ste. 510 Newport Beach 92660-2503 Website: broadcomfoundation.org Email: paula@brcmfdn.org		\$565,005 \$4.8 million	12/22	\$106.1 million	Science, technology, engineering and math	Financial -international	Broadcom Inc. San Jose	Paula Golden president, Broadcom Foundation (949) 464-4138
10	<b>KPMG LLP</b> 20 Pacifica, Ste. 700 Irvine 92618-3391 Website: kpmg.com/us		\$562,570 wnd	9/22	wnd	Children's literacy, education, environment, health, human services, civic projects, the arts	Monetary, volunteerism -Southern California	KPMG LLP New York	Mark Clemens OC office managing partner (949) 885-5400
11	<b>Farmers &amp; Merchants Bank Foundation</b> 302 Pine Ave. Long Beach 90802-2326 Website: fmb.com Email: foundation@fmb.com		\$513,758 \$713,508	12/22	\$1.6 million	Education, human services, faith-based, the arts and healthcare	Grants -Southern California	Farmers & Merchants Bank Long Beach	Tiffany Roberts foundation director (562) 437-0011
12	<b>Sunwest Bank Charitable Foundation</b> 2050 Main St., Ste. 300 Irvine 92614-8279 Website: sunwestbankfoundation.org Email: info@sunwestbankfoundation.org		\$150,725 \$289,825	12/22	\$2.9 million	Vulnerable children and families	Grant funding -international	H Bancorp LLC Irvine	Nicole Bice executive director (714) 881-3039
13	<b>Mazda Foundation USA Inc.</b> 200 Spectrum Center Drive, Ste. 100 Irvine 92618-5004 Website: mazdafoundation.org Email: mazdafoundation@mazdausa.com		\$125,000 \$476,446	9/22	\$9.3 million	Education and literacy, environmental conservation, cross-cultural understanding, social welfare and scientific research	Monetary grants -national	Mazda North American Operations Irvine	Tom Donnelly chairman, Mazda Foundation USA Inc. CEO/president, Mazda North American operations (949) 727-1990
14	<b>Mitsubishi Electric America Foundation</b> 1300 Wilson Blvd., Ste. 825 Arlington, Va. 22209-2341 Website: meaf.org Email: mea.foundation@meus.com		\$96,700 \$1.6 million	3/23	\$26.3 million	Youth with disabilities, special needs, education, employment, mentoring, internships and STEM	Project grants, matching grants, matching gifts -national	Mitsubishi Electric Corp. Tokyo	Mike Corbo president (703) 276-8240
15	<b>Boeing Global Engagement</b> 929 Long Bridge Drive Arlington 22202-4208 Website: boeing.com/community		\$50,000 \$484,274	3/22	wnd	Education, veterans, racial equity and environment	Grants -international	Boeing Co. Arlington, Va.	Cheri Carter VP (703) 465-3500
16	<b>Sundt Construction</b> 41 Corporate Park, Ste. 310 Irvine 92606-3135 Website: sundt.com		\$42,000 \$2.1 million	9/22	\$295,599	Disadvantaged children and adults	Grants, in-kind giving/drives, volunteer activities -California	Tempe, Ariz.	Ryan Nessen/Jim Householder senior VP, building, California/VP, regional director (949) 468-5309
17	<b>Taco Bell Foundation</b> 1 Glen Bell Way Irvine 92618-3344 Website: tacobellfoundation.org Email: tacobellfoundation@tacobell.com		\$26,000 \$41.1 million	12/22	\$32.2 million	Education, college and career services	Community grants, scholarship program and accelerator program -national	Taco Bell Corp. Irvine	Jennifer Bradbury executive director (949) 863-4312

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Saddleback Medical Center's Mommy & Me Class

Today, F&M Bank supports numerous events that benefit MemorialCare Medical Centers, including sponsorships for Saddleback Medical Center Foundation’s golf tournament and Spring Gala. This year’s golf tournament helped raise more than \$113,000 for MemorialCare Heart & Vascular Institute at Saddleback Medical Center, enabling people in our community to have access to the latest minimally invasive treatments for heart attacks and strokes. The Foundation’s Spring Gala 2023 benefitted the new Women’s Health Pavilion and Sarah & Taylor Nederlander Breast Center at MemorialCare Saddleback Medical Center, currently under construction, with the first phase scheduled to open in 2023. The Women’s Health Pavilion will provide a wide range of women’s health services under one roof.

Additionally, F&M Bank has supported Saddleback Medical Center's Mommy & Me Postpartum Classes, which are offered for free for new mothers who deliver at Saddleback, covering topics such as self-care and mindfulness, sleep, relationships, infant development, tummy time and infant massage.

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Women's Health Pavilion at MemorialCare Saddleback Medical Center



Sarah & Taylor Nederlander Breast Center

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- Christy Ward, president, MemorialCare Saddleback Medical Center Foundation



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# Masimo Focuses Philanthropy on Eliminating Preventable Patient Deaths and Improving Access to Quality Healthcare Around the World

Masimo is a global medical technology company that develops and produces a wide array of industry-leading monitoring technologies, including innovative measurements, sensors, patient monitors, and automation and connectivity solutions. Our mission is to improve patient outcomes, reduce the cost of care, and take noninvasive monitoring to new sites and applications. To help further our commitment to improve access to quality healthcare around the world, we support a variety of philanthropic organizations.

## **World Health Organization**

Founded in 1948, WHO is the United Nations agency that connects nations, partners and people to promote health, keep the world safe, and serve the vulnerable—so everyone, everywhere can attain the highest level of health.

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Direct Relief is a humanitarian aid organization with a mission to improve the health and lives of people affected by poverty or emergencies—without regard to politics, religion, or ability to pay.

## **United for Oxygen Alliance**

United for Oxygen Alliance is the world's first effort by a consortium of government, industry, foundation and civil society organizations to scale-up access to pulse oximetry and oxygen in health facilities in Ethiopia, with a special focus on reducing deaths among children under five and pregnant women.

## **Smile Train**

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## **The Newborn Foundation and the BORN Project**

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## **The Masimo Foundation for Ethics, Innovation and Competition in Healthcare**

The Masimo Foundation for Ethics, Innovation and Competition in Healthcare was founded with a mission to encourage and promote activities, programs, and research opportunities that improve patient safety and deliver advanced healthcare to people worldwide who may not otherwise have access to lifesaving technologies.

## **Patient Safety Movement Foundation**

The Patient Safety Movement Foundation was founded to raise awareness about patient and health worker safety by educating and mobilizing people across the world to stand up for safe care.

For the past ten years, Masimo has been the presenting sponsor of the World Patient Safety, Science & Technology Summit, which is the annual meeting of the Patient Safety Movement Foundation (PSMF) – a nonprofit 501(c)(3) founded by The Masimo Foundation for Ethics, Innovation and Competition in Healthcare. The Patient Safety Movement Foundation's vision is to achieve zero preventable patient harm and death across the globe by 2030.

The initial Lives Saved Program was concluded in 2020. Between 2012 and 2020, more than 4,793 hospitals across 54 countries made a public commitment to reduce preventable patient deaths and hospitals reported a cumulative total of 366,353 lives saved through the PSMF. In late 2020, a new "Commit to ZERO" program was started. Under the new program, hospitals and healthcare organizations commit to zero by sharing how they are working to become high reliability organizations (HROs) and are encouraged to share their patient safety data publicly to be recognized as an exemplary organization. To learn more visit <https://patient.sm/commit-to-zero-OCBJ>.

In addition, PSMF has an Open Data Pledge program in which more than 93 healthcare technology companies have signed to make the data their products generate interoperable so the patient data collected and displayed are accessible to patients and clinicians.

The Foundation has identified 27 patient safety challenges facing hospitals and developed over 50 Actionable Patient Safety Solutions (APSS) Blueprints which can be downloaded for free at <https://patient.sm/APSS-OCBJ>. These APSS can be used by hospital and healthcare organization leaders as a self-assessment tool to ensure that all facilities are doing everything they can to improve patient safety and eliminate preventable patient deaths in their facilities.

## **Summary**

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# PLANNING WITH PURPOSE: A NEW ERA FOR PHILANTHROPY

Massive societal shifts and new opportunities are redefining philanthropy. Understand the changes that are reshaping how families give back and strategies for building a legacy that endures.



America is facing dramatic cultural and demographic shifts that are permanently reshaping philanthropy. Even the language we use to describe giving is changing. Increasingly, terms such as “social good,” “impact” and “social innovation” are supplanting “philanthropy” to more specifically describe the giver’s intent. Impact investing — the umbrella term that includes benefit corporations, program-related investments, social enterprises and sustainable investments — lets philanthropists engage financial markets to drive social impact while generating returns.

As baby boomers prepare to transfer wealth to their children, we explore the impact we see women and rising generations making and suggest strategies for you to consider as you integrate your family’s philanthropic legacy into your wealth transfer plans.

## TRENDS SHAPING PHILANTHROPY’S EVOLUTION

### Female Philanthropists Taking the Reins

One third of total U.S. household financial assets – more than \$10 trillion – is controlled by women. That amount is expected to triple, as a significant amount of private wealth changes hands in coming decades, and we expect female-driven philanthropy to be an important catalyst for change. Specialized women’s funds and foundations are also going beyond making financial grants and are leveraging personal relationships to pursue broader social change through policy advocacy.

### The Impact Generation

Millennials are on the cusp of a massive \$30 trillion wealth transfer, and they plan to direct these resources to philanthropy. The generation’s desire for greater flexibility, transparency and meaning in their work is reshaping how the nonprofit sector expects them to take part in organized philanthropy.

Millennials are less concerned with preserving decades-old institutions and more interested in civil rights, social justice, the environment and basic human needs. Impact metrics tend to drive younger donors, not social status or peer expectations.

## BUILDING AN ENDURING PHILANTHROPIC LEGACY

Undoubtedly, these trends will continue to influence and shape our collective notice of what philanthropy means today — and tomorrow. Planning with intent, however, should always be the top priority. Below, we discuss several strategies for success in your philanthropic endeavors and legacy.

**1. Bridge the generational divide.** Younger generations are eager to mold and lead charitable causes they support. You can set them up for success with a safe space for discovery in your family’s giving decisions and by encouraging them to volunteer and explore issues.

**2. Establish flexible and inclusive giving vehicles.** Private foundations can stumble over continuity of participation and purpose across generations.

Balance is possible when you make your family’s philanthropy as inclusive and flexible as possible.

**3. Embrace a new era of collaboration.** There is efficiency in partnering with other like-minded funders rather than going it alone. It is most important that your philanthropic goals are integrated with your wealth planning and that all of your advisors, from your attorney to your accountant, are aware of your philanthropic goals.

**4. Define your family’s philanthropic vision.** For multigenerational family philanthropy, the most successful charitable legacies are supported by mission and vision statements. Consider, for example, developing a Statement of Wealth Transfer Intent to help successors and heirs understand your thoughts about giving.

## IMPACT INVESTING, DEFINED

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**Social enterprises** are “organizations that address a basic unmet need or solve a social or environmental problem through a market-driven approach,” according to the Social Enterprise Alliance. For more information, visit [socialenterprise.us](http://socialenterprise.us).

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# Gifts of Hope: Visionary Philanthropists Fuel City of Hope's Advanced Cancer Treatment and Research Breakthroughs



Architect's rendering of City of Hope Orange County's specialty cancer hospital, opening in 2025.

Philanthropy advances City of Hope's lifesaving mission, accelerating the leading-edge cancer treatments of tomorrow and delivering them to patients today.

City of Hope has always been privileged to have visionary volunteers and donors from around the globe who fuel our commitment to transforming the future of health and eradicating cancer. More than 15,000 of these supporters live in Orange County, and they inspire us as we continue to implement our bold plans for City of Hope Orange County, which include City of Hope Orange County Lennar Foundation Cancer Center — the most advanced comprehensive cancer center in Orange County — and the county's only specialty cancer hospital, marking significant milestones in improving health care in the region and bringing City of Hope's breakthrough treatments and pioneering research to Orange County residents.

We remain profoundly grateful to the many donors who have come forward to lend their support and given generously to City of Hope Orange County.

Thanks to our visionary donors, we will continue to deliver new approaches — and new Hope — to Orange County residents. In 2025, we will open Orange County's only specialty cancer hospital exclusively focused on treating and curing cancer. The cancer hospital will be seamlessly connected to the comprehensive cancer center, completing our cancer campus of the future in Irvine.

Philanthropic partnership fuels our research and ensures discoveries move quickly from the lab to the patient's bedside. In fact, philanthropy propels research outcomes at a pace unmatched by any other source of cancer funding, making new treatments available months or years faster than would otherwise be possible.

Our unique speed-to-cure research pipeline, accelerated by philanthropy, continues to set us apart. As a globally renowned academic medical institution, City of Hope offers more than 800 clinical trials each year — more cancer-focused trials than anywhere else in California. These clinical trials offer patients promising new treatments long before they have become the standard of care.

We extend profound gratitude to everyone helping us advance our mission and deliver cancer research, treatment and cures to our loved ones and our community.

Hope lives here in Orange County, thanks to generous and visionary supporters. To join us in transforming cancer care for generations of patients and their families, **please contact Jordan Catron, Senior Director of Philanthropy Programs, at 626-531-4845.**



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## ORANGE COUNTY PHILANTHROPY

Orange County stands as a shining example of philanthropy and generosity. Beyond its picturesque landscapes and vibrant attractions, the heart of the community beats with a deep commitment to giving back. Whether through dedicated efforts to support local education, advancements in healthcare, or the flourishing arts scene, Orange County consistently demonstrates its unwavering spirit of compassion. Residents, organizations, and businesses alike contribute their time, resources, and expertise to uplift the lives of those in need. This shared dedication to making a positive difference cultivates a culture rooted in empathy and kindness, further cementing Orange County's reputation as an exceptional force for philanthropy.

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# Top Philanthropists Announced for 38th Annual National Philanthropy Day Orange County



Orange County's top philanthropists, business leaders and individuals will be honored at the **38th Annual National Philanthropy Day Orange County's Awards Program** on **Thursday, November 16, 2023**, from **10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.** This year's uplifting awards presentation is themed **"¡Viva Philanthropy! Here for Good"**

Produced by the **Orange County Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals**, **National Philanthropy Day** has become the most prominent philanthropic recognition event in Orange County, with more than 1,000 honorees since its inception in 1986. *Orange County Business Journal* is Presenting Sponsor, *PBS SoCal | KCET* is Broadcast Media Sponsor and the *Orange County Register* is Community Media Sponsor.

PBS So-Cal's **Maria Hall-Brown** returns as host, and **Gena Reed**, the 2022 Legacy Award honoree, will be this year's **Honorary Chair**.

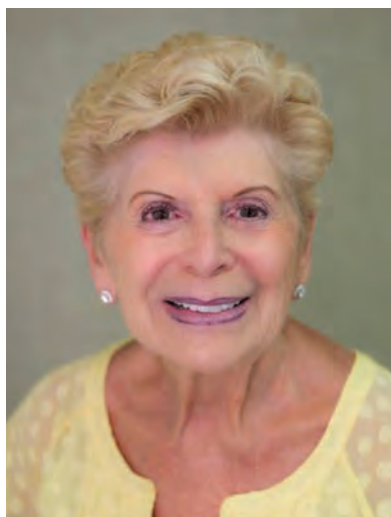
Newport Beach resident **Doug Freeman**, **National Philanthropy Day Founder**, was responsible for **President Ronald Reagan** declaring the **third Thursday in November as National Philanthropy Day in perpetuity**. Today, there are **140 Association of Fundraising Professionals chapters throughout the U.S., Mexico and Canada** honoring the extraordinary philanthropic efforts of individuals, businesses and groups.

**About National Philanthropy Day**  
*National Philanthropy Day Orange County honors those who have demonstrated philanthropy and enhanced their communities and the world. Each year, more than 140 Association of Fundraising Professionals chapters throughout the U.S., Mexico and Canada honor the philanthropic efforts of individuals, businesses and groups. Net proceeds of the event support the ethical advancement of philanthropy in the community by the Orange County Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals. www.npdoc.org*

## The 2023 National Philanthropy Day Orange County Outstanding Honorees

### Legacy Award | Leona Aronoff-Sadacca

Leona and her husband moved to Orange County in 1998, with her husband passing away after 40 years of marriage soon after they arrived. In 2002, her life began again with husband Joe Sadacca, and, in 2007, she retired from Gate City Beverage Company as President/CEO, as well as an insurance company, leasing company, non-alcoholic beverage company and a trucking company. Her philanthropic life began at an early age and includes, among many organizations, Hebrew Union College, Think Together, American Heart Assoc., the Leona Aronoff Rabbinic Mentoring Program, Temple Bat Yahm, Pacific Symphony, South Coast Repertory, and the Jewish Federation of OC.



Leona Aronoff-Sadacca

### Outstanding Philanthropist | Tarsadia Foundation

Tarsadia Foundation is a family foundation working to unleash human potential across the globe alongside a network of 100+ impact partners who are driving meaningful change and catalyzing systemic progress across four core impact pillars: Inclusive Mobility, Crises & Threats, Human Transformation, and India Upliftment. The foundation was founded by BU and Pushpa Patel, immigrant entrepreneurs from rural India, who arrived in California the 1970s and got their start in the hotel industry. In 2009, the Patels established the Tarsadia Foundation and give to Big Brothers Big Sisters, CASA, United Way, CSUF, and Groundswell, among others.



BU Patel, Founder

### Outstanding Founder | Wahoos Family Foundation

Brothers Ed and Mingo Lee and Wing Lam co-founded Wahoo's Fish Tacos in 1988, and it has become one of the most iconic fast-casual restaurant brands in the Southern California and beyond. Totally committed to giving back to the community, the brothers give individually and through the Wahoos Family Foundation. Among the many nonprofits they support are the Thomas House Shelter in Garden Grove, Doctors Without Borders, Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Someone Cares Soup Kitchen, Guiding Eyes for the Blind, African Wildlife Foundation, Best Friends Animal Society, Newport Harbor Baseball, St. Jude's Research Foundation, and the Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation.



Ed Lee



Mingo Lee



Wing Lam

# The 2023 National Philanthropy Day Orange County Outstanding Honorees

## Outstanding Philanthropic Group | OC Grantmakers

Orange County Grantmakers was established in 2006 by a committed group of local funders who saw the need for collaboration and alignment within the philanthropic sector. It supports more than 70+ meetings and programs annually. It brings together nonprofits and philanthropic leaders around the issues, and believes they can leverage and align philanthropic efforts to have a greater impact on the community. They provide a space for funders to learn about the issues impacting Orange County and to take action together. They work to elevate and empower, uplift and advocate in partnership with the people, organizations and causes serving the Orange County community.



Taryn Palumbo, Exec. Director

## Outstanding Youth | Ethan Yochum

Eighteen-year-old Ethan Yochum is a recent graduate of El Dorado High School in Placentia and is attending the University of Los Angeles (UCLA) as a freshman this fall. He says his philanthropic work began in 2021 with his work with Boxes of Love and the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Among his many awards are The California State Seal of Civic Engagement, El Dorado High School Spirit of Commitment Award, El Dorado High School's Male Scholar Athlete of the Year, and the El Dorado High School's Terry Conley Athlete of Character Award.



Ethan Yochum

## Outstanding Corporation or Business, Small (1-50 employees) | My Private Professor

My Private Professor, LLX+C (MPP) is an impact-driven, educational services company that partners with individual and institutional clients to provide a critical academic resource to thousands of students. MPP has partnered with Illumination Foundation, SAHARA, and the Boys and Girls Clubs to provide free weekly tutoring to students in underserved communities, including those residing in emergency shelters. Additionally, MPP is a longtime supporter of initiatives benefiting students and teachers at Tustin Public Schools Foundation and the Orangewood Foundation's Samueli Academy through free tutoring, classes, workshops, and grants for teachers. MPP aims to inspire and empower others to achieve their greatest potential and lead tomorrow's world.



Sona Shah, CEO / Founder

## Outstanding Corporation or Business, Mid-Size (51-499 employees) | Casanova // McCann

Casanova/McCann is a female, minority-owned advertising agency specializing in the US Hispanic market. The nearly 40-year-old Costa Mesa agency is one of the leading Latino ad agencies in the country. Casanova employs 70+ people in Costa Mesa, Detroit, and New York and works with clients such as Activision Blizzard, Nestle USA, Chevrolet, U.S. Postal Service, Pernod Ricard, U.S. Bank, The Wine Group, and others. Casanova does pro-bono work for nonprofit organizations such as Donate Life CA, OC LGBTQ Center, Brady Organization, Angel Flight West, and Oasis International. The agency's work was recognized in 2019-2020 as the 38<sup>th</sup> most awarded agency in the world.



Ingrid Otero-Smart, President / CEO

## Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser | Ryan and Paige Getzlaf

NHL All-Star and 2007 Stanley Cup Champion Ryan Getzlaf and his wife Paige have been incredibly generous to community nonprofits. They sponsored the first Getzlaf Golf Shootout in 2011, which has raised more than \$5.3 million to fund early-stage research and advance a cure for boys with Duchenne muscular dystrophy. Through Ryan, the Anaheim Ducks Foundation has supported the Anaheim Ducks Learn to Play program, which offers first-time hockey players the chance to play on the rink in full hockey equipment for free. Paige has played an important role in raising funds for Children's Hospital of Orange County's (CHOC) vital programs and services for children.



Ryan and Paige Getzlaf




## A Commitment to Philanthropy within Great Park Neighborhoods and Beyond

California has a rich history of innovators and trailblazers. The list of inspiring industries and brilliant minds living and working in Orange County is extensive.

The entrepreneurial spirit and next-level thinking are also evident in our county's nonprofits. They selflessly devote time, talents and resources to improve people's lives and create a better future for all.

As an owner and developer of large mixed-use communities in California, FivePoint aspires to create equitable, inclusive and sustainable communities of the future.

Our community-building mission began in Irvine in 2013 with Great Park Neighborhoods, where people of different ages, incomes, and walks of life have spaces and opportunities to connect, create memories and experience life to the fullest.

To enhance the quality of life in Irvine and across the county, FivePoint's joint venture (Heritage Fields El Toro LLC) actively supports nonprofits that provide essential "building blocks" of a thriving city. Below is a summary of key community-building priorities and how they align with our philanthropic activities:

### Education

With strong public education being foundational to each community it creates, FivePoint is a longtime collaborator with Irvine Unified School District (IUSD) and fundraising programs initiated by nonprofits that serve its 45 schools such as Irvine Public Schools Foundation (IPSF), Irvine Children's Fund and PTA's in Great Park Neighborhoods.

FivePoint's joint venture designed and funded the construction of Beacon Park School, Cadence Park School, and Solis Park School K-8s (which debuted in 2016, 2018 and 2022, respectively), and provided land for the 2016 opening of Portola High in partnership with IUSD and The Irvine Company. All four schools are located at Great Park Neighborhoods.

FivePoint's joint venture has also been a major contributor to the IPSF-led CubeSat STEM Program and its annual fundraising gala since its inception.

### Affordable Housing

Having access to a home to call your own is foundational to the American Dream. It may also be the biggest threat to Orange County maintaining its relevance if housing becomes less available, attainable, or affordable. FivePoint's joint venture has funded the construction of five affordable housing communities with Related California, Riverside Charitable Corporation and ETHIC Housing Trust – three for low-income seniors and two for families – in Great Park Neighborhoods (approximately 60% of the planned 1,056 affordable units are now operational).

FivePoint's joint venture also contributes funds to affordable housing initiatives led by nonprofits Orange County Community Housing Corporation and Irvine-based Families Forward.

### Wellness

Wellness comes in many forms: access to best-in-class medical care, sports and recreation, trails, open space, live music, and living in a safe community.

With a shared goal of bringing compassionate care, pioneering research and lifesaving therapies to Irvine, FivePoint first invited City of Hope Orange County to become a cornerstone of the four-building FivePoint Gateway campus in 2018.

The result was the August 2022 opening of the 190,000 square-foot City of Hope



FivePoint associates pack food at Second Harvest Food Bank on National Philanthropy Day on November 15, 2022

Orange County Lennar Foundation Cancer Center.

