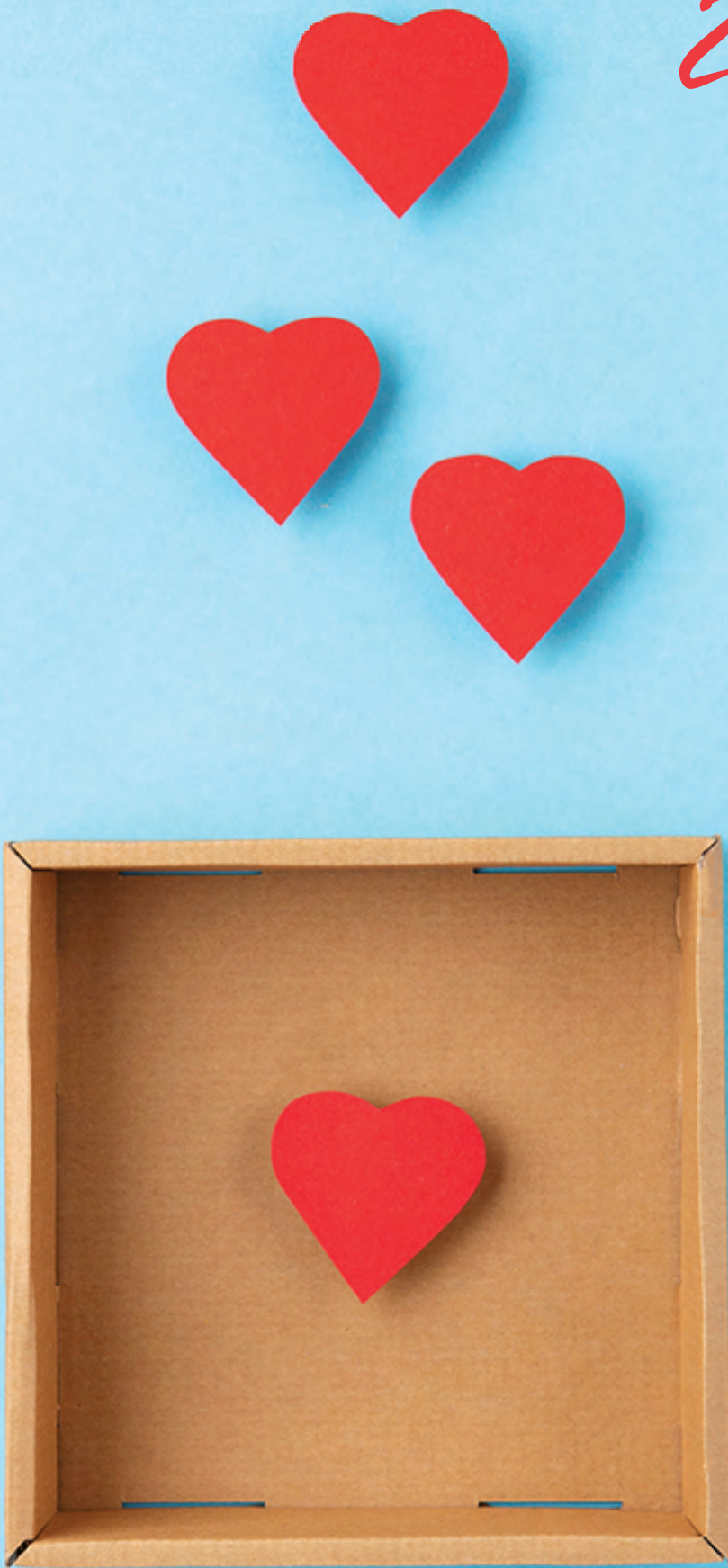


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The Orange County Business Journal is pleased to present our 23rd annual OC Philanthropy Special Report. Inside, you will find numerous nonprofit organizations and companies who strive every day to make an impact in Orange County and beyond.

OC Philanthropy features trends in giving, news within the nonprofit community, as well as a Corporate Foundations/Giving list. The special edition includes over 74 nonprofit organizations and foundations, highlighting their causes and how others can get involved. Several community-minded companies also took the opportunity to shine light on their philanthropic efforts and how they contribute to a better workplace culture.