City of Hope is also constructing a hospital exclusively focused on treating and curing cancer, which plans to open adjacent to the cancer center in 2025. By extension, FivePoint proudly supports annual fundraisers hosted by City of Hope.

### Sports and Recreation

The extricable link between sports and recreation opportunities and overall well-being is on display at the nearly 200-acre multi-sports complex at Irvine's Great Park. Built and funded for approximately \$250 million by FivePoint's joint venture through its public-private partnership with the City of Irvine, the city-owned complex features baseball and softball fields, soccer/lacrosse fields, volleyball courts, tennis courts, basketball courts and other features.

Adjacent to the sports complex is Great Park Ice, a 280,000-square-foot facility featuring four ice rinks – including the 2,500-seat FivePoint Arena. The public ice facility also serves as a training hub for U.S. Figure Skating athletes and Orange County's professional hockey team, the Anaheim Ducks. FivePoint is a founding partner for the \$110 million facility, which was funded by the Irvine Ice Foundation established by Anaheim Ducks' owners Henry and Susan Samuelli.

### Safety

To support residents' overall wellness and Irvine's multi-year designation as the safest city in the nation, FivePoint also routinely contributes to fundraisers supporting the Irvine Police Department and Orange County firefighters.

### Innovation and Technology

Finding partners that share our passion for attracting world-class talent is essential to keeping innovative businesses in Orange County, particularly in Irvine.

FivePoint's joint venture is a major contributor of technology accelerator Octane and its mission to bring 88,000 tech and life science jobs to the region by 2030.

As a primary sponsor and active participant of the Orange County Business Council and Greater Irvine Chamber of Commerce, FivePoint is also passionate about ensuring that today's workforce and future generations stay and prosper in Orange County.

### Environmental and Agricultural Stewardship

To be effective stewards of the land and live sustainably for the future, FivePoint is collaborating with nonprofits to protect natural resources and preserve its agricultural history.

In collaboration with nonprofit Laguna Greenbelt and other environmental organizations, FivePoint's joint venture has completed grading, planting, landscaping, irrigation, fencing and crossings in and around a 2.5-mile portion of a 6-mile wildlife corridor within Great Park Neighborhoods – encouraging biodiversity and providing a vital connection point for wildlife to migrate between the Santa Ana Mountains and Orange County coastline.

FivePoint's joint venture also has a longstanding history in supporting Second Harvest Food Bank and Solutions for Urban Agriculture (SFUA), two organizations dedicated to equitable food distribution and agricultural resiliency. SFUA's founder, A.G. Kawamura, is also the owner of Orange County Produce, a family-run business that is producing fruits and vegetables within the Great Park with a sustainable commitment to the land, environment, and community.

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Waymakers is celebrating 50 years of driving impact and change for youth, victims, and families across Orange County.

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Our supporters, volunteers, and staff continue to amaze us with their generosity and dedication to our mission, and we are so proud of the powerful work they do every day.



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# Incorporating Strategic Philanthropy in Business Exit Planning

BY MARGITA BLATTNER, SENIOR DIRECTOR OF PHILANTHROPIC STRATEGY  
ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

*“Effective philanthropy requires a lot of time and creativity - the same kind of focus and skills that **building a business** requires.”*

—Bill Gates

Orange County’s business community represents the best of the head and the heart. Here, innovation and entrepreneurial drive meet generosity of spirit and the desire to create opportunities for our most vulnerable neighbors. Business founders, owners, and investors are not only adding to the economic vitality of Orange County, but also putting their charitable assets to work.

For many successful business owners, their company is a key part of their identity. It represents their wealth, reflects their character, and embodies their influence. So, when the time comes to sell the business, they plan the transition carefully. They want to maximize their financial gain while preserving their legacy. Using philanthropy strategically in the business transition plan can achieve both of those objectives.

## Do Good While Reducing Your Tax Burden

A business sale can be the most significant lifetime wealth event for an entrepreneur. A well-planned sale can secure a family’s future, so savvy decision-making on issues like investment management, charitable giving, and legacy planning is crucial to maximize its financial benefits.

One of the most consequential – and overlooked – factors in planning for a business exit is the owner’s exposure to capital gains tax liability. Donating privately-held business interests prior to a sale can help offset capital gains tax liability by providing a charitable tax deduction that reduces both capital gains and income taxes related to the sale of your business while yielding charitable capital for the causes closest to your heart.

OCCF accepts a wide range of appreciated business assets including privately-held C-Corp and S-Corp stock, LLC & Limited Partnership interests, and pre-IPO shares.

## Tap into our Expertise

The complexities related to selling your business can be difficult to navigate. During that process, OCCF partners with local business owners to consider when and how to incorporate charitable giving into their business succession planning. In partnership with your other advisors – lawyers, financial advisors and accountants - we can help assess your options, timing and impact. Once sold and converted to a charitable fund, we become your strategic partner in charitable giving.

## Inspiring Your Philanthropy After Making the Gift

After you’ve sold your business and are ready to put your charitable assets to work, our philanthropic advisors are here to support and inspire your philanthropy. It’s important to our team to hear what matters to you, especially when entering a new phase of life after a business sale.

Our philanthropic advisors can help you identify, research and connect with nonprofit organizations and provide you with insight on best giving practices, as well as involve next generations of your family in your charitable giving. We are here to capture and document your legacy giving plans, too, which can complement your existing estate plan.

**To learn more about how Orange County Community Foundation works with and supports business owners and founders through strategic giving, contact Margita Blattner at [mblattner@oc-cf.org](mailto:mblattner@oc-cf.org).**

OCCF is home to nearly 620 charitable funds through which we have granted more than \$975M since our inception. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, OCCF ranks in the top 1% of grantmaking among more than 780 U.S. community foundations.

One of the reasons philanthropy thrives in Orange County is our tradition of DIY success. Here, philanthropists are made not born, thanks to the entrepreneurial spirit that runs deep. Our economy is spurred by self-made wealth creators rather than intergenerational transfers of wealth, and this distinction makes all the difference when it comes to our county’s philanthropic potential.

We are honored to be Orange County’s community foundation—for good, for ever.



**Margita Blattner**  
Senior Director of Philanthropic Strategy

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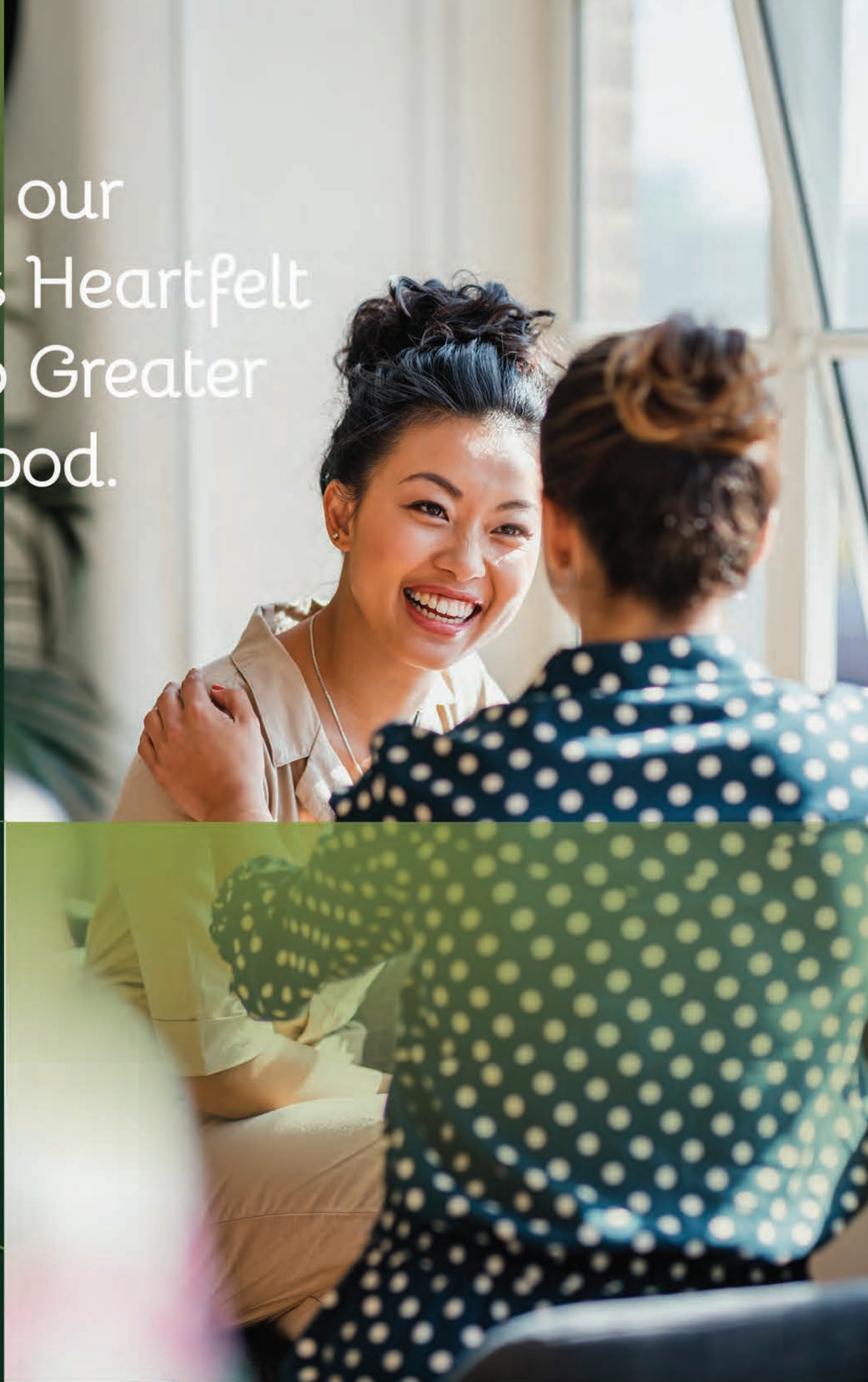
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The Literacy Project will strive to foster the life-long love of reading in our children, for it is the doorway to learning and achieving the American Dream.

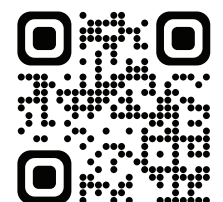
## 5:00-6:30PM

Luxury car show presented by European Collectibles and Ilusso, specialty tequila bar, and silent auction. Art collection will be provided by Ethos Gallery.

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## Advancing the Fight Against Alzheimer's and all Other Dementia in Orange County and Around the World

The Alzheimer's Association® is the leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer's care, support and research. Founded in 1980 by a group of family caregivers and individuals interested in research, the Association has been in the Orange County community for more than 40 years.

### We provide care and support to all those in Orange County facing Alzheimer's and other dementia:

- Free 24/7 Helpline (800.272.3900) — receives nearly 240,000 calls annually — staffed by specialists and master's-level clinicians who provide confidential support in over 200 languages, and offer information and suggest referrals, all day, every day.
- In-person and virtual support groups, and ALZConnected®, our online community, bring people who are facing dementia together.
- A suite of interactive online tools to help people living with dementia and their caregivers navigate the journey after diagnosis and locate a wide variety of resources in their area. ALZNavigator™ allows users to create customized action plans after a diagnosis.
- Diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives developed with national and local organizations, strengthening our outreach to every community and providing culturally relevant resources and support.

### We educate and raise awareness to grow understanding of Alzheimer's and all other dementia. We've made great strides in growing awareness of Alzheimer's as a fatal disease that demands public attention, but we still have a long way to go.

- Education programs, provided in multiple languages, for people living with dementia and caregivers — focused on topics including the warning signs of Alzheimer's, caregiving at different stages, and brain health.
- Recruitment and training of volunteers who can connect with historically underserved and underrepresented communities through outreach to civic, business and faith-based groups.



Walk to End Alzheimer's (from left to right - Tony and Audrey Grincer; Justin Varenchik; Farrah Khan, Irvine Mayor; Emily Camarena, Walk Director; Danni Remington Smithson, Bank of Southern California; Michelle Kangiszer, Board Member)

We drive research toward treatment, prevention and, ultimately, a cure. As the world's largest nonprofit funder of Alzheimer's and dementia research, the Alzheimer's Association invests your dollars in cutting-edge projects that hold the most potential to help people today and change the trajectory of this devastating disease.

- Currently, the Association is fueling critical dementia science by committing more than \$360 million in over 1,000 active best-of-field research projects in 53 countries, spanning six continents. More than \$61 million is being invested in California research projects.
- We've entered an exciting era of Alzheimer's treatment, with new FDA-approved drugs that treat the underlying biology of the disease. Through the Association's investment in promising research, we are accelerating innovation to advance and diversify the treatment pipeline, building upon these recent victories.

### We advance diversity, equity and inclusion

At the Alzheimer's Association®, we believe that diverse perspectives are critical to achieving health equity — meaning that all communities have a fair and just opportunity for early diagnosis and access to risk reduction and quality care. The Association is committed to engaging underrepresented and underserved communities and responding with resources and education to address the disproportionate impact of Alzheimer's and dementia.

We advocate to improve the lives of all those affected by Alzheimer's and dementia. The Alzheimer's Association is the leading voice for dementia advocacy, and your dollars fuel our efforts at the federal and California level.

The movement to end Alzheimer's disease starts in our backyard and stretches around the world.

To join us, visit [alz.org/oc](http://alz.org/oc) or call 949.426.8544



Alzheimer's Association funds new researcher at UCI (from left to right - Deborah Levy, Executive Director; Dr. Lisi Flores Aguilar, newly funded researcher; Dr. Elizabeth Head, Vice Chair for Research, Pathology School of Medicine; Paul Wexler, Alzheimer's Association Chair Emeritus; Katy Hanke, Alzheimer's Association Board Member)

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## Seeking Joy: A Mental Health Journey

*Content warning: The following article contains references of suicidal ideation and self-harm. If you or someone you know is at risk of hurting themselves or others, call 911 immediately.*

Joy, a bubbly and confident teen who goes by they/them pronouns, describes a tattoo they received to cover up the self-harm scars on their arm: an illustrated Luna moth that represents growth and spiritual change. Where some may find moths to be bothersome, Joy finds them fascinating.

“You see moths with beautiful, intricate designs under their wings. They head towards the light, and they do not stop until they get there,” Joy says.

A Luna moth's journey to the light is much like Joy's. For more than a decade, Joy has persevered through severe mental health challenges like depression, anxiety and suicide attempts. But through the expert and compassionate care at Children's Hospital of Orange County (CHOC), Joy can recognize their symptoms, use coping skills and access the help they need to heal.

Children today are facing mental illness more profoundly and at an earlier age. In response, CHOC has widened the scope of its pediatric health care to provide treatments for wounds that may otherwise go unseen. Because of philanthropic contributions, CHOC's mental health initiatives can now reach young patients like Joy who need support.

### Critical tools to cope with mental health challenges

As a 5-year-old living in Southern California, Joy was happy; they enjoyed running around and exploring their world.

But at age seven, their family's sudden cross-country relocation caused Joy to have a traumatic experience, known as adverse childhood experiences (ACEs). In their new home state, Joy attended many different schools, preventing them from making a stable group of friends. They were also bullied, and suffered sexual assault.

Because of these experiences, Joy began to think the world was bad and unsafe for them. Over the next few years, Joy's mental health worsened.

Soon, they began self-harming and attempting suicide. By age 14, Joy's family had returned to Southern California and, after one suicide attempt, Joy was taken to CHOC's Julia and George Argyros Emergency Department—then admitted to the Cheresse Mari Laulhere Mental Health Inpatient Center (MHIC).

The center treats children three to 17 years old with mental illness who are at immediate risk of hurting themselves or others. It is the only inpatient facility in Orange County that can treat patients younger than 12. CHOC's doctors and care teams are specially-trained to stabilize children and transition them to outpatient care.

Upon arrival, Joy was anxious and hyper-vigilant. But when the staff explained the program to Joy and their mom, they knew the center would be a safe place. Joy says, “Everyone cared. They were attentive to what I did.” The teen loved the staff, especially the unit's resident therapy dog, Odessa.

### Growing and healing

While at CHOC, Joy and their family learned the coping skills vital to their healing.

Joy's parents also learned how to best support their child. Since Joy was able to hide their depressive symptoms growing up, their mom didn't have the language to tell the doctors how Joy was feeling—she could just tell Joy was sad. Now, she can easily list off all of Joy's symptoms and know when to seek support.

“During my stay, I grew immensely,” says Joy.

Upon discharge, Joy was happy to move on but would miss all the friends they made at CHOC. Feeling emotional from saying their goodbyes, Joy was crying when Odessa gave them a tender look, jumped into their lap and comforted them.

“It was like Odessa was saying, ‘Hey, it's OK. You're on your next journey and I'll be here with you,’” says Joy.

### Generous peace of mind

The national data are staggering: one-in-five children nationally will have a diagnosable mental health disorder by age 18; In Orange County, that number is enough to fill a major league baseball stadium three times over. There is



also a rapid growth in pediatric mental health cases, and the MHIC at CHOC has operated at capacity since its opening in 2018.

We are experiencing an unparalleled mental health crisis. However, families seeking mental health treatment face further challenges. Reimbursement for mental health care is too low to cover costs, so it is difficult to maintain financially stable centers. Also, state-funded insurance typically covers just 15 cents for every dollar of mental health care provided.

CHOC has made the commitment to take a leadership role in meeting the need for more mental health services in Orange County, and the community is an essential part of the solution—because their generosity makes it possible for CHOC to rise to the challenge of complex mental health diagnoses like Joy's.


Philanthropy is a driving force for providing high-quality pediatric care and advancing CHOC's mental health initiatives, comprising of life-changing research, treatments, and services that will transform kids' wellness journeys for generations to come. Thanks to donor support, CHOC can provide mental health services like the resident dog and pet therapy program, which is solely supported by philanthropy and includes Odessa, who was crucial in comforting Joy during times of crisis.

### Seeking the light to mental wellness

Looking forward, Joy has hope for their mental health journey. Although they still have tough days, CHOC and its philanthropically-driven care have given Joy the tools they need to prioritize their mental health and seek help.

As for the teen's future, Joy plans to be just like a Luna moth—continuing to grow and seek the light.

*In partnership with the community, CHOC is lighting the way forward for patients like Joy and giving them the personalized care they need to heal their pain. Philanthropic support fuels, expands and advances CHOC's work in pediatric medicine. Become a defender of childhood and take giant steps with CHOC to advance pediatric mental health care for the mental wellness of our communities, nation and world. Donate now. [choc.org/give](https://choc.org/give)*



**Five of us are suicidal,  
Two of us have tried,  
One of us was hospitalized.**

Across our communities, children and adolescents are battling a silent crisis—mental health challenges that threaten their very childhoods. The numbers are sobering, but you have the power to be the difference. CHOC is boldly breaking down barriers to provide life-saving resources and care options, and when you donate, you're helping us build a future of mental well-being for all.



\*Statistics are based on the last 12 months in a typical class of 25 high school students.

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# Giving Back with Purpose. That's The OC Way.

When our community thrives, we all benefit. That is why Orange County United Way is committed to improving the lives of everyone who lives here while empowering those who are most vulnerable. We believe that Orange County is stronger when we are united, when we support one another, and when we step up to help those in need. That's The OC Way.

Last year, we served 1,010,443 OC residents. And, with your support, we can help even more of our neighbors. Join us in our efforts to ensure local underserved students succeed, struggling OC families gain financial security, our homeless neighbors find a place to call home, and everyone gets connected to the assistance they need.

**We put our mission into action by addressing the critical issues facing our community through our key initiatives:**



**UNITED TO END HOMELESSNESS**<sup>SM</sup>

**Ending homelessness in Orange County for good!**



*"Having my own home makes me feel safe because now I know my sons and I never have to be homeless again."*

—Amayrani, WelcomeHomeOC<sup>SM</sup> Housing Beneficiary



See how United Way is helping others like Amayrani.



**UNITED FOR FINANCIAL SECURITY**<sup>SM</sup>

**Empowering OC families to transition from surviving to thriving!**



*"United Way changed my life. I'm so excited for the future."*

—Tania, SparkPoint OC Financial Wellness Program Participant



See how United Way helped Tania support her family.



**UNITED FOR STUDENT SUCCESS**<sup>SM</sup>

**Ensuring all OC students graduate prepared for college, career and beyond!**



*"I have big dreams and this program is helping me go for it."*

—Hugo, Youth Career Connections Program Start-Up Bootcamp Participant



See how United Way is empowering local students.



We also offer vital support via 2-1-1 Orange County (211OC), a key service that connects thousands of our most vulnerable residents with health and human service resources. Staffed 24 hours a day by caring, experienced, and trained specialists, 211OC ensures everyone in our local communities has access to the assistance they need.

## Join us on our Journey to 100!

We're gearing up to celebrate our centennial in 2024. Join us as we kick off another 100 years of improving lives for our neighbors in need.

If your company is interested in getting involved and making a difference in Orange County, contact Livi Kerszenbaum, Senior Director, Corporate Social Responsibility at [LiviK@UnitedWayOC.org](mailto:LiviK@UnitedWayOC.org) or 949.263.6167.

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# TAKING CARE OF ONE ANOTHER

Here at Orange County United Way, we are dedicated to ensuring local students succeed, struggling OC families gain financial security, and our homeless neighbors find a place to call home. We step up to actively address the critical issues facing our community and we go the extra mile to make sure OC residents have the support they need. We genuinely care for one another. That's The OC Way.



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# THAT'S THE OC WAY



Breaking Barriers and Improving Lives in Orange County



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Orange County Get Connected. Get Help.<sup>TM</sup>



# Where You Get Cardiovascular Care Matters

Philanthropy empowers Providence Mission Hospital to remain at the forefront of health care for its community

Thanks to the steadfast commitment of our cardiovascular teams and philanthropic community, Providence Mission Hospital's Heart and Vascular Institute continues to earn the highest accolades for cardiac care on a national and regional scale:

- Designated Comprehensive Cardiac and Stroke Receiving Center
- Cardiac Surgery Excellence Award by Healthgrades
- Ranked top 4% of hospitals in heart care by Women's Choice Award
- Five Star Recipient in heart attack and heart failure by Healthgrades
- Awarded Best Regional Hospital in Orange County and High Performing in Heart and Heart Failure by U.S. News & World Report
- Magnet recognized for nursing excellence

As the leading cause of death for men and women in the United States, heart disease impacts multiple generations – and that's why local access to world-class cardiovascular care is critical for Orange County residents. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, nearly half of adults have some form of cardiovascular disease that cause plaque buildup in arteries resulting in chest pain, heart attack and stroke. On average one person dies every 36 seconds from cardiovascular disease.

Quantum leaps in health care continue and Providence Mission Hospital is evolving to stay at the forefront. Our multidisciplinary team of professionals focus on meeting the unique needs of each patient through its full spectrum of prevention, treatment, rehabilitation and support services. Even as we provide exceptional care today, we continue to reach for new heights – and it's because of philanthropy that our clinical leaders are equipped with more comprehensive tools and programs to ensure our patients benefit from breakthrough treatments and therapies.

Philanthropic support of the hospital's vision for growth has benefited thousands of patients, especially within the cardiac catheterization (cath) labs. Cath labs are where doctors perform minimally invasive tests and advanced cardiac procedures to diagnose and treat cardiovascular diseases. The addition of four next-generation cardiac cath labs will provide optimal visualization, yield less radiation exposure and expand our capacity to treat more patients. With this access, our team of specialized cardiac experts can diagnose and treat blockages and other problems in the arteries, often without invasive surgery.

Providence Mission Hospital has provided world-class care since our doors opened in 1971 and our commitment to excellence is visible within our Heart and Vascular Institute. Thanks to philanthropy, we are reaching new heights and helping our community grow stronger and healthier.

**You can be part of the change.**  
 Donate today at [supportmissionhospital.org](https://supportmissionhospital.org) and transform heart health at Providence Mission Hospital.



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AT PROVIDENCE MISSION HOSPITAL

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# Connecting people with opportunity.



For 99 years and counting, Goodwill of Orange County has connected people with opportunity. These opportunities transform lives, break down barriers, build bridges, and provide purpose.

As we look ahead to the next 100 years of serving our beautiful and diverse community, we aim to do even more good. We

envision a caring and connected community where everyone has access to meaningful career opportunities.

Goodwill is most often known for its thrift stores, but we are most proud of the work we do to positively impact lives.

As a nonprofit employment social enterprise, we are uniquely positioned to leverage and maximize our community impact. Our stores and e-commerce operation provide the fuel to operate innovative and truly transformative programs for people right here in our community.

When you shop at our stores, hire Goodwill-trained employees or give to us financially, you fuel this important work.

## WHERE WE'RE HEADED – OUR BOLD GOAL

Our bold goal and long-term vision is simple: To double our impact and footprint. To do so, our focus will be:

Serving the community as a leader in workforce development



Building career pathways and 21st century skills





Supporting and growing our Team Members



Expanding our Employment Social Enterprise



"Come to us for a job, but stay or leave with a career."

## Our 2023–2025 Strategic Plan

Our 2023–2025 Strategic Plan includes six Strategic Initiatives to work toward our bold goal and long-term vision. Our strategic initiatives include:

- 01 Deepen Career Development Focus**  
Implement a robust career coaching program for team members and the community. It will be person-centered, providing a tailored approach to career pathing unlike anything available now.
- 02 Create a Best Place to Work for Team Members**  
We want to become an employer of choice for our community, offering the best in culture, benefits, personalized support, learning academies and much more. As a major employer in the county, it is our duty to the community to model and be a great workplace.
- 03 Grow Mission Understanding In Our Community**  
We want to be known for our mission as much as our stores. On the eve of our 100th anniversary, we will embark on a brand refresh and align our messaging to tell the story of who Goodwill is now and where we are headed.
- 04 Expand Retail Footprint and Mission Impact**  
We want to do more good. To do that, we will open new stores, add more jobs to our social enterprise and in turn, transform more lives in our community.
- 05 Strengthen ShopGoodwill.com to Support the Goodwill Network**  
ShopGoodwill.com continues to be the largest e-commerce platform for not only Goodwill of Orange County, but more than 130 other Goodwill organizations across the country. This is a major mission and revenue stream for the network. We will continue to modernize and elevate the e-commerce experience we provide.
- 06 Innovate and Be Accountable to Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Best Practices**  
Our roots are green, we are perhaps the original circular fashion model. We will continue to double down on our sustainability practices and lead the way for other organizations in Orange County and beyond.

## Where You Come In

We are excited for the future and to work toward our bold goal and long-term vision to double our impact and footprint. But, we need you. We need partners and supporters to come alongside us in the work, to maximize the good that can happen here in Orange County, to create a better and brighter Orange County for all.



### Here's how you can join us in this good work:

-  We need to identify 10 potential store locations by the end of the year. And 10 more for every year after that over the next five to 10 years to make our bold goal happen. Can you help us?
-  Help us build relationships with real estate developers, brokers and elected officials throughout the county. Can you imagine a mission driven thrift store in every city in Orange County? This is not your grandmother's thrift store, but an elevated, clean and purpose-driven retail store.
-  Let us be your partner to fill your talent and skills gap needs. We want to train the next amazing group of employees to help your business succeed.
-  You are experts in your fields and respective industries. Lend us that knowledge. Help us develop curriculum to build sought-after 21st century skills. You provide the keys to success, and we'll provide the training center and job coaches to make it happen.
-  Nonprofits – let's join hands! We are better together. Let's serve this great community together.

### Get in touch today!

Visit [ocgoodwill.org](http://ocgoodwill.org) to learn more.

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**CONNECTING  
PEOPLE**

**WITH  
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For 99 years and counting, Goodwill of Orange County has connected people with opportunities. We help people unlock their potential and reach their goals. To put it simply, we are a force in workforce development. Are you ready to be a champion for good?

**OCGOODWILL.ORG**



# BOLDLY HOAG EXPANSION IS JUST THE BEGINNING

More than new buildings, Hoag's expansion is about commitment. Hoag's commitment to delivering cutting-edge, comprehensive care across specialties, in one location. To treating patients with compassion and providing them with the support they need to navigate the complexities of their unique health care journeys.

Because at Hoag, we care for the whole patient.

## At Hoag, expansion means...

**1** A reimagined Sun Family Campus in Irvine to make way for the growth of Hoag's clinical research programs, innovative technology, and greater access to world-class, specialized services for women's health, cancer, and digestive health.

From Woodbridge to Shady Canyon, the Irvine Company's villages have contributed to the city's renowned quality of life. Building upon the village concept, the revolutionary Sun Family Campus design blends high tech and high touch at every turn. The new campus will offer wellness and health-enhancing features such as indoor-outdoor spaces, meditation gardens, and seamless, hospitality-focused experiences from arrival to patient rooms and every step in between.

**2** Newly designed, state-of-the-art spaces on Hoag's Newport Beach campus are further elevating a patient experience that remains unique to Hoag. At the Patty & George Hoag Cancer Center, for example, renovations include a new infusion center for increased efficiency of care and added privacy as well as expanded space for Hoag's cancer clinical trial team.

At the Digestive Health Institute's new clinic—the most comprehensive digestive health center in Orange County—modern, nature-inspired spaces, high-tech exam rooms, and collaborative workstations are enabling a multidisciplinary team of fellowship-trained physicians and staff to work together to create integrated, personalized care journeys for patients.

**3** New comprehensive health centers are opening in South Orange County to meet the region's growing health care needs. Focused on providing specialized services, new centers in Dove Canyon, Monarch Beach, and surrounding communities offer medical space, urgent care services, access to an array of world-class Hoag physicians, and a variety of outpatient services.



## HOAG CELEBRATES GROUNDBREAKING OF SUN FAMILY CAMPUS IN IRVINE

On July 20, more than 300 community leaders, donors, physicians, and staff broke ground on Hoag's new Sun Family Campus in Irvine. Named in honor of philanthropists Diana and David Sun, the expanded campus will feature six new buildings housing 155 new inpatient beds and an additional 120,000 square feet of outpatient facilities.

City of Irvine Mayor Farrah Khan said, "Irvine is a strong, growing community marked by its commitment to health and innovation. Hoag shares that commitment, and its expansion in Irvine will be an incredible benefit to our community members."

A key driver of innovation on the Sun Family Campus is leading-edge technology for patient-centered care and a more streamlined health care experience from arrival to discharge. With construction underway, the Hoag Hospital Foundation is engaging the community to raise \$300 million toward the \$1 billion project. More than \$153 million has been donated to date. Friends, family, and neighbors can join Hoag in being **bold** by supporting innovative, advanced patient care in Irvine.

Join us at [boldlyhoag.org](https://boldlyhoag.org).

We are building on Hoag's success over the past 70 years to bring you **the future of health care** – starting with the expansion of Hoag's Sun Family Campus in Irvine.

**BE  
BOLD  
WITH  
US.**

This bold vision is made possible through the generosity of our neighbors, friends, physicians, staff, and volunteer leaders.



[BOLDLYHOAG.ORG](https://BOLDLYHOAG.ORG)

# Alzheimer's ORANGE COUNTY

## Dementia Prevalence Increases in Orange County: What You Need to Know

A new report on dementia prevalence in Orange County released earlier this year by Alzheimer's Orange County points to a significant increase in the number of people affected by dementia. According to the data, 164,346 people in Orange County are experiencing dementia or mild cognitive impairment (MCI)—an early form of memory loss that can lead to dementia. Exploring what dementia is and taking a closer look at the data and supporting information reveals important insights about why it concerns all of Orange County and why community support is so crucial until there is a cure.

### Alzheimer's disease vs dementia

Dementia is an umbrella term that describes symptoms including impaired thinking and memory that interferes with daily life. Age is the primary risk factor for developing dementia.

Alzheimer's disease is the most common form of dementia, but not the only one. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), Alzheimer's accounts for 60 – 70% of cases of dementia. There is currently no cure for Alzheimer's, and it's the 3<sup>rd</sup> leading cause of death in older adults in Orange County.

### Diving into the data

164,346 represents a sizable portion of Orange County residents over 65 and marks a sharp increase since the last time the organization published a similar estimate. In 2014, the organization calculated that 84,000 Orange County residents had or were at immediate risk of dementia. Since then, the older adult population in Orange County has grown more rapidly compared to the state and nation's older adult population. People 65 and older are the only growing demographic in Orange County and according to the Orange County Strategic Plan for Aging (OCSPA) 2023 Report on Aging, in a few decades, Orange County residents aged 65 years and older "are expected to represent nearly 25% of the county's population."

Since 2014 the identification of MCI has improved and the ethnic mix in the county has deepened. As a result, MCI incidence was factored into the latest figures. The report also factored in ethnicity to measure Orange County's dementia prevalence across its multicultural community. For instance, estimated figures indicate that 34,780 senior Latino residents aged 65 and above in Orange County are affected by dementia, while the number for Asian-Americans in the same age group is 9,919.

These new statistics underscore the urgent need for increased awareness, resources, and support for those affected by dementia and their families in the face of the growing senior population. As stated by Alzheimer's Orange County President and CEO, Jim McAleer "This is an especially urgent issue for Orange County, considering our population of people 65 years or older is increasing faster than anywhere else in California."

### The impact on our community

You don't need an MBA to understand that Alzheimer's and other related dementias is a serious issue for those directly impacted by it and for the rest of Orange County.

The most significant impact is on family caregivers that care for their loved ones with the disease. 1,624,000 Californians care for a person with Alzheimer's, and most unpaid caregivers provide 20 or more hours of care per week. According to the CDC, each year, more than "16 million Americans provide more than 17 billion hours of unpaid care for family and friends with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias." Due to the demands of dementia care, many caregivers experience various challenges ranging from financial issues to taking care of their physical and emotional health. Often caregivers experience a greater amount of stress,

anxiety and other care-related issues while juggling other responsibilities.

However, dementia's impact isn't limited exclusively to caregivers. The cost to healthcare systems is very high. In 2023, as reported by the Alzheimer's Association, the total cost of caring for people with Alzheimer's and other dementias is projected to reach \$345 billion. Furthermore, Medicare and Medicaid are expected to cover \$222 billion (about \$664 per person in the US), which is equal to 64% of the total health care and long-term care payments for people with Alzheimer's or other dementias.

### Until there is a cure, there is hope

As researchers continue to explore an effective way to treat and cure Alzheimer's, support for those affected remains crucial. Community services like the ones provided by Alzheimer's Orange County create better outcomes for caregivers and our community in various ways. Alzheimer's Orange County's free education classes equip families and the community with strategies, skills, and knowledge about vital brain health and dementia care topics. Their support groups create a sense of community to help caregivers share their experiences and find solutions. Their helpline links callers to dementia care specialists to receive personal assistance tailored to their or their family's needs. They also provide daytime assistance and care through their adult day centers to give caregivers much-needed respite.

Through their continuum of services and with the support and collaboration of others, Alzheimer's Orange County is empowering those directly affected and building a more dementia-friendly community. Alzheimer's Orange County remains committed to offering hand-in-hand support to anyone who needs it so they don't have to face dementia alone.

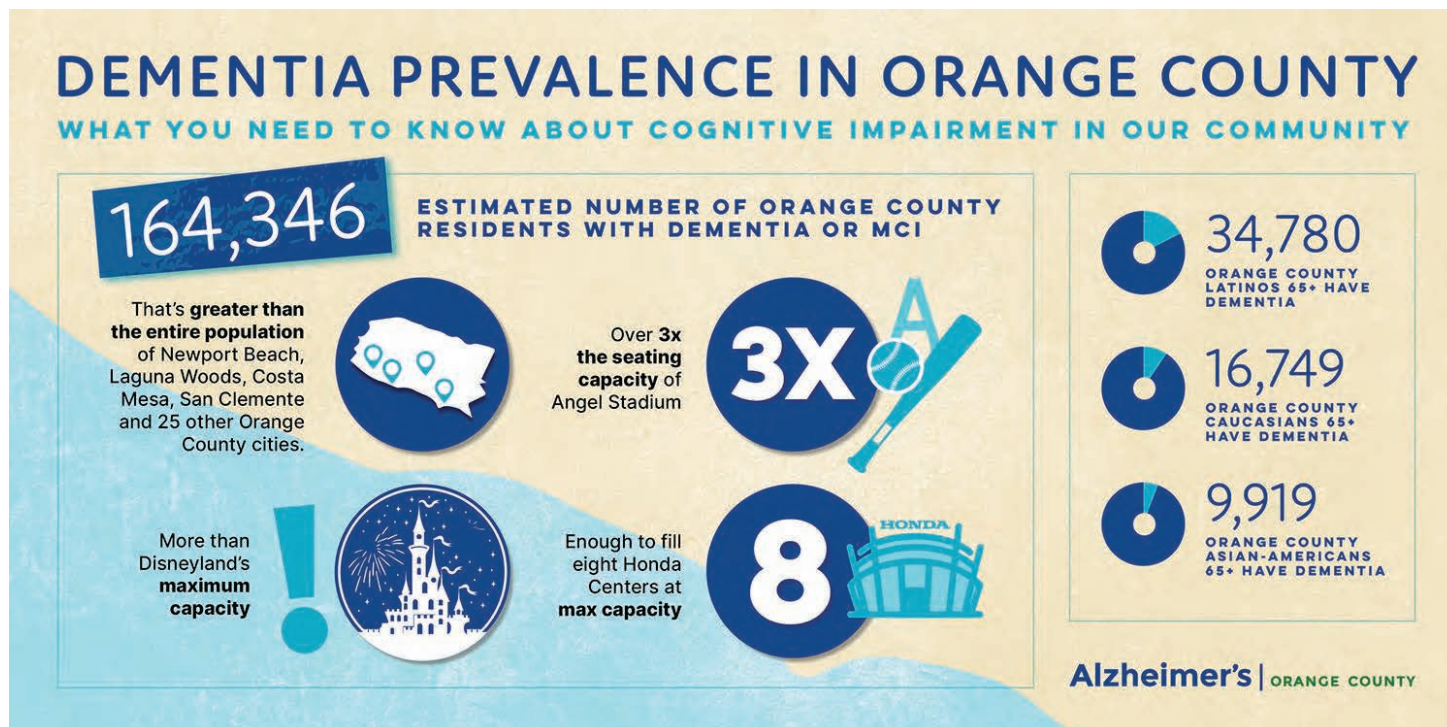
One caregiver described that type of support saying, "I so appreciate Alzheimer's OC. Your team has been a lifeline for my parents and my family."

Another caregiver shared their appreciation for the services they benefitted from mentioning that "the classes, information and support groups helped [them] through the last 6 years with knowledge and patience."

Together these and other programs—most of which are offered at no cost—make a difference in the lives of over 34,000 people every year.

### What can I do?

Although awareness has improved, there is still a lot of stigma and myths surrounding Alzheimer's and dementia. As Orange County's population continues to grow older and the prevalence of dementia increases, collective action remains essential. If you are worried about memory loss or cognitive decline, don't wait. Seek support. Early intervention, with or without a diagnosis, can help you discover how to live well despite the circumstances. To learn more, get involved or make a donation please visit [www.alzoc.org](http://www.alzoc.org) or call (844) 373-4400.



A NIGHT TO REMEMBER WITH STEVE TYRELL

# Alzheimer's 2023 ORANGE COUNTY Gala

DINNER | CONCERT | LIVE AUCTION

Join us for a night of elegance and hope as we unite to make a difference at Alzheimer's Orange County's highly anticipated annual benefit. This year's event promises to be an unforgettable evening filled with exceptional music performed by Grammy-Award-winning producer and vocalist Steve Tyrell.

**Saturday, November 11**  
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FEAT. STEVE TYRELL



## Until there's a cure, we provide hope.

Every year, Alzheimer's Orange County helps over 34,000 people impacted by Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia and those that care for them. Our services provide vital support tailored to each family's needs through every step of their journey.

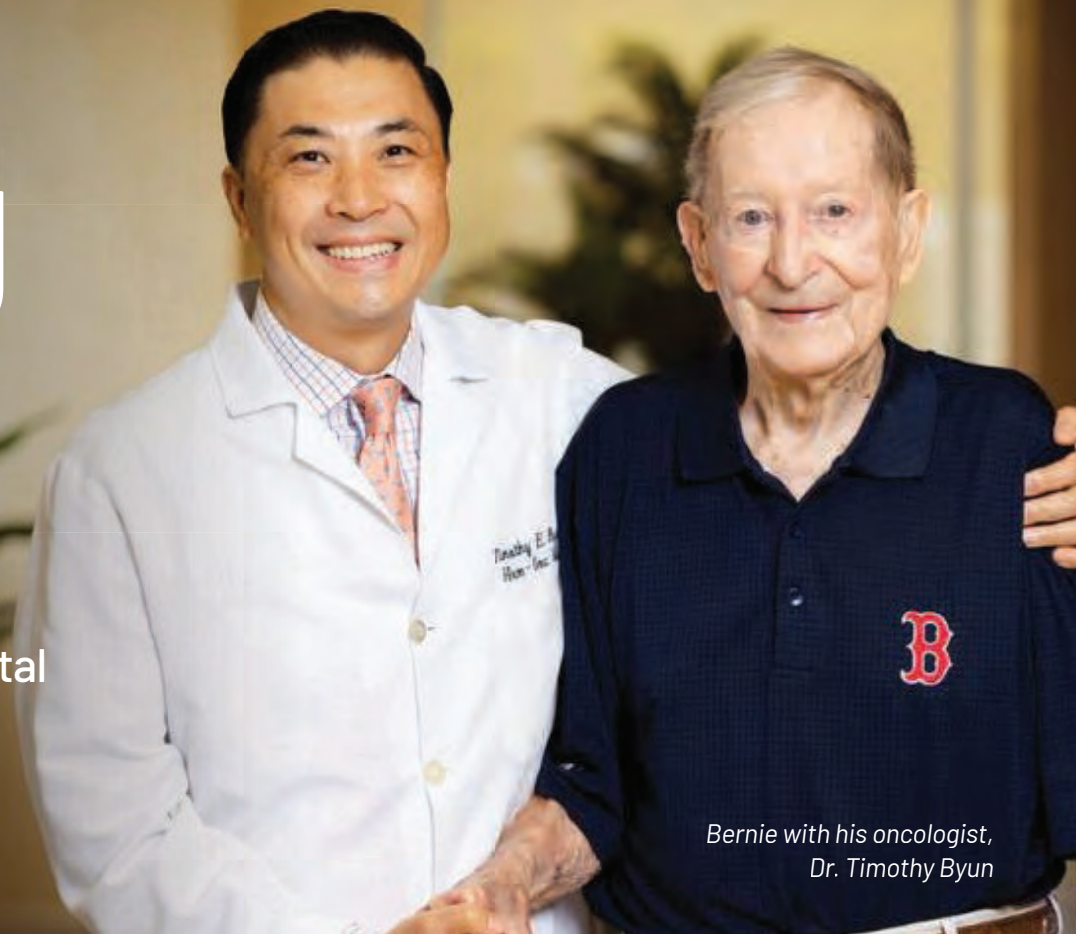
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# Partnering in Miracles

Grateful for the philanthropic community that provides Providence St. Joseph Hospital patients the greatest gift – more time



Bernie with his oncologist,  
Dr. Timothy Byun

The speed of change in medicine is breathtaking and the best way to keep up with the pace is to be part of the process. With the support of our generous community, we've built a strong and sustainable clinical research program at Providence St. Joseph Hospital.

Nearly 150 clinical trials are underway at our Center for Clinical Research in various therapeutic areas, including cancer, heart and vascular disease, orthopedic issues, diabetes and renal disease. Clinical trials look at new ways to prevent, detect or treat disease. As one of the most active hospitals participating in clinical trials, Providence St. Joseph is on the leading edge of testing new immunotherapy drugs that are changing the future of care and have already saved the lives of patients in our community – just like Bernie Smith.

At age 97, Bernie was diagnosed with neuroendocrine cancer, which had spread throughout his body. During one of his first appointments, Bernie was met with a choice: take a fighting chance or let nature take its course. Without hesitation he responded, "If there's a chance, I want to fight this." Bernie's

team of clinical experts recommended a new immuno-therapy drug tested in trials conducted at Providence St. Joseph.

"The fact that his oncologist was willing to care for Bernie meant so much to our family," says son-in-law Geoff Fearn. "Many would have seen the narrow chances a man his age has and decide 'we're done.' The odds were long, but they were not zero."

The therapy worked, and Bernie celebrated his 100th birthday this past February, nearly cancer-free. Even though his visits to the cancer center are not as frequent, Bernie looks forward to seeing the staff who gave him the ultimate gift – more time with his beloved family.

Philanthropy plays an essential role in supporting oncology and cardiovascular research. Donor support helps pay for staffing development by creating more opportunities for clinical education, laboratory upgrades and acquiring tools and resources needed for research. This partnership with the community not only supports a culture of innovation, but it allows Providence St. Joseph to offer patients early access to potentially groundbreaking therapies – keeping its promise of caring for the community.



## Join us in this age of discovery.

Learn more about how you can support advancements at Providence St. Joseph Hospital by visiting [sjofoundation.org](http://sjofoundation.org) or calling **714-347-7900**.

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# Caring for OUR CAREGIVERS



*"The Alice Paone, RN Nursing Scholarship supports the growth of our nurses and fosters a culture of innovation, as they are a fundamental part of the hospital. This scholarship not only perpetuates our mother's memory but honors the caregivers who are there when we need them most – because caring is deep in their souls."*

— Mark and Tim Paone and family

Every day, the caregivers and staff at Providence St. Joseph Hospital answer the call to serve others – and our philanthropic community says, "thank you."

Learn how you can support caregiver wellness by visiting [sjofoundation.org](https://sjofoundation.org) or call 714-347-7900.

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## Rocket Woman: The Inspiring Journey of an Aerospace Engineer, from Dreams for Schools to NASA and MIT

In 2012, Amy Huynh was just another middle school student at Rancho San Joaquin middle school in Irvine, California.

But after she joined the Dreams for Schools' AppJam+ program, which teaches mobile app development to youth, her budding interest and exploration into STEAM fields continued to grow. Little did she know, this would be one of the early experiences that would launch her on an incredible journey to the stars.

In the AppJam+ Mobile App Development class, Amy dove into coding and collaboration, learning to create an app with fellow team members to present at a showcase finale. "Being part of AppJam+ showed me what I am capable of at a young age, especially as a girl in STEAM," Amy recalls. "The program helped push me to continue my interests in STEAM classes throughout high school, where I eventually chose to study mechanical and aerospace engineering at the University of California, Irvine."

She found her passion, building on interests that began with model rocketry projects and naval aviation training in her youth. As a first-generation, low-income student and Vietnamese-American, Amy aspired to make a meaningful impact in aerospace and inspire other girls from underprivileged backgrounds to pursue a future involving space.

During high school, Amy interned with Dreams for Schools and a few years later, Amy returned as a STEAM instructor.

"It was really helpful to hear my program mentor's experiences as a college student and to hear their support and encouragement of me at an early age," she says.

The opportunity to come back and do the same in sharing her knowledge ignited her love of teaching and mentoring young STEAM learners.

At UC Irvine, Amy double-majored in aerospace and mechanical engineering. In 2019, she took a gap year to gain experience across the industry, interning at NASA centers and working on rockets and satellites. She received the Brooke Owens Fellowship in 2019, a program designed to serve both as an inspiration and as a career boost to capable young women and other gender minorities who, like Brooke Owens herself, aspire to explore our sky and stars, to shake up the aerospace industry, and to help their fellow people here on planet Earth.

After graduating from UC Irvine, Amy worked full-time as an Operations Systems Engineer at NASA Jet Propulsion Lab. She worked in mission operations for the Mars 2020 Perseverance Rover, helping to integrate the science and engineering teams' robotic sequences to instruct the Rover where to go on Mars.

Today, Amy is at MIT as a graduate student pursuing a Master of Science in Technology and Policy as well as Electrical Engineering & Computer Science. She is an NSF GRFP Fellow and is researching spacesuit materials for radiation shielding and thermal control, that she hopes to tie into sustainability in the textile and fashion industry. She continues to advocate for inclusive aerospace and inspire diverse youth. "It is especially important to me to help underrepresented students, who may have less access to resources and mentorship," Amy explains.

In 2023, she spoke to young girls at the Dreams for Schools' quarterly Girls in STEAM Night event which aims to provide an opportunity for girls to discover their passions and interests in STEAM fields.