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I am delighted to be part of this caring community. I hope OC Philanthropy will inspire you and your company to join these organizations in their philanthropic efforts throughout Orange County.

Richard Reisman
Richard Reisman
Publisher & CEO



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The OC Way: Building a Stronger Social Safety Net

United Way Builds 211OC for Emergencies

■ By KIM STEMPER

GARDEN GROVE — When the call came in, the woman on the line wasn't asking about the chemical spill or an evacuation zone. She just wanted to know where her family could sleep that night.

It was late May, and a corroded storage tank at GKN Aerospace in Garden Grove had begun overheating, threatening to rupture and release thousands of gallons of a toxic, flammable chemical into the surrounding neighborhood. Within days, 50,000 residents were ordered to leave their homes. For many, it wasn't just the threat of a catastrophic explosion that was frightening. It was the logistics. Where do you take an elderly parent who needs oxygen? What about pets? How do you find a hotel when thousands of your neighbors are searching for the same thing at the same time? What if you don't have money set aside for this kind of emergency?

This is where 2-1-1 Orange County (211OC) went to work. As the evacuation spread, so did the phone number, passed between neighbors, shared on social media and repeated at press conferences. Trained 211OC specialists listened, triaged and connected callers to shelter, medical support, transportation and food. Of the 50,000 residents that evacuated, thousands reached out to 211OC for help. For many families, who rushed out with few belongings in tow, that call was the difference between panic and a plan.

Expanding Scale and Impact

It's the kind of work 211OC does every day: connecting residents with confidential referrals to free or low-cost services, including housing, food assistance and other resources offered by nonprofits and government agencies. Each call is answered by a specialist who works with residents to understand their individual needs and connect them to the most appropriate resources in the community. Assistance is offered in more than 200 languages.

"211 isn't just for disasters," said Liz Andrade, executive director of 211OC. "Orange County is perceived as a wealthy area, but a third of our population is at risk and lives at or below the poverty line. People need help."

In 2023, Irvine-based Orange County United Way acquired 211OC, with the vision of expanding the impact of its critical work. Last year alone, 211OC fielded upwards of half a million requests for help.

That volume is the challenge the Orange County United Way is solving with The OC Way, an \$18 million fundraising initiative designed to expand 211OC's capacity and reshape how the county's social safety net functions. The inspiration for The OC Way came long before the May chemical leak.

"I can trace the idea for this campaign back to the very first 211 call I observed," said Susan B. Parks, president and CEO of Orange County United Way. "A young woman ... was living in her car with her cat while attending community college. She needed a shelter close to school that also accepted pets. Our customer care specialist did a beautiful job of referring her to available resources; however, I wanted to know that she received the help she needed and was



Susan B. Parks, president and CEO, Orange County United Way



(L to R) Caller specialists, 211OC; Liz Andrade, executive director, 211OC



Steve Churm, founder and principal, Churm 360 LLC.; chair, 211OC leadership council



Larry Armstrong, chairman, Ware Malcomb; board chair, Orange County United Way

safe. We saw an opportunity to improve and connect the system of care that exists in Orange County with enhanced resources. Thus, The OC Way Campaign was born."

The campaign, which opened to the public in early June with a public launch event at the Newport Beach County Club, has quietly raised \$14 million so far through these initial endeavors.

"One we explained what the initiative was and how it would improve the delivery of services, people were happy to take part," Steve Churm, founder and principal of Churm 360 LLC., chair of the 211OC leadership council and OC United Way board member.

Closed Loop Referral Network

At the center of the effort is a closed-loop referral network designed to connect nonprofits, hospitals, schools and public agencies into a single coordinated system.

"In the past, a 211OC caller might get referred to an agency. It was up to them to make that second call," said Larry Armstrong, chairman of Ware Malcomb, who serves on the Orange County United Way board of directors as its chair. "There was no way to know if the referral led anywhere that actually helped the person. We're closing that loop."