Amy's journey shows how early STEAM exposure can launch students toward success. "Dreams for Schools allowed me to gain confidence and continue pursuing STEAM," says Amy. "I'm grateful to go full circle as a student, teacher, volunteer and speaker."

Dreams for Schools aims to provide inspiring STEAM education experiences that open up worlds of possibilities for students. Our programs give young people the chance to innovate, create, and collaborate — gaining skills critical for 21st century careers. By making STEAM accessible and engaging diverse learners, we hope to empower the next generation of leaders, thinkers and explorers. Amy Huynh's journey shows just how far our students can reach when given the spark to imagine. Her story motivates us to continue our work guiding students to turn dreams into realities. With more role models like Amy, we hope to inspire many more young people to find their own paths to the stars and into STEAM fields.

**To find out more about Dreams for Schools, contact Nithin Jilla at [nithin@dreamsforschools.org](mailto:nithin@dreamsforschools.org) or visit us at [dreamsforschools.org](https://dreamsforschools.org)**



# The Future is STEAM Powered

Dreams for Schools (DFS) inspires the next generation of innovators, creators and problem-solvers through its STEAM programs.



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## How to End Poverty in Orange County: Empowering Communities, Catalyzing Change

The task of ending poverty in Orange County is a big one and it almost seems too daunting to begin. Fortunately, Community Action Partnership of Orange County (CAP OC), founded in 1965, has been working for decades to address the root cause of poverty in Orange County. By advocating for systemic reform, social justice and racial equity, CAP OC has been able to compassionately serve millions of individuals, helping to stabilize, sustain, and empower vulnerable communities all over Orange County.

### Urgently Meeting the Need, Now.

By addressing the immediate needs of every single person they serve, CAP OC is able to assist people in crises by providing the solutions they need to survive — covering basic needs like food and rental assistance, as well as homelessness prevention. After all, only when people survive, can they thrive.

With comprehensive, wraparound services, CAP OC knows that ending generational poverty begins with a Whole Family Approach. They bring the entire family together to receive the tools they need to achieve their own personal goals as well as long-term goals for their family and community. This creates stable change, overtime. By addressing root causes of poverty, like education, employment readiness, and systemic inequities, CAP OC is able to help empower individuals to find their way out of poverty and into vibrant expressions of their greatest lives.

### Change With a Lasting Impact

Leading the charge at CAP OC is Gregory C. Scott, President and CEO. Scott was born and raised in Paterson, New Jersey; there he faced the limitations and realities of growing up with financial hardship. From public housing to navigating food insecurity, Scott was steadfast in the belief instilled in him by his mother that education is the key to a better life.

Urged by his mother at a young age to pursue education as a means to break the systemic cycle of poverty they had endured, Scott began his career in education. After putting himself through college, he obtained a master's degree and began working at Sylvan Learning Center, building a foundation for his future in Southern California.

Inspired by the journey of his own life and those who helped him along the way, Scott now leads CAP OC, empowering community members to find their way out of poverty. By offering mentorship, committed care, as well as solutions for survival and family, job and educational services, Scott and his team are committed to helping find tangible ways for communities to thrive.



### Paying It Forward: Empowering Youth for a Better Tomorrow

Grounded in leadership, collaboration, trust, compassion and justice, CAP OC is an unparalleled resource in Orange County. It starts with impactful change — every child, regardless of their background, deserves access to the kind of opportunities that will transform their lives. As trusted collaborators, CAP OC has worked to empower the youth of tomorrow, bringing together capable partners to receive transformative results. Through the organization's Empowered2Work and youth programs, the framework is being set for successful generations. As advocates, they treat each person they serve respectfully and compassionately, doing everything they can to create equity throughout the region.



Through events like “Full Steam Ahead!” CAP OC meets young people where they’re at in their lives and communities, and gives them time, resources and advice on how to prepare for and pursue a brighter future. This is where your dollars make a difference. This is how you can change lives for the better!

### The Pathway Forward Starts with Resilient Communities.

Driven by a strategic vision centered on enhancing health and fostering community resilience, CAP OC is guided by a commitment to uplifting the well-being of individuals and families. This is done via a multifaceted pathway. Through innovative initiatives such as Housing Navigation and five other community supports in collaboration with CalOptima, CAP OC is diligently working to address the critical issue of stable housing, recognizing its profound influence on overall health and resilience. Moreover, the OC Food Bank showcases a holistic approach to combating food insecurity, ensuring that vulnerable populations have access to nourishing sustenance.

To further bolster community resiliency, CAP OC extends support through utility assistance for gas and electric bills, relieving financial burdens that can otherwise hinder individuals' ability to maintain a stable living environment. A notable milestone this past year was the launch of the Water Assistance Program, which was the first time federal funds have been made available to address a crucial yet often overlooked aspect of essential needs.

A strategic approach to health and overall well-being wouldn't be complete without educational endeavors, and CAP OC does place an emphasis on nutritional education. By empowering individuals with the knowledge and skills needed to make informed dietary choices, the long-term health and resilience can be life changing.

### You Can Be Part of the Movement.

To create the future we want tomorrow, we have to begin today. As CAP OC continues to fight the root causes of poverty in Orange County, they need the support of everyone to help make their vision for generations of healthy communities where poverty ceases to exist. With your help, you can make a real difference. Whether you're a real estate broker, attorney, accountant or an individual eager to volunteer, your involvement has the potential to change lives.

Please consider taking action to be part of this life-changing movement. Together, we can empower our communities and build stronger, more vibrant generations to come.

Learn more about Community Action Partnership of Orange County at [www.capoc.org](http://www.capoc.org).

## JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF HOPE

Please join us on October 20 at Bosscat Kitchen in Irvine for our annual **A NIGHT OF HOPE** fundraising gala. Each year we invite our supporters to help us raise vital funds which go toward keeping our essential programs running. For tickets and sponsorship information, please visit [capoc.org/event/a-night-of-hope-23](https://capoc.org/event/a-night-of-hope-23)

# WORKING TOGETHER TO EMPOWER ORANGE COUNTY FAMILIES

Community Action Partnership of Orange County has been empowering communities through its vital programs since 1965. By addressing immediate needs and providing life-changing services, the organization is always working toward its mission of ending poverty by stabilizing, sustaining and empowering people. By forging strategic partnerships, we form a powerful force to improve our community.

WITH YOUR HELP WE CAN END POVERTY IN ORANGE COUNTY.

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## Discover the Power of Community with Habitat for Humanity of Orange County!

Are you ready to make a real impact in the lives of families and communities right here in Orange County? Habitat for Humanity of Orange County changes lives by bringing people together to create affordable homes, community, and hope.

Our goal of 100 new homes over the next two years will transform lives and neighborhoods, offering families the stability and security they deserve. But we can't do it alone – that's where you come in! Whether you're a corporation looking to make a difference, a dedicated individual, or a Community Leader eager to give back, there are countless ways you can support our cause.

**Sponsorships and Corporate Support:** Stand as a beacon of change by becoming a sponsor for our signature events! From the inspiring **Building Dreams Awards Breakfast** to the camaraderie-filled **Leaders Build** and the exciting **TCA Golf Tournament**, your corporate sponsorship will not only highlight your commitment to social responsibility but also directly contribute to creating affordable housing solutions. Visit [www.HabitatOC.org](http://www.HabitatOC.org)

**Team Builds: Building Together:** Your contribution will lend a helping hand while experiencing the satisfaction of teamwork by participating in our Team Builds. Gather your colleagues to construct homes side by side with future homeowners. Your involvement doesn't just create shelter; it creates a bond between you and the community you're helping to thrive.

Visit [www.HabitatOC.org/corporate-engagement](http://www.HabitatOC.org/corporate-engagement)

**Playhouse Build Program:** Bring Habitat OC to your office, church, neighborhood or on-site at Habitat OC to build a children's playhouse for a deserving family or organization in Orange County.

Visit [www.HabitatOC.org/playhouse-build-program](http://www.HabitatOC.org/playhouse-build-program)

**Women Build Program:** Let's make a lasting impact through our Women Build Program. Join a community of strong and compassionate women who wield hammers and paintbrushes with purpose. Together, we can empower families, nurture neighborhoods, and break down barriers. Visit [www.HabitatOC.org/women-build](http://www.HabitatOC.org/women-build)

- **Renters in Orange County need to earn \$51.39 per hour - 3.3 times the state minimum wage - to afford the average monthly asking rent of \$2,672.**
- **130,175 low-income renter households in Orange County do not have access to an affordable home.**
- **In Orange County, you need to earn at least \$162,000 a year to afford a median priced home at \$826,000. Only 21% of Orange County households could afford the monthly housing payment of \$4,050.**
- **81% of extremely low-income households in Orange County are paying more than half of their income on housing costs compared to 1% of moderate-income households.**

Source: The Kennedy Commission, May 2023



**Give Back in Many Ways:** Your support doesn't end with construction. We welcome donations of home goods, land, property, and dollars, all of which go towards building safe, affordable homes for hardworking families. Your generosity fuels our mission and keeps the dream of homeownership alive for those in need.

Go to [www.HabitatOC.org/donation/](http://www.HabitatOC.org/donation/)

At Habitat for Humanity of Orange County, we believe that everyone deserves a place to call home. With your involvement, we can turn this belief into reality. Join us today in changing lives, creating communities, and fostering hope. Together, we build better futures!

**Visit our website to learn more about how you can get involved and make a lasting impact.**

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**Habitat**  
for Humanity®  
of Orange County



## **Our Mission:**

Habitat for Humanity of Orange County changes lives by bringing people together to create affordable homes, community and hope.

## **Our Vision:**

A world where everyone has a safe and affordable place to call home.

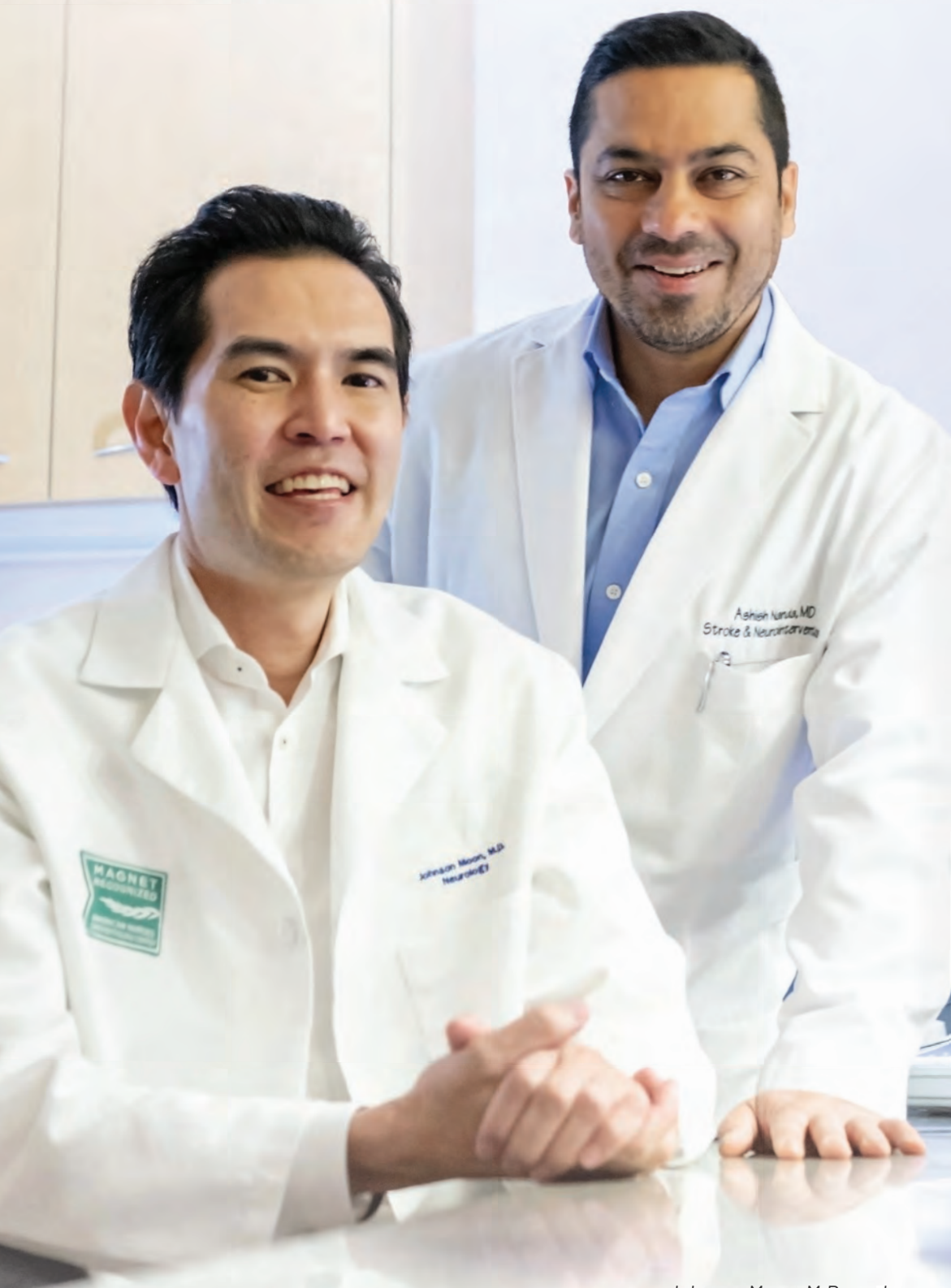
With your support, we can change the world for working families in Orange County. Find out how you can get involved with our mission, go to:

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# **Building Dreams**

# A LIVING LEGACY



Johnson Moon, M.D., and  
Ashish Nanda, M.D.

 **Providence**  
St. Jude Memorial  
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## Providence St. Jude Medical Center establishes its first Endowed Chairs

Thanks to generous gifts from two donor families, Providence St. Jude Medical Center has established its first Endowed Chairs in the Providence South Division. The Endowed Chair in Movement Disorders spotlights clinical expertise at Providence St. Jude and supports new neuroscience research and therapeutics. The Endowed Chair in Stroke Care provides institutional resources in perpetuity to support the continued excellence of the medical center's nationally recognized stroke program.

"These gifts will advance the specialties of our expert physicians and assist us in staying at the forefront of improving technology and programs for our patients," says Laura Ramos, chief executive, Providence St. Jude Medical Center. "We are deeply grateful to the families for this opportunity to reap all of the benefits an endowed chair represents."

Endowed Chairs support chairholders in advancing their specialties and are a prestigious honor for the awarded physician. The income generated from the endowment fund provides annual financial resources to develop innovative approaches and programs. The benefits of Endowed Chairs are far-reaching. They enhance the organization's reputation, which serves to draw and attract other renowned clinicians and staff.

### Supporting our best and brightest

When donors choose to fund Endowed Chairs, hospital leaders select outstanding clinical leaders in the donor's field of interest. Providence St. Jude selected two dedicated physician leaders to hold their first Endowed Chair positions. Johnson Moon, M.D., is awarded the Endowed Chair in Movement Disorders, and Ashish Nanda, M.D., now holds the Endowed Chair in Stroke Care.

Dr. Moon and Dr. Nanda will use the funds to support data collection, research conferences and bringing new therapeutics to Providence St. Jude's Neurosciences Institute.

"This endowed chair, focused on neuroscience, gives us the ability to bring the latest innovations to Providence St. Jude and be a strategic partner in the region-wide Providence Research Network," says Dr. Moon. Dr. Nanda adds, "I know I speak for the Providence St. Jude family as well when I express our heartfelt gratitude for the generosity of our dedicated community of supporters."

### Investing in the future

We thank all our donors who are investing in Providence St. Jude so we can continue providing quality health care to our community, now and in the future.

"These endowment gifts forever binds these family legacies with the future of Providence St. Jude, creating an everlasting impact within the community," says Dub Drees, chief philanthropy officer. "We know that their generosity will inspire others, not just at Providence St. Jude, but across our division. Thank you for your partnership, trust and belief in our mission — and for being part of the St. Jude family."

# BOOTS & *Ballgowns*

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# Mosaic of Success

By Dawn S. Reese, Chief Executive Officer, The Wooden Floor

I recently read a Forbes article that stated, “30% of nonprofits fail to exist after 10 years, and over half of the nonprofits fail within a few years.” For an organization that is about to enter our 5th decade, I pondered, **“What have been the threads to success that have been woven through the organization over the past that led to the tremendous impact we have witnessed over the years?”**

1983, 1993, 2003, 2013 and 2023 - Through these organizational milestones, I believe that a mosaic has been woven together of: **compassionate and strategic** Board of Directors, **passionate and creative** team members, and **steadfast and generous** individuals, foundations and corporate partners who have made an indelible mark on the mission of The Wooden Floor through their unwavering commitment and service to our mission, our students and our families. Together, we have formed a beautiful mosaic “as one community” which has united us in our collective goal to move young people forward.

The Wooden Floor’s creative youth development approach strategically integrates exploratory Dance education with Academics, College and Career readiness and Family Services. This proven approach has set the course for the success that we are witnessing today.

- Nearly **100,000 young people** have been served by The Wooden Floor since 1983.
- Locally, the **475 young people in our year-round programs come from 20 cities in Orange County** and are served through two locations in Santa Ana.
- Approximately **3,000 students are served through our community engagement program** each year, called *Dance Free Weeks*. Nationally, we launched our Licensed Partnership Program to scale our impact across the United States.
- **100%** High School Graduation and College Enrollment Rate, since 2005.
- **Over 50% of our students declare majors in (S.T.E.A.M.)** Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math.
- **54% of alumni graduate from college** with a Bachelor’s or Master’s degree, as compared to 12% of their socio-economic peers.
- **\$1.8M of Merit-based Scholarship awarded** by The Wooden Floor to our graduates, since 2002.

- Our **10-Year Longitudinal Study 2014-2024** is nearing completion to further assess the long-term affect The Wooden Floor has in the lives of children.

As we look ahead into our next decade of impact, The Wooden Floor will continue to evolve to meet the changing needs of the students and families we serve through our **10-Year Strategic Vision 2021-2031** which is to: **Drive Social Innovation, Grow Impact, and Uplift Our Community**. As part of this vision, our goal is to build upon the endowment fund through a special campaign launched during our 40th Anniversary called the **Step Forward** Endowment Campaign. These important funds will be raised to provide increased scholarship awards for our graduates, and ensure we have long-term financial sustainability and

high-quality programming for children in our community who need us the most.

As I reflect over the past 40 years, I am heartened by the collective Board of Directors, staff, and supporters---*those who came before us, those who are with us today, and those who will follow us* in the years ahead for upholding the promise we make to our students: *from here you can step anywhere*. Together, we are making an incredible difference in the lives of young people, our mission, and our community.

Join us to learn about the compelling mission of The Wooden Floor.

[TheWoodenFloor.org/StepForward](http://TheWoodenFloor.org/StepForward)



The Wooden Floor students, board members, and staff at The Wooden Floor’s Main Street Location celebrating the organization’s 40 years



## WATCH:

40 YEARS OF IMPACT OF THE WOODEN FLOOR



Dawn S. Reese, Chief Executive Officer of The Wooden Floor, leverages her unique blend of experience in business, technology, education, and the arts to propel young people forward. During Reese’s 14-year tenure, The Wooden Floor has seen significant growth, including the opening of its second location in Santa Ana, and licensing of its model. Celebrating its 40th Anniversary, recent awards for The Wooden Floor include: *2023 Best Places To Work* from the **Orange County Business Journal**, *2022 Nonprofit of the Year Award* **Greater Irvine Chamber**, *2021-2022 AIM High Award* **New York Life Foundation**, and *2021 Stand Up the Arts Award* from **Ovation TV/Charter Communications**. Reese’s recent honors include: *2023 Empowering Lives Award* by **Templo Calvario**, *2023 Sam Estes Award for Community Leadership* from the **Santa Ana Task Force**, *2022 Orange County Visionary* by

the **Los Angeles Times Orange County**, and the *2020 Women of Distinction Award* from **34th CA Senate District Tom Umberg**.

Reese serves on the Board of Directors for the **Passkeys Foundation** as Board Chair and OneOC as Audit Chair, as well as **Advisors in Philanthropy OC, Orange County Music and Dance**, and the **Santa Ana Chamber of Commerce**. She is on the Board of Advisors for the **Giles-O’Malley Center for Leadership - College of Business and Economics at California State University, Fullerton**. Reese is the founder of the **OC Nonprofit CEO Forum**.



# DANCE IS THE ANSWER.™

We transform the lives of young people through **the power of dance** and **access to higher education.**

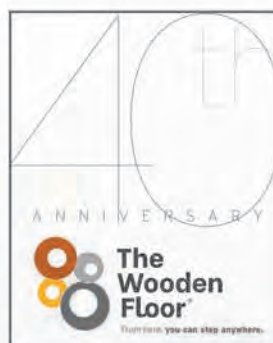
For over 40 years, The Wooden Floor has been one of the foremost creative youth development nonprofit organizations in the country. **100 percent** of our graduates enroll in higher education since 2005, as compared to about 50 percent of their socioeconomic peers.

Students at The Wooden Floor consistently academically exceed their peers nationally. Our students become change agents and beacons of hope within their own families, their neighborhoods, our



JOIN US IN MOVING MORE YOUNG PEOPLE **FORWARD.**

Find out more by scanning the QR code.



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## Celebrating Bright Futures Ahead

At Think Together, we believe in the power of education to shape young minds and pave the way for a brighter future.

Imagine a world where every child's potential is unleashed, where dreams are nurtured, and possibilities are limitless. Think Together is dedicated to creating just that world. Our afterschool and expanded learning programs are designed to empower students with the knowledge, skills, and confidence they need to succeed in school and beyond.

Think Together's afterschool and expanded learning programs go beyond the ordinary, sparking curiosity and igniting a passion for learning. From STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) activities to hands-on projects that build student agency and collaboration, we provide a safe and nurturing environment where students can explore, experiment, and flourish.

### **Schools. Students. Communities. Families. Volunteers. Us.**

Think Together unites educational communities with our expertise and resources to offer programs and services for all kids, so that they get the education, guidance, and opportunities they deserve to unleash their full potential.

For more than 25 years, Think Together has partnered with educators. What

started as a single afterschool program provider in Costa Mesa has since grown to be one of the state's most impactful education nonprofit providers of afterschool, expanded learning, and school improvement services.

### **YOUR SUPPORT HELPS THINK TOGETHER DELIVER PROGRAMS TO MORE THAN 200,000 STUDENTS FROM LOS ANGELES TO PALM SPRINGS, THE BAY AREA TO ORANGE COUNTY.**

Think Together's mission is to partner with schools to change the odds for kids. Think Together supports its mission by working closely with school districts to provide families no cost afterschool programs, early learning and school improvement—a trifecta that supports academic achievement for children and youth, from birth through high school.

We work in and around the traditional school day to ensure students receive the academic and enrichment support they need to succeed.

You can help Think Together serve more students, train staff to deliver high quality programs, and purchase curriculum and materials needed to provide robust academic and enrichment content.

### **Invest in Tomorrow, Today.**

Your support has the power to shape the future. By contributing to Think Together, you're investing in a generation of leaders, thinkers, and creators who will drive positive change in our communities.

Your generosity ensures that every child, regardless of their background, has access to high-quality education and a chance to shine.

### **When we unite, we become an unstoppable force for the future.**



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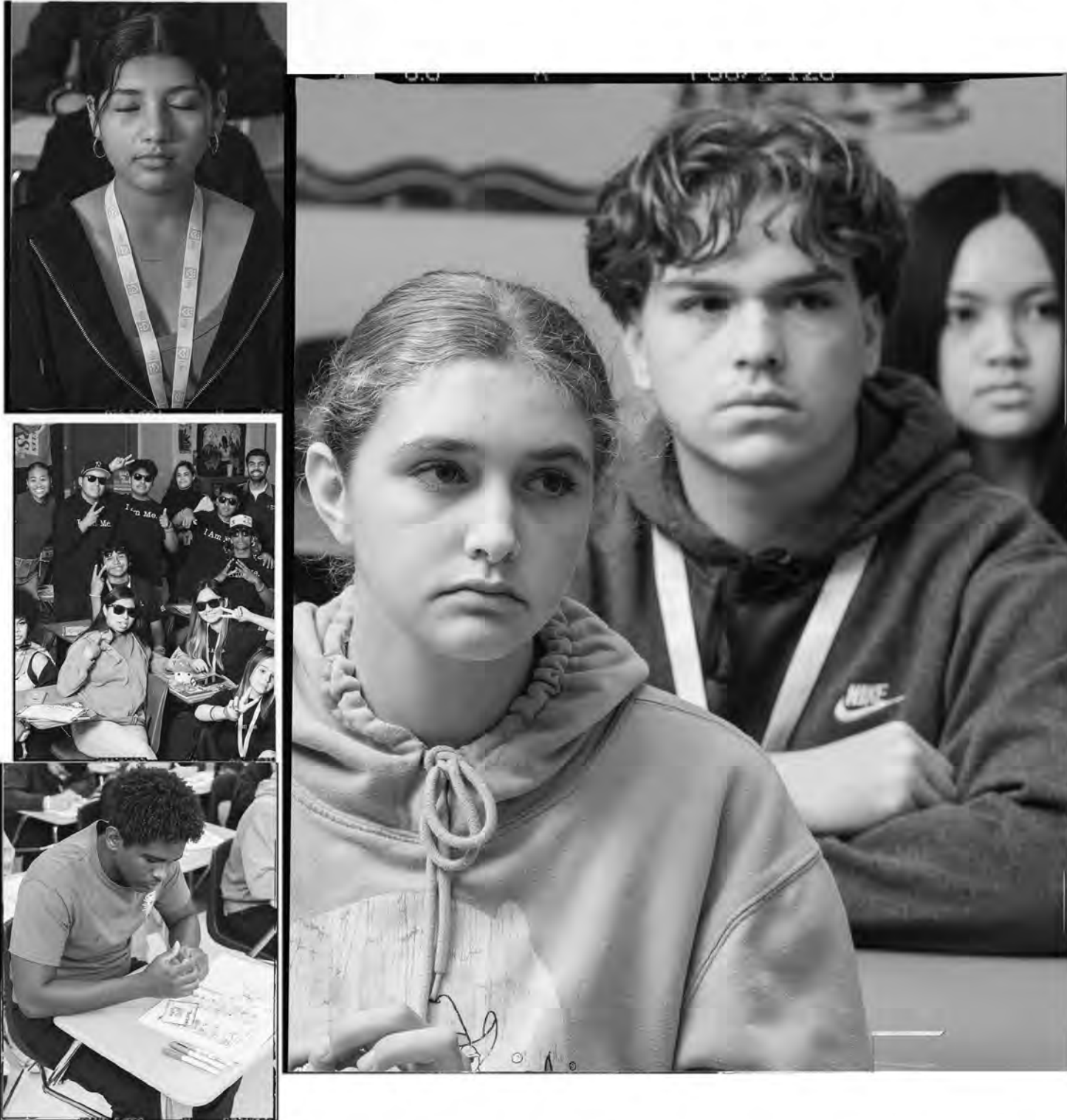
# So more kids find their greatness.

**Think Together** partners with schools to provide academic and enrichment programs so that students have the opportunity to discover their talents, unleash their possibilities and envision their brightest future.

For more information visit  
[thinktogether.org](http://thinktogether.org)

# The Teen Mental Health Crisis Is at a Breaking Point. We Need to Act...NOW!

Today's teens are growing up in a world filled with challenges that we've never known including arrested social development due to the pandemic, social media influence, increased political divide, global conflict and more. When you couple these external pressures with the already-precarious stage of adolescence, it's no wonder they are suffering from tremendous mental health problems. This can be seen in the staggeringly high rates of self-harm, substance abuse and suicide. The fact is, our teens need us now more than ever.



## But There is Hope...All They Need is a Little TLC.

At Tilly's Life Center (TLC), it is our mission to help today's teens cope with crisis, overcome the pressures they face every day, and unlock the best within themselves. Our curriculum teaches adolescents the important life skills they need to empower them to make better choices, and lead better, healthier lives. Our educational program uses experiential learning, journal writing, and open discussions to promote self-discovery in a safe and caring environment. Our curriculum is carefully selected to reflect the problems faced by today's youth, including several important topics such as, stress management, effective communication, self-esteem, motivation, purpose, compassion, and many more. The classes are led by a group of trained facilitators who provide supportive instruction and personal attention, or by TLC-certified educators who implement the curriculum in their own classrooms. To date over 17,000 adolescent lives have been positively impacted by TLC.



**With Your Help, We Can Show Them a Better Tomorrow.**

To learn more about our events, and all the work we do, please visit [tillyslifecenter.org](https://tillyslifecenter.org)

\*sources: <https://www.who.int/ews-room/fact-sheets/detail/adolescent-mental-health> | <https://opa.hhs.gov/adolescent-health/mental-health-adolescents>  
<https://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/statistics/mental-illness>



# Today's teens are struggling more than ever before; since 2020, the mental health crisis among adolescents has increased exponentially.

The challenges our youth face do not discriminate...every single teen is at risk! At Tilly's Life Center (TLC), we teach teens to create a positive mindset to cope effectively with crises, adversity, and tough decisions. Our "I Am Me" Curriculum teaches young people life skills to build confidence, inspire compassion, conquer fears, become solution-oriented thinkers, pursue their dreams while becoming more independent, proactive, and solution-oriented humans, the competencies needed to transition into a healthy and happy adulthood successfully.

The adverse mental health effects of the recent pandemic are likely to be long-lasting; investments in accessible mental health services and social-emotional programs are more critical today than ever before.

Surrounding our youth with proper support can reverse unhealthy trends and help them now and in the future!

With the help of our generous donors, TLC has already reached more than 16,000 teens in Southern California, but more help is needed! Join us at our upcoming Gala and help our teens not only survive but thrive!

## GALA

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2023**

TLC's 9th Annual "I Am Giving" Gala  
Enchanted Garden Ball

A/V Irvine

Our 9th Annual "I Am Giving" Gala will transform A/V Irvine into a whimsical and enchanted garden party where guests will wear black and white cocktail floral print black-tie optional attire. Enjoy top-notch food, drinks and entertainment, including silent and live auctions and memorable performances. Support TLC's mission to equip teens with the life skills and coping techniques in an effort to combat the staggering rates of suicide, anxiety, depression, bullying, school violence, substance abuse disorder and addiction we are witnessing today. Tickets, Tables, Sponsorships and Underwriting opportunities are available at [TLC9.Givesmart.com](https://TLC9.Givesmart.com).



TLC's Mission: To inspire today's youth to reach their full potential as productive, kind, happy, and responsible individuals.

Between 2019 and 2020, Opioid-related overdoses among California's 15 to 19-year-olds **NEARLY TRIPLED**. In Orange County, the number of deaths from drugs and alcohol increased by **800%** in youth, ages 10-17 years, from 2019 to 2020 and another **122%** from 2020 to 2021.

From 2019 - 2020, the number of U.S. mental health-related emergency department (ED) visits among children ages 12 to 17 increased by **31%**.

In 2019, **36.7%** of High School Students in the U.S. experienced persistent feelings of sadness or hopelessness; **18.8%** seriously considered attempting suicide; **15.7%** made a suicide plan, and **8.9%** attempted suicide.



# OLIVE CREST

Strong Families, Safe Kids



## Celebrating 50 Years of Service to Children and Families in Orange County

Right now in Orange County, there are 2,461 children in the child welfare system, and this past year, 1,207 youth “aged out” when they turned 18. These numbers are staggering and are continuing to increase.

For 50 years, Olive Crest has demonstrated an extraordinary record of service. From the first 4 abused girls we helped in 1973, Olive Crest today has grown to serve 5,000 children and families each day.

“Our many innovative programs reflect our conviction that strengthening the family is one of the most powerful ways to help heal children,” said Kerri Dunkelberger, Executive Director of Olive Crest in Orange County.

Take Lily’s story for example.



*When I was in my early teens, **my problems felt so heavy, and I felt like an outsider in my family.** In the hopes of escaping that pain, I ran away. Within 3 months, I was introduced to the life of prostitution and was being trafficked by a pimp who had kidnapped me. Eventually I was able to escape and found Olive Crest.*

*Staff and volunteers surrounded me and stuck with me through the difficult days. They showed me how to create healthy boundaries and celebrated with me in my moments of victory. **For the first time in my life, I felt loved unconditionally.\****

“While we’re proud to have had the privilege of serving over 200,000 children and families like Lily, there’s more work to be done,” said Olive Crest CEO, Donald Verleur. **“With your support, we plan to serve 1.2 million children, youth, and families by 2030. Will you join us in our life-changing mission?”**

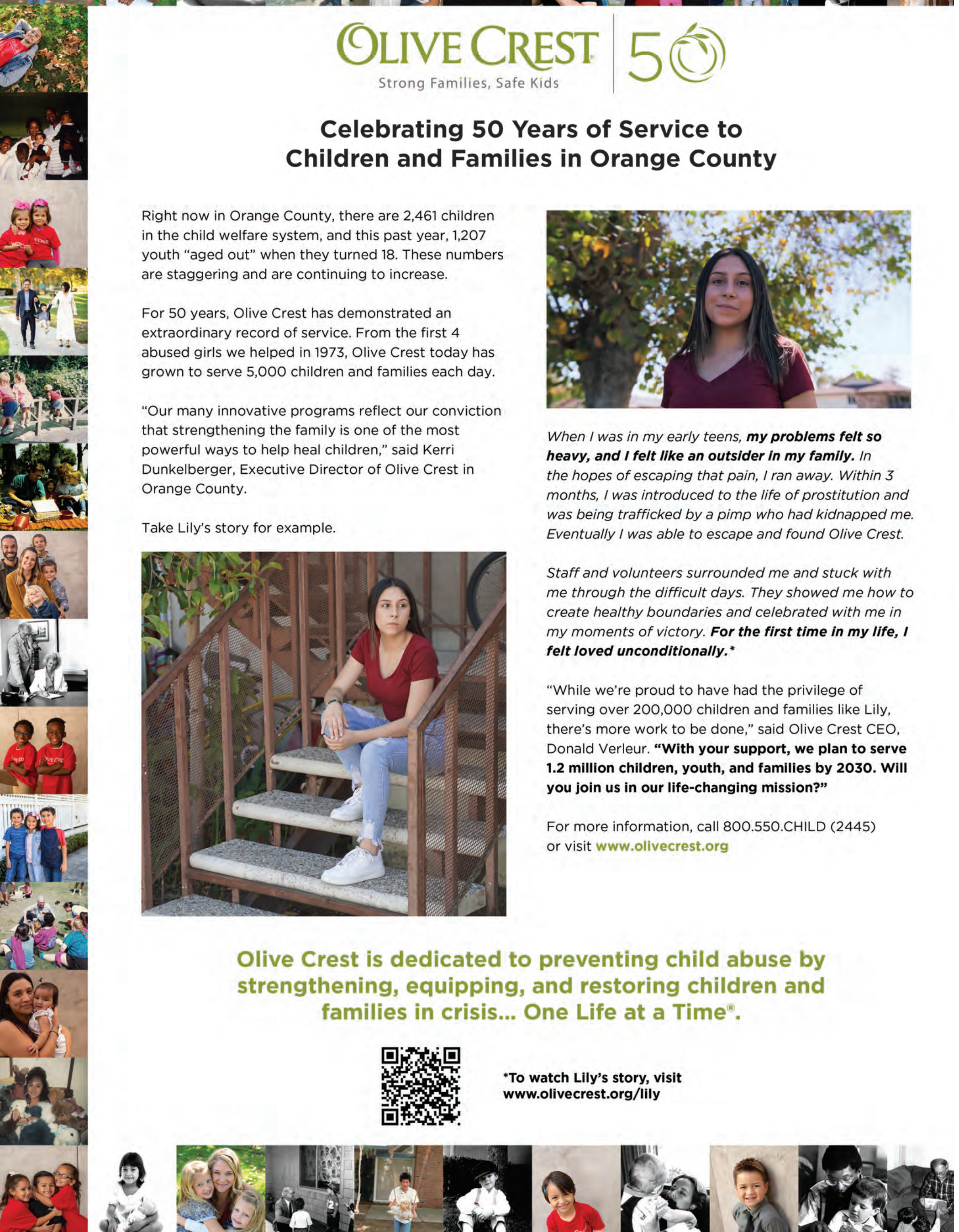
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(left to right) Youth Instructor Lupe G. leads Club Members Erica F. and An V. in STEM activities during Summer Program.



Photo of Joecelyn Soria, Club Member of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Anaheim-Cypress, who was honored as the Club's Youth Of The Year 2023. Ms. Soria is seen here presenting recently at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Orange County Youth Of The Year Competition.

Photos Courtesy of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Anaheim-Cypress.

## Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Anaheim-Cypress are Empowering The Next Generation of Game Changers, Trailblazers, and History Makers

When it comes to empowering youth in our community to reach their full potential, Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Anaheim-Cypress is accomplishing its core mission. Our organization realizes that we could not do what we do without the tremendous support of the Orange County philanthropic community of caring individuals, as well as businesses who have assisted us in inspiring and empowering all young people, especially those who need us most, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible, and caring citizens.

Since 1977, our Club has provided caring guidance and support to thousands of kids and teens, in order to help them grow into confident, capable adults. We realize young people today need our help more than ever. Our professional mentors provide experiences and opportunities that help create confident, healthy, motivated, and educated young people who have a plan for the future and a path for achieving their dreams. When young people have exposure to inspiring ideas and incredible opportunities, as well as the tools to build their self-confidence, they can take on anything.

Our all-encompassing programs at our 18 Clubhouses, serve the cities of Anaheim, Cypress, La Palma, and Los Alamitos. Our many Clubhouses serve some of the most vulnerable youth in our communities, providing free and low-cost after-school and summer programs for young people ages kindergarten through 12th grade. As part of the nation's largest youth-serving organization, we strongly believe "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." We are confident that today's youth have the drive to be successful in the workforce and to inspire positive change as leaders.

There is no greater feeling for a parent than knowing you have chosen the safest and most productive place for your children to spend time after school and during summer break, where they will be educated and will learn to thrive and reach their full potential with research-based programs to help them succeed in school, in order to lead healthy lives. Our organization's academic support, hands-on science programs, service clubs, cooking classes, college readiness programs, and workforce development programs all help our young people to graduate high school with a definite plan for their future.

"We are seeking the community's support to raise critical funds for the next generation of game changers, trailblazers, and history makers," said Anne Hertz-Mallari, CEO of Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Anaheim-Cypress. "The next generation is truly our greatest gift, and they are the only ones we've got, so we need to give them what matters most to them, in order for them to reach their full potential. The time is now to build up and empower our future leaders."

### Our Clubs' Impact

Our vision has always been to provide a world-class Club Experience that assures success is within reach of every young person who walks through our doors. We fill the gap between school and home by providing welcoming, positive environments in which kids and teens have fun, participate in life-changing programs, and build supportive relationships with peers and caring adults. On a daily basis, we serve over 1,100 Club Members at our 18 Clubhouse locations.

On an annual basis, we serve over 2,600 Club Members at our 18 Club-

houses, with an additional nearly 2,400 youth served through community outreach events. Through our inclusive approach to providing Club services and programs each year, more than 5,000 youth are positively impacted.

We salute and celebrate our Philanthropic Partners who have been by our side supporting our organization for the past 46 years. These loyal individuals and organizations include:

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Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Anaheim-Cypress is a nonprofit, relying solely on donations, grants, and sponsorships from the community-at-large, as well as from our business partners.

Please visit our website at [www.theboysandgirlsclub.org](http://www.theboysandgirlsclub.org) to join our mailing list for upcoming event information and additional ways to keep engaged with us. Please contact our Philanthropy Office at 714-491-3615 or email the Club at [Info@theBoysandGirlsClub.org](mailto:Info@theBoysandGirlsClub.org)

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1,491 units of service**

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7,560 services**  
Individual, Group & Family Counseling and Case Management



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## Young OC Inspirations: Kids Helping Kids

Have you ever looked around your community and caught a glimpse of kids helping kids? Perhaps you've seen kids on the playground helping a friend or classmate? Or received an email to support a crowdfunding campaign started by kids to support a family facing difficult times. Have you ever pulled into your neighborhood to find a lemonade stand on the corner, run by kids? It's amazing to see, and here at the Jessie Rees Foundation, we see kids every day like our founder, 12-year-old Jessie Rees, who, while facing a terminal illness, decided to focus her attention on helping other kids, and has inspired countless others to do the same.



Jessica Joy Rees (Jessie) was a faith-filled, sweet, caring and beautiful girl whose young life took a devastating turn in 2011 when she was diagnosed with DIPG (Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma), an aggressive form of cancer. During her 10-month fight with cancer, Jessie had countless doctor visits, scans and treatments, which required her to spend many days at CHOC (Children's Hospital of Orange County). The days were hard for Jessie, but she never complained. One day, coming home from treatment, Jessie proposed an idea to her parents- she wanted to help the other kids in the hospital and brighten their day. When most people in her situation would be focused on their own well-being, Jessie wanted to turn her attention outward, to other kids.

Upon arriving home that day, and within a matter of hours, Jessie had developed her plan. She grabbed some brown paper bags and toys from around her house and began assembling them with decorative messages of encouragement. Jessie delivered her bags to the kids at CHOC. In every hospital room, Jessie was greeted with smiles and excitement from the children receiving her special gifts. She found so much joy in helping other kids and knew she wanted to do more. Jessie had found her purpose and mission- "to encourage every child fighting cancer to Never Ever Give Up".

Over the next few weeks, Jessie's bags turned to Jars and were officially named JoyJars, after her middle name Joy. JoyJars became plastic jars filled with age-appropriate, hospital-approved toys, games and activities. Jessie continued to make her JoyJars and deliver them to local children's hospitals. Soon she realized how special her JoyJars were and the amount of joy they brought to other kids. With the help of her family, Jessie personally delivered over 3,000 of her JoyJars before she lost her courageous battle with cancer on January 05, 2012.

In her honor, the Jessie Rees Foundation was created to continue Jessie's mission of encouraging kids fighting cancer to Never Ever Give Up. Based in Irvine, California, the Jessie Rees Foundation is where joy continues to be spread



by countless volunteers, community partners and compassionate companies, who all have one shared goal, "to encourage every child fighting cancer to Never Ever Give Up", as Jessie once asked. To-date, over 425,000 JoyJars have been delivered to kids fighting cancer all over the world.

The Jessie Rees Foundation welcomes thousands of volunteers every year who have a passion for helping others, like Jessie did.

Many of the volunteers are kids, like Jessie. They are kids from around the country who have stepped up to continue spreading Jessie's message of love and encouragement for kids fighting cancer. They are hosting parties, holding school fundraisers and spreading Jessie's message in their communities.

There are kids like 4-year-old Nora, who has a heart for giving. Nora had the opportunity to stuff JoyJars in the JoyFactory at the Jessie Rees Foundation Headquarters. After having such a wonderful experience stuffing JoyJars, Nora celebrated her own birthday by asking for donations of toys for JoyJars, in lieu of receiving her own personal gifts. Nora's parents helped to organize the day and said the highlight of the experience was hearing Nora explain why she was collecting toys. Her mom said, "She spoke about it with such pure joy. It made my heart melt."

There are kids like AJ De La Torre who is actively fighting cancer and decided to collect Uno cards with his family. AJ had a goal of collecting 100 decks. After only 17 hours of launching his campaign, he had surpassed his goal and finished by collecting close to 5,000 decks that were then added to JoyJars.

There are young kids like siblings Madeline and Cameron, both 10, Ethan, 7, and Emily, 6, who hosted an ice cream and cold drinks stand in their neighborhood. Signs posted read, "Em and Ethan's Epic Ice Cream and Cam's Cool Drinks, Proceeds go to NEGU." Residents driving by stopped to buy a treat and many generously donated to support JoyJars. The kids raised \$200 in a matter of hours. Inspired by how these kids chose to spend their Sunday morning, their father's company decided to match their fundraising efforts.

And there are countless kids across Orange County who color Care Cards for kids fighting cancer. These fun decorative cards get added to Jessie's JoyJars and help decorate bedrooms and hospital rooms with messages of encouragement. Care Cards are a simple and easy way for kids of all ages to get involved.

If you know of any Young Inspirations like these caring kids, please encourage them to join the Kids Helping Kids movement of compassion. <https://negu.org/kids-helping-kids>.

# HELP SPREAD JOY THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

KIDS FIGHTING CANCER DESERVE TO SMILE!

Did you know this holiday season thousands of kids will be fighting cancer from their hospital room? Every one of these innocent children has a name, a story, and family. The Jessie Rees Foundation believes these Courageous Kids deserve joy, the opportunity to smile, and be encouraged to **Never Ever Give Up!**



**With your gift of \$25,** a child fighting cancer will receive one of Jessie's special Winter Wonderful JoyJars this December. In addition, they won't think about cancer and feel loved.



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Since its inception, Make-A-Wish has understood that when a wish is granted, a child replaces fear with confidence, sadness with joy and anxiety with hope. We believe that every child deserves a childhood and that now, more than ever, children with critical illnesses and their families need hope.

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You can bring hope for today – and tomorrow!

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*I wish to be a Pop Star!*

**Kaylin, 9**  
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### Our Mission

At Make-A-Wish Orange County and the Inland Empire, our mission is to grant life-changing wishes for children with critical illnesses in Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino counties.



### Volunteer

As a volunteer you can help us grant more wishes and decrease the number of children waiting for their wish.

Our greatest needs include bilingual, in-office, and event volunteers and individuals willing to travel in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties to deliver wishes.



### Donate Services

You or your company's services can reduce the amount of time a child waits for their wish to be granted.

Our greatest needs are for in-kind limo services for transporting our wish kids to their destination, interior designers to help with room redo wishes, licensed contractors and landscaping materials for backyard wishes, and professional photography to capture wish memories for our families to hold on to for a lifetime.



### Donate Funds

When you donate to Make-A-Wish Orange County & the Inland Empire, you're giving children renewed strength to fight their illnesses, bringing families closer together and uniting entire communities.

## The Impact of Make-A-Wish

**8 out of 10**  
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**9 out of 10**  
**wish parents**

saw their child's emotional well-being improve with a wish.

**100% of**  
**medical providers**

report that the wish experience improves a child's - and their own - emotional well-being.

To learn more about how you can support local wishes, visit our website at [wish.org/ocie](http://wish.org/ocie).

*I wish to go to  
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## Meet Wish Kid Truman

Truman's fight against cancer is not only physically exhausting – it's emotionally traumatic. Swimming has been a fun activity for Truman during treatment and he dreamed of swimming in tropical waters with wild life. To learn more about sea life and swim in the ocean, Truman wished to go to Hawaii!

With the help of our supporters, Truman was able to swim with dolphins, learn about turtles, spend quality time with family, and, most importantly, gain hope during his wish trip! **Hope is found in a wish – and you have the power to create it for children in Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino Counties, just like Truman's.**

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# Empowering Families in Crisis: Miracles for Kids' Path to Stability

## From Immediate Relief to Long-Term Stability – How Donors, Partners, and Volunteers Drive Change

Families with children battling a life-threatening illness should not have to face bankruptcy, hunger, homelessness, and depression. Miracles for Kids' mission is to assist such families in achieving emotional and financial stability so they can focus on what matters most – fighting for their child's life. At Miracles for Kids, we depend on our extended community of donors, partners, and volunteers whose dedication empowers our five core programs focused on both meeting immediate needs and achieving long-term stability.

### Bill Pay

The first step in stabilization is to meet immediate needs – which is achieved through our Bill Pay Program, offering monthly grants of up to \$500, directly allocated to essential bills such as rent, utilities, food, and transportation. In 2022, the Bill Pay Program covered 2,757 essential bills for 282 families struggling to stay stable. Central to the success of this program are organizations like **Stars & Stripes Children's Foundation** and **Pacific Life Foundation**, whose generous contributions have not only facilitated the achievement of these outcomes but have also empowered us to increase the Bill Pay Program's monthly funding by 25% to make a more significant impact on the families benefiting from the Program.



For over a decade Stars & Stripes Children's Foundation has enhanced our capacity to serve more families.



Pacific Life Foundation has generously funded the Miracles for Kids Bill Pay Program since 2009.