Now, a caller is directly connected to the nonprofit that can meet their needs. The results are tracked on an interconnected system. For example, a caseworker at a food bank can see that the same family was just

Key Donors

Larry Armstrong is one of the lead donors of The OC Way campaign, along with many of the United Way's board members including Steve and Cinda Churm. Armstrong and Churm were joined in those early efforts by the Sun Family Foundation; the Samueli Foundation; the Nancy H. Handel Foundation; Larry Smith, managing director-investments, Wells Fargo Advisors, co-founder, Lyons-Smith Foundation, and Nancy Lyons, co-founder, Lyons-Smith Foundation; Tom Rogers, bank executive (ret.) and Sally Anderson, managing partner, Ernst & Young (ret.); Steve Roush, chairman of the board, Summit Healthcare REIT, member, board of directors, Orange County United Way, and Kimberly Roush, executive coach, All Star Executive Coaching; Golden Eagle Foundation; Lawrence R. and Sandra C. Armstrong; Nanda Kumar Cheruvath, president (ret.) Eaton Aerospace and Mrudula Cheruvath; Gochner Family Foundation; Tsao Family Foundation; Kevin O'Grady and Nella Webster-O'Grady; Ernest Schroeder, president, Schroeder Investment Partners, Inc. and member, board of directors, Orange County United Way and his wife Donna Schroeder; Lucy Sun, fmr. managing director, Goldman Sachs, and her husband Warren Felson, principal, Argosy Partners.

—Kim Stemper

referred to for eviction prevention. This kind of visibility makes individual referrals more effective.

Currently, more than 150 nonprofits and governmental agencies are connected, with a goal to link 200.

Parks explained that when the campaign is funded and the network fully operational, nonprofits and government entities will have access to shared dashboards that show what gaps exist and the effectiveness of programs.

"It's concierge service for people in need," added Armstrong.

The OC Way

With the \$14 million foundation in place, Orange County United Way has already begun strengthening the 211OC infrastructure, hiring more specialists and partnering with more Orange County nonprofits.

"We're flying the plane as we build it," said Armstrong said.

Now that the campaign has entered its public phase, Orange County United Way is inviting the broader community to help finish building the network that, this past May, helped a woman find a place for her family to sleep. ■

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Bryce Young Brings Mental Health Mission Home

Mater Dei Star's Young 9 Foundation Serves Teens

■ By KIM STEMPER

SANTA ANA — Long before he was hoisting the Heisman Trophy or leading the Carolina Panthers as the NFL's No. 1 overall pick, Bryce Young was a standout quarterback at Mater Dei High School in Santa Ana, which makes him something of a hometown hero here in Orange County.

Now, Young is channeling that platform into a cause close to home: youth mental health.

Young founded the Young 9 Foundation in Charlotte, North Carolina, with the support and encouragement of his parents, Craig and Julie Young, who now serve as the organization's president and vice president. His aunt, Leslee Frye, serves as executive director.

The Carolina Panthers quarterback told the Business Journal that he founded the nonprofit to "generate awareness and provide support and access to youths who may be struggling with their mental health."

"We want kids to feel supported, know they have people in their corner and understand that taking care of their mental health is just as important as taking care of themselves physically," Young said. "I know the pressure that comes with expectation, performance and you always have to have everything together."

Although Young 9 is based in Charlotte, its ties to Orange County run deep.

Young led Mater Dei to state and mythical national championships in 2018, while his father, Craig Young, previously worked as a therapist at Olive Crest, the Santa Ana-based nonprofit that supports children and families in crisis.

In recent years, Young, along with other professional football players, often participates in RX3 Growth Partners' annual flag football tournament in Mission Viejo. RX3 was co-founded by legendary quarterback Aaron Rodgers, Managing Partner Nate Raabe, and Byron Roth, executive chairman of Newport Beach-based Roth Capital Partners.

Since its 2024 founding, the Young 9 Foundation has served more than 1,800 boys and girls ages 7 to 14 across eight camps—two in 2024, three in 2025 and three so far in 2026, with the total participants climbing each year.