### Basic Needs Program

The Basic Needs Program addresses the immediate needs of the families we serve. By delivering essentials like food, clothing, household supplies, and seasonal items, this program ensures access to necessities and eases the financial burden on the families we serve. This program's success relies on the support of the business community. Essential items are donated by companies such as **ECOS** and **Ingardia Bros. Produce, Inc.**, who have generously provided thousands of household supplies and several tons of food respectively. Once all materials are gathered, employees from leading companies such as **Edwards Lifesciences**, who have donated nearly 300 volunteer hours, help fill and prepare each package of essentials for delivery to the families we serve.



ECOS and their team have helped ensure access to household essentials for every family supported by Miracles for Kids



Edwards Lifesciences Employees prepare fresh food from Ingardia Bros. Produce for delivery to families in need.

### Housing



Bill and Vicki Booth with the Ueberroth Family Foundation, which continues to change lives through their support of Miracle Manor.

Miracles for Kids believes that a family's battle for their child's life should never coincide with the fear of homelessness. Since 2014, Miracle Manor – a 12-unit apartment complex that provides subsidized housing to families at extreme risk of homelessness, has been the solution to families experiencing housing crises. With the support of grantors like the **Ueberroth Family Foundation**, whose contributions have funded a family's housing since 2018, Miracle Manor has provided over 28,000 nights of safe sleep to more than 140 family members. The families residing at Miracle Manor find not only shelter but also empowerment through wrap-around

programs including dedicated case work, access to mental health services, community events, and our STEM-focused educational Miracle Manor Summer Programs.

### Wellness

Mental health is an essential part of a family's battle with their child's illness. Miracles for Kids offers no-cost mental health services through our full-time wellness therapist, and an array of family activities ranging from our Surf and Paddle Summer Camps to monthly family movie nights. These programs are made possible by the generous contributions of donors focused on wellness like **Nsight Psychology & Addiction**, whose multi-year commitment has aided in the rapid growth of the program. These programs are further strengthened by the support of **Waves of Impact**, who provide expert instructors and equipment to our Surf and Paddle Summer Camp, **Bracken's Kitchen**, and **Perricone Farms**, who regularly donate food to our wellness events, making healthy food options more accessible to families.



Nsight Psychology & Addiction has championed the Miracles for Kids Wellness Program from its inception.



Waves of Impact provides expert surf instruction to Miracles for Kids patients and siblings at the 2023 Surf & Paddle Camp.

### Long-Term Stability Programs

To ensure the long-term stability of the families we serve, Miracles for Kids has formed partnerships with **Merge Opportunities**, addressing underemployment by providing career development counseling and linking parents with potential employers; **Futuro Health**, providing access to education and training for entry into allied health careers, and businesses like **Commercial Bank of California**, who have offered no-cost financial literacy workshops to families living at Miracle Manor. Miracles for Kids is working to expand this initiative, further strengthening our current partnerships, and establishing connections with additional companies and educational institutions. This expansion aims to create a robust and consistent program capable of offering career and financial development services to every family supported by Miracles for Kids.



Commercial Bank of California hosts a financial workshop at Miracle Manor.

We are grateful to the many companies who continue to support our mission. Together, as a community, we are making miracles for families in need. To learn more about how you and your business can help make miracles, contact Ruby Foster, Development Manager, at 714-705-4541 or [rfoster@miraclesforkids.org](mailto:rfoster@miraclesforkids.org).

To learn how you or your company can Be the Miracle for a family this holiday season, please contact Ruby Foster, Miracles for Kids Development Manager at (714) 730-3040 or [rfoster@miraclesforkids.org](mailto:rfoster@miraclesforkids.org)

# Steady Support Creates Lasting Miracles.

A true miracle has a lasting impact. For the families we serve, that includes providing immediate relief as well as long-term stability through educational opportunities, employment with growth potential, and financial literacy.

Together, we are able to implement programs that accomplish these goals - to help a family with a critically-ill child not only survive but to help them develop long-term sustainability.

Please join the individuals, companies, and organizations that help us create miracles every day through their long-term commitment.

Contact Ruby Foster, Development Manager,  
to see how you can create lasting *Miracles*  
for those in great need at  
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## Our Core Programs:

### Bill Pay Program

Monthly financial aid for approved bills, including housing, utilities, food & other essentials.

### Basic Needs Program

Baskets and Boxes of Miracles are delivered monthly to ensure families receive what they need to survive.

### Wellness Program

Mental health services and outdoor activities to promote coping skills & stress reduction.

### Housing Program

Subsidized housing called Miracle Manor, for families at risk of homelessness.

### Sustainability Program

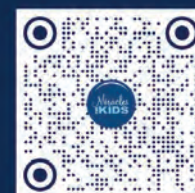
Three critical areas of support that help families secure a more stable future: Education, Financial Literacy, and Employment.

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We celebrate this major milestone, but we also recognize there are millions more who still need clean water. Our model of community investment ensures our work is measurable, sustainable, and reproducible, guaranteeing that Wells of Life is positioned to bring lifesaving results to millions more in the years to come. Our dedicated in-country team of local Ugandans ensures our on-the-ground work is the highest level of quality. This allows us to form strategic partnerships with organizations like UWASNET (Uganda Water and Sanitation Network) and BUCADEF (Buganda Cultural Development Foundation) that other, less locally-represented non-profits do not have access to. Our Healthy Village Program is transforming the sanitation and hygiene practices of entire communities, resulting in thousands of lives transformed.

Demonstrating our commitment to monitoring the health and longevity of our wells, we've partnered with Charity: water to incorporate cutting-edge sensors into our well construction. This significant leap underscores our resolute dedication to fulfilling our aspiration of evolving into an Area Service Provider (ASP). In alignment with this goal, we proudly introduce our latest endeavor, Greenwell, marking a significant stride forward. Our in-country staff and partnerships, use of permanent, best-in-class materials, and commitment to quality assurance and maintenance empower Wells of Life to lead the charge toward a world where safe access to clean water is available to all people.

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# Water Changes Everything

Meet Grace. Grace used to walk 3-5 miles a day to a neighboring community to collect water. The journey was lengthy, and the wait was even longer. She would carry 10 gallons of pond water back home each day, pondering, "How should I use this water today? Should I water the garden to help us grow food? Should I wash my children's uniforms? Can we spare any for drinking? Should I use it for cooking?" With three children, a husband, and 10 gallons of water, she always found herself running short.

A few years ago, a compassionate donor took action, and Grace and her community received a well. Now Grace has an abundant supply of clean water just steps away from her home.

By supporting Wells of Life, your contribution to clean water transforms lives, much like Grace's. With clean water steps from home, Grace was empowered to launch her own business and invest in her children's education. When you give clean water you give time, opportunity, education, and empowerment. When a community receives clean water, they are given the resources of health, hygiene, and time to create a more sustainable society - breaking the cycle of poverty for future generations.

*"I am joyful and in good health. I've established a thriving crop business. I now have the time to engage in work and daily prayers, while my children are thriving in school. Sickness is no longer a burden, and our future shines with promise." - Grace, 32.*



**\$8,000 PROVIDES A  
NEW WELL FOR A  
COMMUNITY IN NEED.**

## THANKS TO YOU...

**1,153,000 Lives**

IMPACTED SINCE 2010

**\$15,041,000 Raised**

RAISED SINCE 2010

## HELP US BRING CLEAN WATER TO 200,000 MORE PEOPLE THIS YEAR

**76 Communities**

STILL NEED CLEAN WATER

**\$440,000 Needed**

TO REACH 200,000 LIVES IN 2023



## Southern California Hospice Foundation

# Unveiling the Hidden Housing Crisis: Southern California Hospice Foundation's Heavenly Home Offers a Compassionate Solution

What happens when someone is diagnosed with a terminal illness but has nowhere to go? The country is already facing a housing crisis. As housing security becomes more difficult to come by, an unexpected problem is arising: Even though most Americans would prefer to die at home, for many there is no home to go to at a time when it's needed most. This hidden crisis is worsening as housing becomes scarcer, leaving vulnerable individuals and families with no place to seek end-of-life care and support.

Right in the heart of Orange County, this sobering reality unfolds—the plight of the homeless facing life's most delicate stage. A life-limiting diagnosis combined with housing insecurity, poverty and isolation creates a harrowing reality for many individuals and families. And as the population ages, the challenges of accessing affordable end-of-life care intensify, leaving countless vulnerable residents with nowhere to turn. This truth is evident in the statistics—40 percent of adverse health outcomes in Orange County are attributed to social determinants of health, such as housing insecurity and poverty.



Moreover, the U.S. Census Bureau reports that over 10 percent of Orange County's population lives below the Federal Poverty Level, comprising around 315,000 people. Among the county's 450,000 seniors, approximately a quarter live alone, a number expected to increase by 17.3 percent by 2045. Veterans, who make up 5 percent or 130,000 of the county's population, are not exempt from these challenges.

The impact of social determinants of health is felt disproportionately by these vulnerable populations, increasing their risk of developing life-limiting diseases, including advanced cancer, dementia, motor neuron, lung and neurological diseases. A life-limiting diagnosis, lack of family support, social isolation and low income further hinder their access to affordable end-of-life care.

Placement of end-of-life patients after hospital discharge can also be an overwhelming challenge. While Medicare and many insurers cover most medical hospice costs, they often exclude housing or caregiver expenses. Assisted living facilities typically only accept hospice patients who were already residents before their terminal diagnosis, and skilled-nursing facilities involve high copayments. This scenario leaves many families unable to provide 24-hour care for their terminally ill loved ones as they lack the financial resources to pay for dedicated care.

### A Beacon of Hope

In the face of this daunting crisis, Southern California Hospice Foundation (SCHF) emerges as a beacon of hope, fighting to address the hidden housing crisis during life's most poignant moments. SCHF is a Costa Mesa nonprofit that accepts those who may lack financial resources and have no other options for end-of-life care—and they are doing it in a way that creates poignant memories for the patient and their loved ones.

The heart of this compassionate mission lies within SCHF's Heavenly Home, a transformative solution that opened its doors in February 2023. The Heavenly Home is the brainchild of Executive Director Michelle Wulfestieg, whose life's journey led her to this noble purpose. Having experienced a near-death encounter following the second of two strokes before the age of 25, Michelle vowed to find a way to give those in the final stages of life joy and dignity.

Located in the serene surroundings of Mission Viejo, the six-bedroom Heavenly Home features a fully equipped kitchen, a welcoming family dining room, a spacious patio and a beautiful rose garden, all designed to serve residents and their families while providing around-the-clock care. SCHF is the first nonprofit residential care facility for the elderly (RCFE) dedicated to serving hospice residents in Orange County, as well as the only hospice-focused RCFE in California that also has the Assisted Living Waiver. As a nonprofit, low-income residents are supplemented through philanthropic gifts and the generosity of our community, allowing SCHF to create a sanctuary of hope and preserve the dignity of the dying.

### A Profound Impact

For individuals like Charles Jason Wallace, a young father, the Heavenly Home provided the haven his family so desperately needed. When Charles received the heart-wrenching news that his father had limited time left to live, finding a suitable place for his father's final moments seemed like an impossible task. Living in a small apartment with his wife and daughter, Charles's home could not accommodate the specialized care his father required. This is when SCHF stepped in to offer heartfelt assistance.

The Heavenly Home welcomed Charles and his father, ensuring the last hours were spent in a beautiful, peaceful space. The impact was profound: Charles and his young family hosted a cookout at the home, celebrating his father's life in the embrace of loved ones. The Heavenly Home's team of compassionate caregivers provided more than just medical attention; they offered emotional support and comfort that eased the family's hearts during the most challenging moments.

SCHF's dedication to preserving dignity and providing compassionate care resonated deeply with Charles and his family, leaving an indelible mark on their lives. Despite financial constraints, Charles felt compelled to give back to the Foundation that had made such a difference in his family's life. In honor of his father's legacy, he donated \$25,000 to SCHF's Living Legacy Endowment, demonstrating the lasting impact of their compassion. His selflessness epitomizes the spirit of giving that lies at the heart of SoCal Hospice Foundation.



As Orange County unites to confront the hidden housing crisis, the Heavenly Home stands tall as a symbol of hope and compassion. In unity lies the strength to create a brighter future for all, supporting initiatives like SoCal Hospice Foundation's Heavenly Home—where love and dignity thrive. Together, we can ensure that individuals facing the end of life can find solace, love and dignity at the Heavenly Home.

Learn more at [socialhospicefoundation.org](https://socialhospicefoundation.org)

## A solution to the end-of-life **housing crisis**



**W**ith over 10 percent of Orange County's population living below the federal poverty level, a hidden homeless crisis unfolds, leaving those facing terminal illnesses without a place to seek end-of-life care. Most Americans prefer to die at home, but for many, there is no home to go to during their most vulnerable moments. As housing scarcity worsens, Southern California Hospice Foundation (SCHF) rises as a beacon of hope, addressing this heart-rending challenge. The Heavenly Home, a transformative solution for those seeking a place where hospice services can be rendered, offers a warm haven in Mission Viejo, providing compassionate end-of-life care for vulnerable individuals and families.



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## PROVIDING PERSONALIZED CARE TO THE ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY



IN THE HEART OF ORANGE COUNTY, A BEACON OF HOPE AND COMPASSION SHINES BRIGHTLY – SHARE OUR SELVES. WHAT STARTED AS A MODEST MEDICAL CLINIC IN COSTA MESA HAS SINCE BLOSSOMED INTO A COMPREHENSIVE NETWORK OF HEALTH CENTERS THAT REACH THOUSANDS OF INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES ACROSS ORANGE COUNTY. FOR OVER FOUR DECADES, SHARE OUR SELVES HAS BEEN AT THE FOREFRONT OF SERVING VULNERABLE POPULATIONS THROUGH ITS COMMITMENT TO PROVIDING COMPREHENSIVE HEALTHCARE WHICH INCLUDES FOOD, PHARMACOLOGY, DENTAL, AND MANY OTHER VITAL SERVICES TO THOSE IN NEED.

### HEALTHCARE FOR ALL

AT THE CORE OF SHARE OUR SELVES' MISSION LIES ITS COMMITMENT TO HEALTHCARE ACCESSIBILITY FOR ALL, REGARDLESS OF FINANCIAL MEANS. OUR HEALTH CENTERS OFFER FULL SPECTRUM PRIMARY CARE, DENTAL CARE, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, PHARMACY, AND SOCIAL SERVICES FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN. DRIVEN BY THE PHILOSOPHY OF HEALTHCARE FOR ALL SHARE OUR SELVES ENSURES THAT NO ONE IS LEFT BEHIND WHEN IT COMES TO ACCESSING QUALITY CARE.

### SUPPORT SERVICES

ORANGE COUNTY IS OFTEN ASSOCIATED WITH AFFLUENCE, BUT BENEATH THE SURFACE, MANY FAMILIES FACE HARDSHIP AND ADVERSITY. SHARE OUR SELVES COMBATS FOOD INSECURITY BY DISTRIBUTING OVER 300 BAGS OF GROCERIES DAILY. BEYOND ADDRESSING IMMEDIATE NEEDS, OUR CARE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM DEVELOPS PERSONALIZED PLANS TO EMPOWER INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES TOWARD REGAINING STABILITY IN THEIR LIVES BY PROVIDING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, MEDICAL AND/OR SOCIAL CARE NAVIGATION OR RECOVERY SUPPORT. SHARE OUR SELVES EXTENDS ITS COMMITMENT TO THE COMMUNITY THROUGH A RANGE OF COMMUNITY PROGRAMS, FROM EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES TO SEASONAL TRADITIONS THAT BRING COMFORT AND CHEER. THIS APPROACH NOT ONLY STRENGTHENS THE COMMUNITY BUT FOSTERS UNITY.

### YOUR COMMITMENT TO CLOSING THE CARE GAP

SHARE OUR SELVES RECOGNIZES THAT IT CANNOT ADDRESS THE PRESSING CHALLENGES OF ORANGE COUNTY ALONE. THROUGH THE GENEROSITY OF DONORS, SHARE OUR SELVES CAN MAKE A TANGIBLE DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF YOUR NEIGHBORS, CONTRIBUTING TO A STRONGER ORANGE COUNTY. TOGETHER, WE CAN BUILD A FUTURE WHERE EVERY MEMBER OF OUR COMMUNITY HAS ACCESS TO ESSENTIAL RESOURCES, HEALTHCARE, AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO THRIVE.



# Share Our Selves

MEETING EVERY NEED, BEYOND HEALTHCARE

For over five decades, we have been committed to addressing the critical needs of our community, recognizing that true healthcare encompasses more than just medical care. By addressing the social determinants of health, we strive to provide a comprehensive approach.

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**Behavioral Health    Social Services**



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WHERE HEALTH EQUITY IS A REALITY.**  
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## Strengthening our Future Workforce by Empowering Today's Youth

Since 1941, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Orange Coast has inspired children, teens and families to achieve their greatest potential. With the collective work of our community partners, we ensure our youth are equipped with the knowledge and skills they need to build strong foundations that lead to healthy, productive and successful lives as adults.

Through our Workforce Development program, teens have the opportunity to gain hands-on experience to thrive in an ever-evolving professional landscape. By supporting teens who wish to pursue a pathway beyond a four year university, our Boys & Girls Club provides assistance in obtaining alternative education certificates from trade or vocational schools and internships with companies in our community.



*every youth has mentors and champions in life.* But we need your help. By supporting our Boys & Girls Club, you contribute to a stronger and more equitable Orange County - *one youth and one future at a time.*

### JOIN CURRENT WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS, INCLUDING:



**VOLUNTEER:** Share your expertise by participating in workshops or career fairs

### WE SERVED 1,102 TEENS WITH THE SUPPORT OF 50 CORPORATE PARTNERS & VOLUNTEERS THIS PAST YEAR.

To expand career opportunities for teens and better prepare them for the workforce, we collaborate with local businesses seeking to hire entry-level talent. Our programs are more than afterschool activities, they are opportunities for youth to develop the hard and soft skills needed to be successful in an increasingly competitive world.

We do whatever it takes to accomplish our mission to *ensure*

**PARTNER:** Provide opportunities such as career-specific training and mentorship, internships and entry-level job opportunities

**DONATE:** Directly contribute to our future leaders' professional success

To learn how you can get involved and make an impact, contact our Director of Philanthropy, Corporate - David Blair at [dblair@boysandgirlsclub.com](mailto:dblair@boysandgirlsclub.com) or visit [www.boysandgirlsclub.com](http://www.boysandgirlsclub.com)

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# SUPPORTING GREAT FUTURES



This year, our Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Orange Coast deepened our impact by launching new initiatives allowing us to provide more mentorship, guidance and expanded access to resources that empower our future generations to **pursue greatness.**



**9,000+**

youth served  
across the 5 cities



**\$200,000**

in Club scholarships  
awarded to College  
Bound seniors



**1,102**

teens served  
through Workforce  
Development



**314**

members recieved  
Mental Health  
resources

**DONATE | PARTNER | VOLUNTEER**

[WWW.BOYSANDGIRLSCLUB.COM](http://WWW.BOYSANDGIRLSCLUB.COM)



# Speech and Language Development Center Empowers Lives, Transforms Futures



Through specialized programs, free or reduced-cost resources, and comprehensive care, SLDC fills a critical gap for families who have nowhere else to turn. Transformative services include:

- **Early intervention therapy** for children ages 0-3
- **K-12+ non-public school** for ages 5-22 with door-to-door transportation, credentialed education specialists, and trained para-educators
- **Clinical services** that draw upon the expertise of licensed therapists with decades of experience to meet individuals' unique needs
- **Adult day program** that blends on-campus and off-campus services for adults 22-40+ years old

For more than 65 years, Speech and Language Development Center has been a beacon of hope for families and students. With a campus and therapy center in Buena Park and a second location in Temecula, SLDC provides inclusive, comprehensive, personalized support to children and adults regardless of their abilities or financial means.

Today, more than 175 teachers and staff annually support over 200 students from 55 Southern California school districts with a range of services that encompass the entire spectrum of development.

### SLDC Fills the Gap

In 2023, one in 36 children were identified with autism spectrum disorders — up from one in 110 back in 2006. Around one-third of those children also have an intellectual disability. The rising rates of developmental disorders, paired with ever-increasing fees for medical care and therapy, are straining the safety net for families with special needs children. There simply are not enough specialized programs with free or reduced costs for families to access.

Poised for growth, SLDC has strategic plans to expand service lines and grow the number of individuals served through new services such as a soon-to-launch program for youth offering individual, group, and family counseling, in addition to educational support and activities like yoga, art and fitness.

By providing a seamless continuum of care, the organization can ensure that students receive the necessary support at every stage of their developmental journey. The work of SLDC has a transformative impact on students, extending beyond their individual lives to create a positive ripple effect that touches families and the wider community.

**We can do even more, through you.** A financial contribution will directly impact the lives of students, allowing SLDC to provide essential resources, cutting-edge technologies and innovative programs. You can also attend an upcoming event, including the **VIP Cocktail Night** (Sept. 17) at Balboa Bay Resort and the **45th Annual Dick Gorrie Memorial Golf Tournament** (Sept. 18) at Monarch Beach Golf Links. Learn more about how you can invest in transformation and change lives at [www.sldc.net](http://www.sldc.net).

# WE CHANGE LIVES.

Speech and Language Development Center has a transformative impact on special needs students, extending beyond their individual lives to create a positive ripple effect that touches families and the wider community. With a strong emphasis on community integration, SLDC equips students with the necessary skills for social interactions, access to higher education, and meaningful employment.



**12,000 lives of special needs students impacted since 1955**



JOIN US TO INVEST IN TRANSFORMATION



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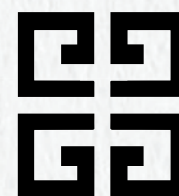
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# 2023 FRIENDS OF CASA HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2023  
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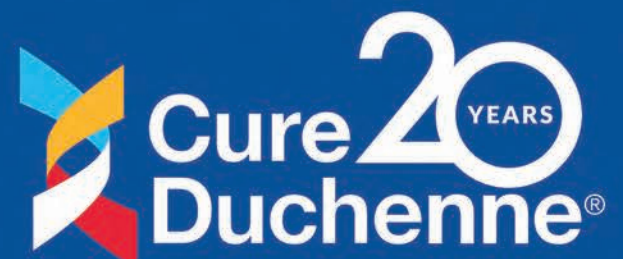
Marking our 20th anniversary, we've seen life expectancy rise by 10 years. For two decades, we've funded crucial research, championed early diagnosis, and expanded treatment access, including the first gene therapy. However, many remain ineligible for this therapy. Our mission isn't over - we won't stop until there are treatments for every person with Duchenne.

You can advance the care, treatment and cure for Duchenne muscular dystrophy.  
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- General Contractor / Design Build / Contractor / Owner.
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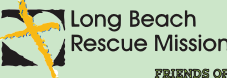
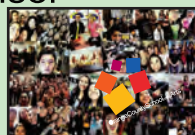
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## OLLV Foundation: Building Sacred Spaces and Connecting Hearts

The OLLV Foundation is a highly regarded 501(c)(3) nonprofit whose primary focus revolves around fundraising and project management for new places of worship on the Christ Cathedral campus in Garden Grove, California. The foundation's overarching objective is to develop and establish Roman Catholic religious spaces that will serve as beacons of faith and spirituality for Orange County and the region at large.

Currently, the OLLV Foundation's primary project is the St. Callistus Chapel and Crypts Campaign, which was publicly launched on Feb. 1, 2023. This campaign raises funds and manages construction for a new chapel beneath Christ Cathedral. The chapel, named after an early Pope and former Garden Grove parish, will serve as a new sacred space for worship and reflection to meet the demand for the bustling cathedral campus. The underground chapel will also contain crypts for generations of Diocese of Orange bishops and showcase various artwork significant to both Roman Catholic and



Orange County history.

Another significant endeavor being undertaken by the OLLV Foundation is the creation of the Marian Gardens next to the Christ Cathedral campus' popular Our Lady of La Vang Shrine (that was also managed by the foundation). These gardens will serve as a tranquil oasis, offering visitors an opportunity to connect with nature and find solace. The design is being carefully curated to reflect natural elements and religious symbolism associated with the Virgin Mary.



The OLLV Foundation's successes can be attributed to the leadership of its CEO, Dr. Elysabeth Nguyen. Her qualifications and achievements in fundraising and project management make her an exceptional leader. With Dr. Nguyen's impressive accomplishments and deep connections to Orange County's philanthropic and religious communities, she ranks among the region's top nonprofit executives.

The St. Callistus Chapel and Crypts Campaign and Marian Gardens are just the beginning of the OLLV Foundation's efforts to enhance the Christ Cathedral campus. The foundation is dedicated to expanding and improving the existing venues on the campus, but cannot achieve this without support. Whether volunteering your time, donating your expertise, or providing financial resources, any inquiries are welcomed.

To get involved, please contact the OLLV Foundation at (714) 282-4290 or send an email to [info@ollvfoundation.org](mailto:info@ollvfoundation.org). Our foundation staff would be happy to provide more information about how you can support the cause.

For a more comprehensive understanding of our initiatives and projects, visit our official website at [www.ollvfoundation.org](http://www.ollvfoundation.org). By volunteering or donating, you can help create a vibrant and inspiring environment for visitors of all faiths and traditions to the Christ Cathedral campus. Your support will enable the OLLV Foundation to continue preserving and enhancing unique sacred spaces for generations to come.

# Building Sacred Spaces and Connecting Hearts

Our mission is to help create and make available prestigious worship spaces. These places of worship are designed to help all visitors find a deeper connection with God. We build for our Lord Jesus Christ and our Mother Mary in hopes of sharing their glory to the world.

On the evening of November 18th, we will be holding a Gala for our 1st Anniversary. Want to learn about all the things that we did this year? Visit our website to purchase tickets to our Gala.

**Volunteer. Donate. Support.**

Visit [OLLVFoundation.org](http://OLLVFoundation.org) or call (714) 282-4290 to learn more



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## Five Tips to Inspire Your Employees to Give

People need a connection to something bigger than themselves. We inspire employee charitable activity through a connection to purpose, action and impact that sparks the joy of giving. This starts in the heart of who we are as humans, and in our work at Edwards Lifesciences, this shines through as a defining element of our culture. Together with our employees, and through our trusted relationships with community partners, we are committed to pursuing passionate employee engagement that strengthens our global communities.

**We aspire to have 100% of our employees participate in at least one charitable activity every year. In 2022, 86% of our global employees did just that.** They made it a priority to give time, knowledge, talents and more, to support local communities. In pursuit of this aspiration, we have learned successful and authentic ways to increase employee engagement in charitable activities.

We know you can inspire your employees to give too, and a good place to start is by genuinely wanting them to give.

Here are five tips you can use to inspire your employees to give even more:

**Tip #1: Ensure giving is part of the foundation of your culture**

**How we do it:** Passionate engagement that strengthens our communities is one of five key aspirations for Edwards

**Tip #2: Lead by example**

**How we do it:** 100% of our Senior Leadership Team voluntarily give time for charitable activity

**Tip #3: Make it easy** and connect employees to the impact they're making

**How we do it:** Provide toolkits with tactical steps of how to engage with charitable partners and tell stories of impact

**Tip #4: Keep it personal** – support employee passions and interests

**How we do it:** Our community giving is connected to employee preferences via charitable activities, our employee matching gift program, annual funding cycle, and board leadership

**Tip #5: Healthy competition** is fun, just remember the reason why

**How we do it:** Employees rally around participation for a cause, not dollars raised

We always ask ourselves, *'how can we inspire more giving?'*  
You can do it too. Will you join us?

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## Orangewood Foundation's Youth Connected Program Revolutionizes Foster Care for a New Generation

There has never been a better or more important time to be a foster parent.

The latest numbers tell the story: Only 68% of Orange County's more than 2,000 foster youth graduate high school. By most academic measures, that's a failing grade — and it's a situation that Orangewood Foundation is committed to remedying with its innovative Youth Connected Program (YCP).

"We envision a world where all foster youth graduate high school and are well supported to take on college, careers, relationships, and daily living with confidence and security," says Chris Simonsen, CEO of Orangewood Foundation. "The Youth Connected Program offers a unique experience where youth live on campus in state-of-the-art dorms to focus on their education and independent living skills Sunday night through Friday afternoon, returning to spend time with their foster families on the weekends and for holidays and summers."

Orangewood's Youth Connected Program offers youth in foster care a world-class education at the award-winning Samueli Academy, a public charter school launched by Orangewood Foundation in 2013. Consistently ranked among the top 5 percent of schools in the nation by U.S. News & World Report, Samueli Academy offers a leading-edge program based on project-based learning where students collaborate on meaningful projects that require critical thinking, creativity, and communication in order for them to answer challenging real-life questions or solve complex problems. Through this process, project-based learning gives students the opportunity to develop real-life skills that will propel them towards future college and career success.

Weekday dorm living at Samueli Academy takes place in brand-new residential buildings on the Orangewood campus that are intentionally designed and furnished for maximum comfort and a welcoming ambiance, while also allowing spaces for students to come together as a 'student family' with their counselors and advisors. In this way, students in the Youth Connected Program create meaningful friendships and have the chance to learn life skills in an informal, relaxed setting.

On weekends and during school breaks and holidays, foster youth join their local foster families (also called resource families) in their homes to connect and enjoy a stable, familial setting. Most of the foster/resource families in Orangewood's Youth Connected Program have never fostered children before, and are motivated by the opportunity to provide a stable, loving environment for a teen.

The Youth Connected Program ensures that both youth and foster parents are fully supported throughout their journeys. Youth receive academic support, plus one-on-one assistance with self-sufficiency planning including housing, college, and career decisions, along with workshops on daily living, relationships, education, and careers. Foster Parents (Resource Families) receive free trainings and 24/7 on-call support as Orangewood's expert team guides them through the entire process.

You can help a student in foster care succeed through Orangewood Foundation's Youth Connected Program. To learn more, visit [www.youthconnectedprogram.org](http://www.youthconnectedprogram.org).



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The Civic 50 OC, an initiative of Points of Light in partnership with OneOC, honors and celebrates the 50 most community-minded organizations in Orange County.

“The Civic 50 OC is more than recognition; it's about creating a profound impact. We're empowered to inform, inspire, and give back to our community responsibly. Partnering with OneOC, we've charted a meaningful roadmap for positive change, knowing we're part of a vibrant tapestry of advocates, nonprofits, and local governments in Orange County.”  
— Jay Woods, President & Founder, Omega Accounting Solutions

The Corporate Volunteer Council of Orange County (CVCOC), helps to position participating organizations to successfully take part in The Civic 50 assessment and propels them to a position of distinction as a highly regarded community-conscious company within Orange County.



## Congratulations to The Civic 50 Orange County Honorees 2023

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## A Safety-Net for Struggling Households in Orange County

Cherie first found Friendly Center when she and her two children, ages 12 and 7 at the time, were living out of their car. She contacted Friendly Center and was connected to a Family Support Advocate who registered Cherie for Friendly Center's food distributions, counseling, job development, and financial literacy classes. After using Friendly Center's wrap-around services, Cherie was able to gain stability and move her family from a motel to a place of their own.

When Cherie's youngest began college, she decided it was time to give back and volunteer. Today, Cherie volunteers for many of Friendly Center's programs, including the turkey basket and toy distributions, while also helping at the weekly large-scale food distributions. Cherie shares, **"Without Friendly Center we would probably still be on the streets... they were there every step of the way."**

Food insecurity, unemployment, mental health emergencies, and lack of educational opportunities are often cyclical issues for families facing poverty. One financial misstep or life crisis can lead to a downward spiral for many, like Cherie.

Through Friendly Center's Community Resource Centers, Orange County residents of all ages can access a significant number of programs in one place. For families, this approach is convenient and effective. In 2022, these Community Resource Centers served 3,250 unduplicated individuals in Orange County. Notably, in that same year, 79% of those who initiated participation on behalf of their households were single mothers or mothers from working poor families; and nearly half of all clients served were children.

The programs Friendly Center offers have been part of the organization's work for years, like food distributions, mental health services, utility and rental assistance, domestic violence intervention, academic tutoring, and more. Of these programs,

stabilizing programs help households meet their basic needs and provide accessible intervention in times of crisis, while skill-building programs offer individuals the opportunity to improve their lives, moving them toward long-term self-sufficiency. Friendly Center's newest center in Buena Park brings this accessible landing pad of supportive services to struggling residents in the North Orange County region, adding to Friendly Center's already existing location in the City of Orange.

The multifaceted, holistic approach of Friendly Center provides households with a safety net of programs that move them toward self-sufficiency. This model has been recognized through the support of local businesses like **AO, Pacific Life, Chapman University, Cummins & White, US Bank, Hanmi Bank, CR&R, Toyota of Orange, Western Digital, and AOF/Pacific Housing Corp.**



Friendly Center invites you to be part of this work; responding to the ongoing needs of Orange County households and helping them find stability when it is needed most. For more information on how to get involved, visit [www.friendlycenter.org](http://www.friendlycenter.org).

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In the last few years, Doheny scientists have developed novel eye imaging equipment and computer-based retinal image analysis, identified retinal biomarkers for Alzheimer's Disease, and developed multiple animal models of ocular disease – with pioneering research continuing every day.

As a non-profit, the team at Doheny depends upon grants and donors to continue forging ahead in its world-class research. Through the generous contributions of supporters, Doheny scientists and physicians are able to continue leading their field in the advancement of vision research, education, and patient care.

Supporting the future of vision for everyone can be made with a gift by visiting [doheny.org/donate](https://doheny.org/donate). Doheny also offers information and resources around planned giving at [doheny.giftlegacy.com](https://doheny.giftlegacy.com) where your legacy can continue through your estate plans. It only takes a few minutes to give the gift of sight.

Furthermore, people across Orange County can experience first-hand the top-notch innovative approach to care at the Doheny Eye Center UCLA in Fountain Valley. The facility's experts offer a range of clinical specialties, including cataract surgery, corneal transplantation, glaucoma, neuro-ophthalmology, oculoplastics, optic nerve and optic neuropathies, pediatric ophthalmology including pediatric cataract and lens disorders, pupillary disorders, retinal and macular diseases, thyroid eye disease, uveitis, vitreoretinal surgery, and more.

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The Doheny Eye Center UCLA in Orange County is located at 18111 Brookhurst Street, Suite 6400, Fountain Valley. To make an appointment, call (714) 963-1444 or visit [doheny.org/locations](https://doheny.org/locations).

Also, our experienced staff is available to help you achieve your philanthropic goals. For questions, please contact Molly Ann Woods, Chief Development Officer, at [mwoods@doheny.org](mailto:mwoods@doheny.org).

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## Hope Builders Career Connections: A Hiring Source for Local Employers

**Hope Builders Career Connections (HBCC)**—a social enterprise staffing agency launched by **Hope Builders** in 2018, is designed to connect graduates of its healthcare and construction training programs to careers where they can thrive. It also helps local employers meet their workforce needs. Moving forward, HBCC will play an increasingly critical role in Hope Builders' sustainability. In its early years, **HBCC** generated an average of \$300k annually. Last year it generated over \$800k in revenue. It is on track to generate over \$1million annually by the end of 2024, ultimately enabling the agency to reduce its reliance on traditional philanthropy.

Providence is a local company that turns to **HBCC** to fill its open positions for medical assistants. **Shelly Lummus, Chief Nursing Officer, Southern CA for Heritage Medical Foundation** shares below how **HBCC** has helped their team fulfill their hiring needs.

**Q:** Through 2028, the California Employment Development Department EDD projects that the need for medical assistants will increase by more than 20%. What are some of the challenges your team currently faces?

**A:** We currently have 31 medical assistant job openings and project that number to continue to increase. It's a challenge to find quality candidates who are skilled and uphold our mission of caring for everyone with the shared values of compassion, dignity, justice, excellence and integrity.

**Q:** How does working with HBCC help you solve for these challenges?

**A:** We've had incredible success in hiring from HBCC. Our managers cite that the training program's emphasis on accountability, punctuality and hard skills is evident. Their graduates are motivated, reliable and are ready to launch their healthcare careers.

**Q:** How does working with HBCC add to your overall goal to provide health for a better world?

**A:** Providence currently employs 56 Hope Builders' graduates. We strive to improve the health and quality of life in our communities and believe that offering career opportunities is one way to achieve this. The vetting and screening that HBCC provides allows us to give young adults without work experience the chance to join our teams and ensure our standards for compassionate, safe and reliable care is not compromised.

**Q:** Six months post hire, 98% of HBCC placements, are still employed at Providence. What can you attribute to that success?

**A:** We are very intentional in our hiring processes and work alongside HBCC in matching their candidates to our openings to ensure long term success. Additionally, the ongoing support that we receive from HBCC ensures their graduates adapt and excel on the job is invaluable.

**Hope Builders** and **HBCC** are proud to work with Providence to help meet their local hiring needs. For more information about **Hope Builders** and their **HBCC** social enterprise model, visit: [tsjhopebuilders.org](http://tsjhopebuilders.org).



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# girl scouts of orange county

## Find Your WHY

When it comes to philanthropy, Christine A. Scheuneman is a strong believer in Girl Scouts and finding your “why.” Her “why” is empowering girls to live their best lives through Girl Scouts of Orange County (GSOC). Ms. Scheuneman is a lifelong supporter of Girl Scouts, who champions girls by serving as Chair of the Board for GSOC. Equally as important, she contributes financially to the leadership development program that serves nearly 15,000 girls.

Ms. Scheuneman has a purpose and a passion that developed during her childhood. Growing up in the Midwest, Ms. Scheuneman joined Girl Scouts at the age of six. From Brownie to Ambassador, she participated at every level of the organization, taking full advantage of all that Girl Scouts had to offer. Ms. Scheuneman went on to receive the highest award a Girl Scout can earn, the Gold Award. After high school, she continued as a camp counselor. Those experiences made such an indelible impression that they influenced the trajectory of her life and her philanthropy. A chance conversation about GSOC in 2011 triggered Scheuneman’s philanthropic “why” in such a profound way. “It demonstrated to me that I could have an impact locally,” Ms. Scheuneman recalls. “I was really impressed with what they were doing with the girls and decided to get involved.”

Ms. Scheuneman’s favorite part about giving back is seeing a girl who might start out shy and timid evolve into a resilient, confident leader. She has witnessed firsthand how Girl Scouts benefit from the wide range of programs. Ms. Scheuneman believes dynamic women are shaped by risk-taking, developing confidence, making a difference, and lifting females up. “We know that girls and

women do not always have those influences in their lives,” Ms. Scheuneman says. “With the right encouragement and opportunity, they accomplish amazing things. Truly changing the world.”

Ms. Scheuneman became a founding member of the Promise Circle, launched in 2020. Promise Circle joins stakeholders together with their investment, advocacy, and networking. When funds are unrestricted, financial support can be used where the need is the greatest. “The Promise Circle is a way for philanthropists to connect with and invest in the incredible, life-changing efforts of Girl Scouts of Orange County,” says Ms. Scheuneman. “It is people who are passionate about the mission, what we are doing, and looking to the future of what we can accomplish together.”

Ms. Scheuneman is also a proud member of the Juliette Gordon Low Society, which is a distinguished group of friends across the country who make Girl Scouts part of their legacies and a beneficiary of their estates. Ms. Scheuneman strongly advocates estate giving but in conjunction with donating now through Promise Circle. “Obviously, you want to have an impact,” says Ms. Scheuneman. “Even better to be around when your generous donation is being used to further the mission. We are able to thank you, and you can participate in the program that changes girls’ lives.”

For more information about Girl Scouts of Orange County’s Promise Circle and accompanying benefits, visit [www.girlscoutsoc.org/promise](http://www.girlscoutsoc.org/promise) or contact Addy Lerner at (949) 461-8825 [fund.dev@girlscoutsoc.org](mailto:fund.dev@girlscoutsoc.org)



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Girl Scouts of Orange County serves 15,000 girls and builds girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place. When you donate to Girl Scouts, the largest girl-led nonprofit leadership program in the world, you champion girl ambition. Your important gift ensures girls will continue to discover their abilities and passions, find their voice and dream big for themselves, their communities, and, yes, our world.

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“As a philanthropist looking to make a meaningful impact, it’s so gratifying to know my Promise Circle gift is being used to serve all Orange County girls from every social, cultural, economic, intellectual, and developmental sphere. I’m excited by Girl Scouts of Orange County’s future. Please join me today.”

- Christine Scheuneman,  
Girl Scouts of Orange County  
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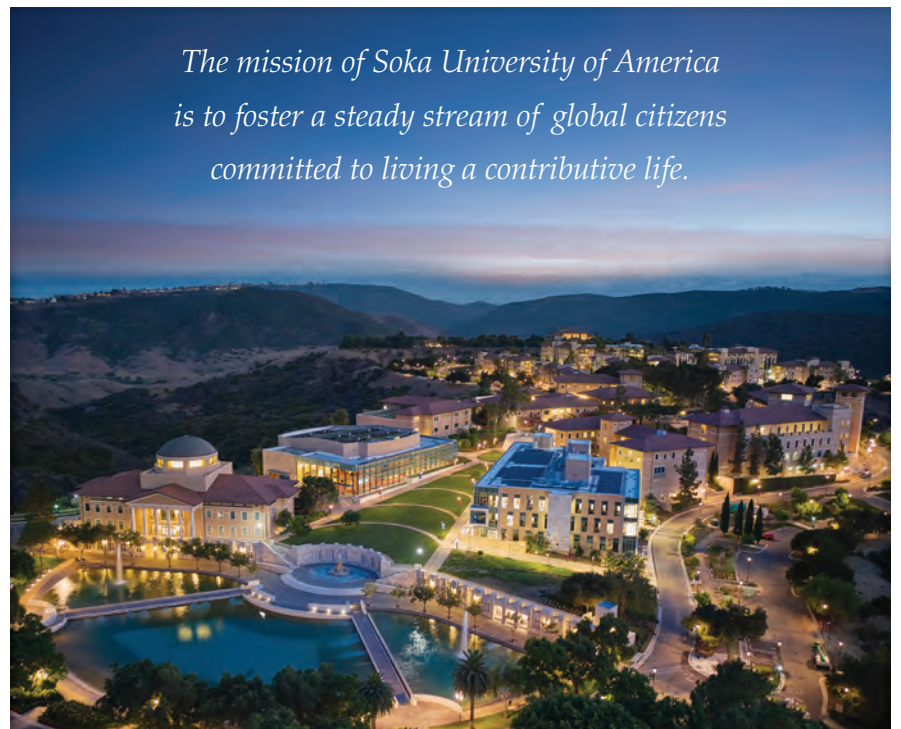
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As the number of residents facing food insecurity continues to rise, we have made significant improvements to address the growing need. Over the last two years, Second Harvest has worked diligently to minimize waste. Our efforts have succeeded, as Second Harvest was just named the first food bank in the world to be awarded TRUE (Total Resource Use and Efficiency) certification for zero waste by Green Business Certification Inc.

Another key initiative is Harvest Solutions Farm in Irvine. This 40-acre farm, which provides fresh, locally grown produce for neighbors in need, has reached the milestone of producing 3.7 million pounds of fruit and vegetables after two years in operation. As a partnership with Solutions for Urban Agriculture and University of California South Coast Research & Extension Center, Harvest Solutions Farm helps mitigate challenges like rising food prices and supply chain disruptions.

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In Orange County, one out of every 12 people and one out of 11 children is food insecure. But Second Harvest is committed to ensuring that everyone has access to healthy and nutritious food.

September is Hunger Action Month, and we invite you to join us in our efforts to #feedoc. Here are six ways you can help us nourish and create a healthier OC.



1. Register as an individual or create a team for our 2nd Annual Walk to Feed OC on Saturday, September 9, 2023, at Tanaka Farms. It's free to participate in this non-competitive 1.5-mile walk and it's a great way for families and individuals to help raise awareness of food insecurity in Orange County. Register at [feedoc.org/walk](https://feedoc.org/walk).
2. Volunteer to lend a hand at Harvest Solutions Farm or our Distribution Center. Visit [feedoc.org/volunteer](https://feedoc.org/volunteer) for ways to serve.
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# WE'RE ON A NUTRITION MISSION

Community health starts with access to nutritious food for everyone in Orange County. Working together with our partner network, we're committed to providing dignified, equitable and consistent access to nutritious food to children, adults and seniors throughout our community. And since August 2021, we've been harvesting and distributing nutrient-rich, locally grown produce at the 40-acre Harvest Solutions Farm. **To volunteer or donate, please visit [FeedOC.org](https://FeedOC.org).**

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In the heart of Orange County, Working Wardrobes is a transformative force, bridging the gap to employment for thousands every year. Beyond its role in providing professional attire, Working Wardrobes guides individuals towards meaningful employment, empowering them to create a brighter future.

### What We Do

Annually supporting over 5,000 individuals, Working Wardrobes breaks down barriers to employment through tailored training, coaching, certifications and workshops. Beneficiaries range from Veterans transitioning to civilian life, to parents seeking fresh opportunities after their kids go to school, to young adults entering the workforce and experienced seniors reentering the workforce. These diverse pathways reflect the organization's commitment to fostering economic stability and empowerment across various demographics.

### Our Partnership with U.S. Bank

At the core of Working Wardrobes is its impactful partnerships. One in particular is U.S. Bank, whose partnership extends beyond financial contributions. U.S. Bank's commitment involves dedicating time, skills and expertise, showcasing the transformative role that businesses can play in community-driven change. This collaborative effort highlights how corporations can leverage their resources to make a meaningful difference in the lives of those seeking gainful employment and self-sufficiency.

U.S. Bank's involvement also creates a ripple effect, impacting both Working Wardrobes' mission and its employees. Their firsthand experience of making a difference often resonates deeply, fostering in employees a sense of purpose and community engagement. U.S. Bank's staff are not just contributing monetarily; they are actively participating in the journey towards positive change, embodying the essence of Corporate Social Responsibility.

### An Opportunity for Partnership

Businesses across Orange County are invited to collaborate, offering various avenues for engagement. These include volunteering at donation centers, leading workshops, conducting clothing drives, donating bulk clothing and providing financial support. Corporate partners can further Working Wardrobes' mission



through event sponsorships, in-kind donations and by embracing Corporate Social Responsibility Days.

Opportunities for involvement cater to diverse interests. Hosting career workshops, donating gift cards, initiating clothing drives or even hiring job-ready clients are ways organizations can make a tangible impact on both individuals and the community.

### Collaborating for a Better Orange County

Working Wardrobes' partnership with U.S. Bank stands as a testament to the lasting influence of collaborative efforts between corporations and nonprofits. A prosperous and inclusive Orange County becomes clearer, underscoring the power of collaboration for a brighter future. We hope this partnership inspires others to stand united with us, embracing the critical role of fostering a resilient and thriving workforce.

Learn more at [WorkingWardrobes.org](http://WorkingWardrobes.org).

## Overcoming Barriers to Gainful Employment

Beyond attire, Working Wardrobes is a transformative force for good in Southern California, bridging employment gaps through tailor-made training, expert coaching and engaging workshops. Their reach extends to Veterans, those impacted by the justice system, working age youth, parents, young adults and seniors, guiding them towards gainful employment. Orange County businesses are invited to join forces with Working Wardrobes, contributing through volunteer efforts, financial and in-kind donations and event sponsorships. This collaboration not only reflects corporate responsibility but can also foster strengthened team dynamics. By actively participating, businesses become integral to crafting a more prosperous, inclusive workforce while leaving an enduring, positive mark on Southern California's diverse community.





## Relationship Violence Impacts Us All

Relationship violence can happen to anyone – often cycling through generations as a destructive and repetitive pattern that contributes to toxic environments in homes, schools, and communities. We know each person can help break this cycle by recognizing the signs of abuse and by taking action to help those in need of safety.

### Our Mission

We ignite social change by educating Orange County to recognize relationship violence as an issue that threatens everyone, advocating for those affected by abuse, extending a safe place for victims and empowering survivors on their journey of healing.

### Our Story

From awareness comes action; from action springs sustainable change; and from sustainable change emerges a violence-free future in which every individual and family in Orange County is free to live healthy relationships based on respect. Human Options leads collective, countywide responses in service of those affected by abuse. Ultimately, we are empowering every person and family in Orange County to live free from fear.

### The Effects of Relationship Violence

The effects of relationship violence can be far-reaching, often opening the door to a myriad of mental health issues. Those issues affect many aspects of our daily lives, like work, how we care for ourselves, and engage with others. In fact, **relationship violence costs employers nearly \$727 million in lost productivity each year.** According to the National Institutes of Health, research has shown that individuals who have experienced relationship violence are far more likely to have lower work performance and productivity because of the impact of trauma as compared to the general population.

For more than four decades, Human Options has worked to raise awareness that relationship violence affects not only the individuals experiencing abuse, but the children who witness it. Each year in the United States, about 3.3 million children are exposed to relationship violence in their homes and often the adults involved are incapable of recognizing the impacts of toxic stress on children.

When you know the signs of an abusive relationship you can take action to support the person being abused. Together, we can create a safer, healthier community through all types of relationships, fostering respect and empathy. If you or someone you know is experiencing relationship violence, Human Options is here to support, starting with our 24/7 hotline (877) 854-3594.

**STORY:** Casey was a budding entrepreneur running her own business. By age 26, she was married and on the path to success both professionally and personally. Everything was great until the honeymoon phase with her spouse was over, and the abuse started. Casey experienced emotional, physical, sexual, and digital abuse on an ongoing basis. Because of the prolonged abuse from her partner, Casey developed Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), with her mental health on the decline. Casey felt she always had to look over her shoulder. She felt unsafe in her home and knew she needed to go somewhere safe. She learned about Human Options through a Google search and was accepted into the emergency shelter. Casey was finally in a safe place and could start healing through counseling. *"I am so grateful to be here. I haven't felt safe in a long time."* She made a safety plan for when she would leave the shelter and how to live violence free on her own. Casey continues to heal from the trauma she endured, is working to finalize her divorce, restart her business and has since bought a dog to give her love and time to.

### Join Us This October for Domestic Violence Awareness Month!

Go purple with us and empower your community to take a stand against relationship violence!

**Prevent** relationship violence from perpetuating by expanding your knowledge at our Fall Luncheon on October 6th.

**Protect** future generations by understanding the root causes of abuse by hosting a training or presentation at your organization or office.

**Empower** your community to wear purple on October 19 for Purple Thursday.

**Transform** the lives of those impacted by abuse through a generous donation.

Visit [humanoptions.org](https://humanoptions.org) for more information.

**SAVE  
THE DATE**

**ANNUAL FALL LUNCHEON**  
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2023  
11:30 A.M. – 1:30 P.M.

**HUMAN OPTIONS**  
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# DRIVEN BY A DREAM

The mission of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation is to cure cystic fibrosis and to provide all people with CF the opportunity to lead long, fulfilling lives by funding research and drug development, partnering with the CF community, and advancing high-quality, specialized care.



## ABOUT THE CYSTIC FIBROSIS FOUNDATION

We are driven by a dream that one day—every person with cystic fibrosis will have the chance to live a long, healthy life. Recognized globally, the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation has led the way in the fight against cystic fibrosis, fueling extraordinary medical and scientific progress. The life expectancy of someone born with CF has doubled in the last 30 years. Despite this progress, many people with CF do not benefit from existing therapies.

Our vision is

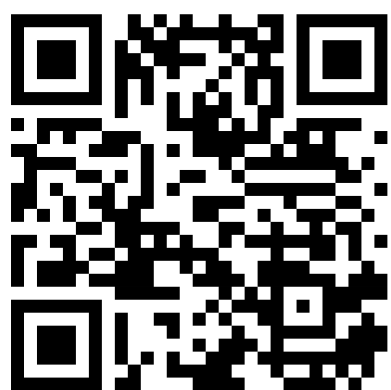
**A CURE FOR 100%** of people living with cystic fibrosis.

**– WE WILL NOT LEAVE ANYONE BEHIND.**

## ABOUT CYSTIC FIBROSIS

In people with cystic fibrosis, a defective gene causes a thick buildup of mucus in the lungs, pancreas and other organs. In the lungs, mucus clogs the airways and traps bacteria, leading to infections, extensive lung damage and respiratory failure. Many people with CF do not benefit from existing therapies, either because their disease is too advanced or because their specific genetic mutations will not respond.

Those who can take current therapies continue to face challenging complications—leading to hospitalizations, missed school and work, and significant interruptions in their daily routine. And, many children and adults with CF still face the sobering prospect of a shortened life span.



Join the dedicated group of volunteers, donors, caregivers, and scientists who are helping add tomorrows to the lives of people with cystic fibrosis.

Together, let's make CF stand for Cure Found.

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At Planned Parenthood of Orange & San Bernardino Counties (PPOSBC), we believe that every individual should have the knowledge, freedom, and power to achieve optimal reproductive health care.

We work to fulfill this vision by providing exceptional health care experiences for each patient that walks through our doors, protecting and promoting the fundamental right to make personal health care decisions through various advocacy efforts, and delivering comprehensive education to create healthier communities.

We're able to steward this work through the generous contributions of supporters and philanthropists like you.

In fact, through our donor-supported Continuing Access for Reproductive Equity (C.A.R.E) Program, we are able to ensure that **no one is turned away from receiving the care they need**,

regardless of their ability to pay, insurance, or immigration status.

Last year we provided nearly **\$2.6M in charitable care** at our nine health centers across Orange and San Bernardino Counties. Services included cervical cancer screenings, contraception, pregnancy testing, family planning/counseling, STI testing and treatment, vaccines, and other comprehensive reproductive care including abortion and vasectomies. Not every Planned Parenthood affiliate is able to do this.

In addition to providing care to local patients, since last year's overturning of Roe v. Wade, we have had hundreds of out-of-state patients seeking safe, high-quality abortion care that they can trust.

Through our Abortion Aid Program which focuses on eliminating barriers for out-of-state patients, PPOSBC has

provided abortion care to **patients from over 32 states**. We have provided airfare, gas cards, hotel stays, meal vouchers, and even comfort items to our patients to ensure they are receiving a compassionate experience while in our care.

With a charitable gift, not only can you help protect and advance reproductive freedom and abortion access, and health education, you'll join a kaleidoscope of thousands of donors and staff who support our mission.

Access to health care and the services we provide are essential to positive health outcomes for our patients. Supporters like you are an integral part of advancing our mission to protect and promote the fundamental right of all individuals to make their own personal health decisions and to provide high-quality, compassionate care to all.

# No One Is Turned Away

LAST YEAR WE PROVIDED

**\$2.6 MILLION**

IN HEALTH CARE SERVICES TO  
THOSE UNABLE TO PAY



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# Integrated Housing and Healthcare for the Families Experiencing Homelessness

Illumination Foundation has been providing integrated housing and healthcare services to those experiencing homelessness for the past 15 years. Our mission is to disrupt the cycle of homelessness in Southern California by providing a comprehensive safety net of client-centered services for the most vulnerable individuals, families, and children.

Illumination Foundation believes that every person has an intrinsic right to home, health, and dignity. From street to home, we provide a full continuum of care and resources to provide the support families need.

It's difficult to count and track the number of people experiencing homelessness in Orange County, especially children. The 2022 Point In Time Count tallied 721 children under the age of 18 in Orange County who were experiencing homelessness. But a recent OC Grand Jury report notes that number differs greatly from the 23,246 children identified by the county's school districts based on the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.

Some key takeaways from the report include: Children who are raised in homelessness have higher absenteeism rates, lower literacy rates, and a more limited vocabulary, with nearly 70% unable to meet state standards on state mandated tests. In Orange County, less than 35% of all homeless students in public schools met or exceeded State Standards in English Language Arts, less than 25% met or exceeded State Standards in math, and they graduate at lower rates than average. This limits their opportunities for stable jobs, increasing the risk of continuing housing insecurity in adulthood and maintaining the ongoing cycle of homelessness.

Illumination Foundation has four family emergency shelters created to disrupt this cycle for children experiencing homelessness. These homes are shared living spaces where each family is assigned to their own bedroom and they share common areas with other families on-site.

Our Children and Families Program provides comprehensive, client-centered, trauma-informed supportive services on site. We focus on developmental and behavioral health screenings, counseling, medical and behavioral health connections, parenting education, educational support services, and other enrichment programs.



*As a survivor of domestic violence, Aimee faced the challenge of finding stable housing for herself and her son. Through Illumination Foundation, Aimee found residence at the Theriault Family Emergency Shelter, where she was connected to on-site parenting classes, counseling, and tutoring services for her oldest son. Aimee moved into a two bedroom apartment with her sons and now has a place to call home.*

All these services work together to provide the structure and continuity to help our clients begin moving toward proactive participation in their family's medical care, stability, and permanent housing. Our model of integrated housing and healthcare has made an enormous impact on families experiencing homelessness.

Access to affordable housing and healthcare services is critical to meet the needs of our communities. We continue to develop partnerships, programs, and services to further our mission.

You can be part of the solution in disrupting the cycle of homelessness. When you invest in people's lives, you invest in our communities and the future.

You can make an impact today as an advocate, partner, donor, or volunteer.

**For more information, go to [www.ifhomeless.org](http://www.ifhomeless.org)**



## Disrupting the Cycle of Homelessness Through Housing and Healthcare

Illumination Foundation has been providing integrated housing and healthcare services to those experiencing homelessness for the past 15 years.



Be part of the solution in disrupting the cycle of homelessness. You can provide home, health, and dignity to individuals, children, and families.

**We invite you to partner with us to make a life-changing impact for our most vulnerable community members.**



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**American Red Cross**  
Orange County

**The American Red Cross  
of Orange County:**

**THERE WHEN  
HELP CAN'T WAIT**



The American Red Cross exists to provide compassionate care to those in need. The work of the Red Cross spans the globe but the impact of its services are personal and lifechanging, empowering ordinary people to perform extraordinary acts in emergency situations. Whether it's a community member whose residence has been destroyed in a home fire, a family who has been displaced by a wildfire, a child in need of lifesaving blood or a member of the military experiencing a family emergency, the Red Cross is there to offer help and hope when it is needed most.

In the last year, volunteers with the American Red Cross of Orange County responded to disasters like wildfires, home fires, floods, mudslides and more, and helped families who were affected – making sure they had a safe place to stay, food to eat and tools to help them recover.

We enrolled thousands of community members in First Aid/CPR/AED classes and other training courses, provided services for the military community through Red Cross Service to the Armed Forces, collected lifesaving blood donations at hundreds of blood drives, and more. Through our comprehensive preparedness programs, we also work year round to help community members prepare for disasters and emergencies likely to occur in our region.

You can help us fulfill our vital mission. Ways to get involved:

**Volunteer:** The Red Cross of Orange County is seeking more volunteers ahead of a busy wildfire and disaster season. Disaster Action Team volunteers, shelter workers, health services volunteers and others are especially needed. Your time and talent can make a real difference in people's lives. There are opportunities available to match a wide variety of interests and schedules. All training is provided. Learn more at [redcross.org/volunteer](https://redcross.org/volunteer).

**Donate:** Visit [redcross.org/donate](https://redcross.org/donate) to make a financial donation. An average of 90 cents of every dollar spent is invested in providing care and comfort for those in need. The contributions of individual donors and corporate partners enable the Red Cross to make a tremendous difference every day for those who rely on our services in disasters and other emergencies. For information on giving opportunities or event sponsorship, please contact Amy Kennedy at [amy.kennedy@redcross.org](mailto:amy.kennedy@redcross.org) or 949-358-4595.

**Give Blood:** The need for blood is constant. Every day, volunteer blood and platelet donors are needed to help save lives. You can help by donating blood or hosting a blood drive. Eligible individuals are encouraged to schedule a blood or platelet donation appointment by using the Red Cross Blood Donor app, visiting [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org) or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (800-733-2767).

**Get Trained:** Consider taking a first aid, CPR and AED course, so you'll know what to do in an emergency if help is delayed. Visit [redcross.org/takeaclass](https://redcross.org/takeaclass) or call 1-800-RED CROSS (800-733-2767) to register for a class.

**To learn more about the American Red Cross of Orange County, visit [redcross.org/SoCal](https://redcross.org/SoCal).**

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*Down the Street,  
Across the Country,  
Around the World*

We invite you and others to join the American Red Cross mission by volunteering, giving blood, learning lifesaving skills like CPR or making a financial donation. Your support helps ensure families don't face emergencies alone.

**Volunteer. Give Blood. Donate. Take a Class.**  
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**American Red Cross**  
Orange County



## Beyond Blindness is Building Bright Futures With Innovative Programs That Empower Children With Visual Impairments and Other Disabilities

Last year, over 500 children and more than 830 family members received services through Beyond Blindness. But what if that impact could be more than doubled in the next three years?

As a leading regional provider empowering children with visual impairments and other disabilities to achieve their fullest potential, **Beyond Blindness has set an ambitious goal to serve 2,680 children and family members by the year 2027.**

We deliver high-quality programming in three primary areas of focus:

**Early Intervention:** We're leading the charge to change the lives of children from birth to age 5. Home-based support, infant, toddler and preschool classrooms, and specialized therapy services help children overcome obstacles and delays caused by visual impairment. New this year is Learning Link, a free, drop-in program for parents and children to build early school-readiness skills.

**Education & Enrichment:** We guide school-age students ages 3-22 to their fullest potential. Highly experienced Teachers of the Visually Impaired and Orientation & Mobility Specialists travel throughout Orange County to meet with students one-on-one in their home or



at their schools to help them meet individual education goals, teach Braille and develop independent navigation skills.

**Family Support:** Beyond Blindness supports the entire family, not just the child. To build confidence and develop a sense of community, we offer fun and inclusive family events, parent education, access to a social worker, wellness checks, and more.

Join us to build more bright futures! To learn more about getting involved, please visit [www.beyondblindness.org](http://www.beyondblindness.org).

*"We feel extremely fortunate to have found Beyond Blindness. It's a place where our son can safely try new things and learn from his peers, many of whom also have disabilities." — Beyond Blindness parent*



**beyond blindness**  
Building Bright Futures for Children



# A JOURNEY OF CARE™

## AT ALL AGES AND STAGES

No journey follows a templated, linear path. Families can come to Beyond Blindness at any time in their journey, for any reason. We deliver **Early Intervention, Education + Enrichment,** and **Family Support** programming with an integrated approach that empowers children with visual impairments and other disabilities to achieve their fullest potential.

**Help build brighter futures. Learn more at [www.beyondblindness.org](http://www.beyondblindness.org).**


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## ANAHEIM FAMILY YMCA

The **Anaheim Family YMCA** is a cause-driven organization that is for youth development, for healthy living and for social responsibility. That's because a strong community can only be achieved when we invest in our kids, our health and our neighbors. To bring about meaningful change, individuals need ongoing support, encouragement, and connections to others — all of which the Y provides in abundance. The Anaheim Family YMCA impacts over 10,000 families in more than 50 locations by: Promoting Learning; Keeping Kids Safe; Improving Health; and Connecting People to Positive Values. The Y serves over 1,200 families annually, providing almost \$1 million in financial assistance.



With over 112 years of History, the Anaheim Family YMCA has gone on to build its heritage by addressing prevalent needs of the time through programs that build character and bring people together, including safe places after school; swim; healthy living initiatives; and opportunities for youth to lead and give back to their community. And today, you can visit our new YMCA Community Complex, which features six arenas for soccer and futsal leagues and a recreational field for adult fitness, martial arts, sports clinics, outdoor activities, and community events. The new YMCA Community Complex serves more families in Anaheim and improves the lives of Anaheim residents through health and fitness.

Deeply rooted in our neighborhoods, the Y is a valuable asset that works to ensure that everyone — regardless of age, income or background — has the opportunity to learn, grow, and thrive. We believe communities are strong

when everyone has the opportunity to reach their full potential. It is mission- and business-critical that Ys respond with relevant strategies to meet the evolving needs of people across dimensions of diversity in our rapidly changing communities. By providing impactful services and support networks, and building bridges between people from all backgrounds, we help to create stronger, more cohesive communities for all.

We provide over 1,200 families a year with financial assistance helping shape the future of youth throughout Anaheim, Stanton, La Palma, and Cypress communities. Every dollar donated to the Anaheim Family YMCA stays local and makes a lasting impact on our community. Your gift will help us continue to create a stronger community for all. **Donate to the ANAHEIM FAMILY YMCA today.**

### About the Anaheim Family YMCA

As the nation's leading non-profit committed to strengthening community, the Y believes strong communities are possible only when we invest in our kids, our health and our neighbors. To bring about meaningful change, individuals need ongoing support, encouragement and connections to others — all of which the Y provides in abundance. Our programs, services and initiatives enable youth to realize their potential, offer families ways to have fun together, empower people to be healthier in spirit, mind and body, welcome and embrace newcomers and help foster social responsibility.

### Our Mission

To put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all.

To learn more about the Anaheim Family YMCA, visit [www.anaheimymca.org](http://www.anaheimymca.org)

**The Y. Forever in service. For a better us.**

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With your support, you are helping the Anaheim Family YMCA provide youth with scholarships to vital YMCA programs so they can grow strong in character, creativity, and confidence.

Anaheim Family YMCA | [anaheimymca.org](http://anaheimymca.org)



**Big Brothers Big Sisters' Workplace Mentoring Program focuses on developing 21st-century skills with hands-on learning that offer students unparalleled insights into real-world experience.** Mentors introduce students to key industry players, recommending them for internships or job opportunities and vouching for their skills and character.

**Mentorship has never been more important or more relevant.**

We live in a time of growing disconnection where many young people lack the connections and resources to succeed in education and the workforce. The number of young adults who have dropped out of education and the workforce has surged by about 1 million over the past few years, including a 17% increase in Orange County.

Community colleges are key partners to providing accessible education and workforce development opportunities to our region. Catering to a diverse student population, they empower individuals from various backgrounds to pursue their career goals. However, students often encounter unique challenges and hurdles in navigating their way to meaningful employment.

**That is why Cypress College and Disneyland Resort have partnered with Big Brothers Big Sisters' Workplace Mentoring Program as a way to provide mentors that improve student success.** Cypress College students have the drive and determination to succeed, but navigating the intricacies of the job market, especially post-pandemic, can be challenging without proper guidance.

*"We are proud to collaborate on mentoring programs that not only contribute to the growth and development of local youth, but also provide an opportunity for our Cast Members to make a profound impact on the lives of future leaders in our community."*

**– Kim Chips, Senior Manager, Corporate Social Responsibility, Disneyland Resort**

Disneyland Resort Cast Members have become students' personal cheerleaders, inspiring resilience and fostering skills development. For Disneyland Resort, mentorship cultivates a robust talent pipeline, unveiling potential careers to motivated individuals while nurturing their growth and potential.

*"I hope to learn and grow both personally and professionally. I don't have a close network of support, so it will be nice to have someone to truly and deeply confide in."*

**– Little Brother Robert, Cypress College Student**

**Here's where you come in, fellow corporations:** Join forces with us – colleges, corporations, and leaders – to fuel a brighter tomorrow. Begin the conversation on establishing your own Workplace Mentoring Program today!

**Contact Bianca Carranco, Director of Corporate Partnerships, at [bcarranco@ocbigs.org](mailto:bcarranco@ocbigs.org) to learn more.**

# WE ALL KNOW THAT WHO YOU KNOW IS LESS IMPORTANT THAN WHO KNOWS YOU.

**Mentorship has never been more important or more relevant for future-proofing your workforce.**

Find out more about our Workplace Mentoring programs at [ocbigs.org/workplace](https://ocbigs.org/workplace)



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## GLORIA & EMALINE'S STORY

### Cantlay Food Distribution Center, Catholic Charities of Orange County (CCOC)



Gloria is an elderly grandmother who frequently receives bags of food from Catholic Charities Food Distribution Center, also known as the Cantlay Center.

Gloria and Emaline are incredibly grateful to receive aid in their time of need, and it's only possible with your support!

In fiscal year 2022, Catholic Charities of Orange County distributed 3,118,175 lbs of food to over 570,000 individuals/families, and the need continues to grow!

Last Christmas, tragedy struck, and she lost her son- the sole provider of the family, forcing her daughter-in-law to seek full-time work and leaving Gloria to care for her son's children.

*Help us continue to serve our brothers and sisters by donating today!*

Text **CCOCDONATE** to **41444** or scan the QR code



Catholic Charities of Orange County changed their lives for the better! While picking up food at the Cantlay Food Distribution Center with her then two-year-old granddaughter, Emaline, Gloria learned that she could also receive diapers, an answered prayer for little Emaline, and fresh food from the Garden of Hope located in the back of the Cantlay Center.

You may also mail a check to

**Catholic Charities of Orange County**

12141 S Lewis St, 11th Floor  
Garden Grove, CA 92840

Gloria and Emaline now pick up canned goods and fresh food in the morning and diapers in the afternoon. Emaline even received a plush unicorn that had been donated just in time for her third birthday!

*Pictures of the Garden of Hope, Cantlay Food Distribution Center  
Catholic Charities of Orange County*



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Working to end family homelessness in Orange County.



One in three Orange County households are struggling to meet their most basic needs. More than ever, families are in critical need of housing and food assistance with more than 23,000 local children experiencing homelessness. With your help, we can create an Orange County where every family has a home and the opportunity to thrive.



Scan the QR code for more information on how to become a donor, partner or volunteer, or visit [families-forward.org](https://families-forward.org)



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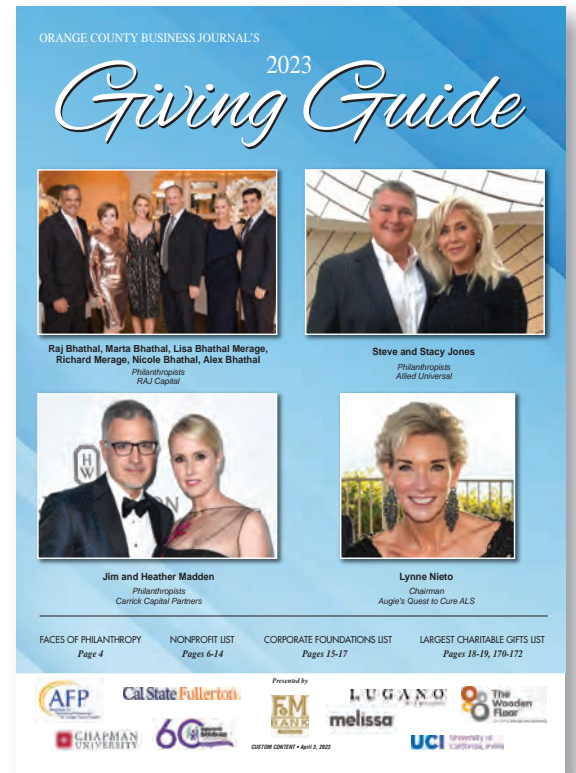
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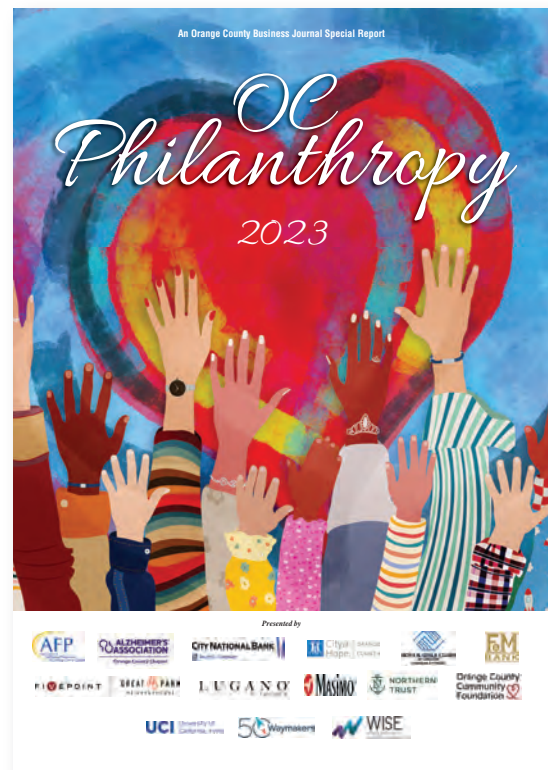
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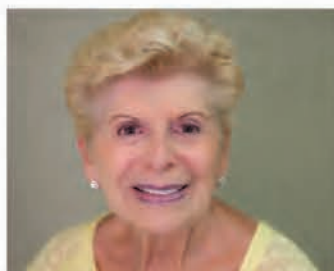
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