Young 9 has expanded its reach to Orange County, greater Los Angeles and Asheville, North Carolina, through partnerships with organizations including the YMCA, Boys & Girls Clubs and Special Olympics. Its local connections have helped shape the foundation's approach to working with businesses and nonprofits that share its mission of supporting children's emotional well-being and strengthening families.

"We'd invite business and community leaders to learn about mental health and partner with us to help spread the message," Craig Young said. "There are many ways to be involved, from providing funding to being a volunteer at the camps."

Core Principles

The foundation's core principles—including staying grounded, communicating, asking for help, building resilience and confidence and finding supportive people—are woven into its football camps and digital resources.

The organization supplements those lessons with wellness techniques such as meditation and deep-breathing exercises, Frye



Bryce Young with Young 9 Foundation camp attendees in July



Leslee Frye, executive director, Young 9 Foundation with her nephew, Bryce Young

told the Business Journal.

Young 9 put that approach into practice at two Southern California camps in July—one at Mater Dei High School in Santa Ana and another at La Salle High School in Pasadena. Young worked directly with participants on football fundamentals, position drills and skills stations while leading discussions about teamwork, resilience, mental health and personal growth.

"This program isn't just for athletes," Frye said. "It's for everyone. A lot of youth go through pressure—social media, college, injuries (if you're an athlete). All of these have an impact."

Alongside the camps, Young 9 hosts parent and caregiver workshops focused on youth mental health and emotional development, recognizing that supporting a child's wellbeing often starts with equipping the adults around them. Additionally, the Young 9 Foundation website offers extensive digital resources that kids and parents can access at their convenience.

"I see so many children gaining confidence [through the camps] and really building their leadership skills," Julie Young told the Business Journal.

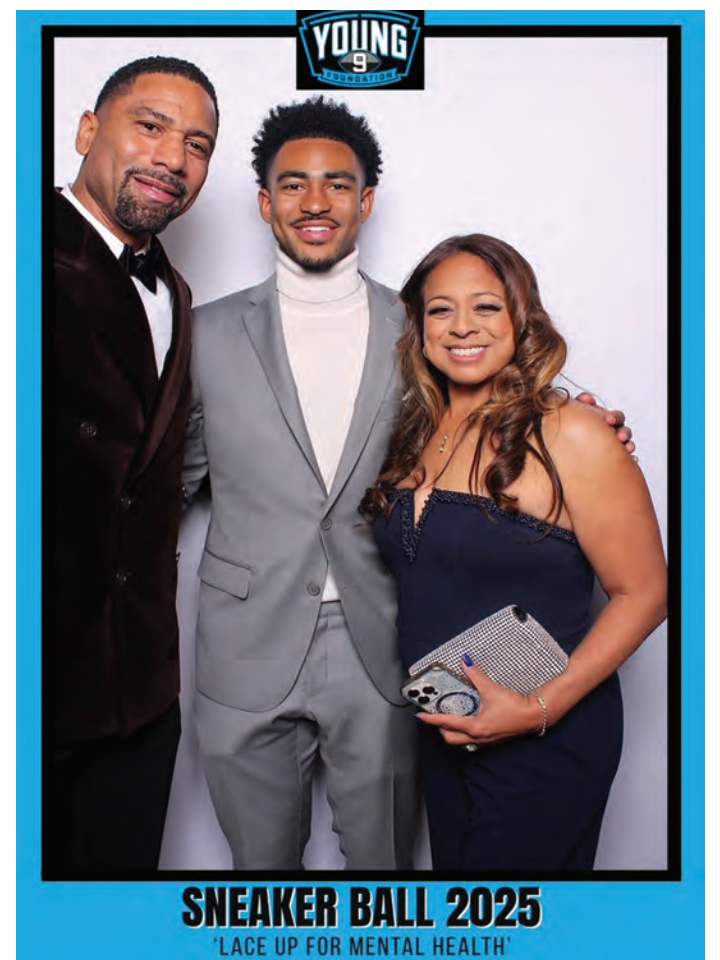
Family Legacy

The foundation's mission is deeply personal.

Bryce Young is involved in every step of planning the foundation's events and programming, not simply lending his name but shaping the work itself.

Craig Young, who is also the author of "Growing Up Young: One Family's Faith Journey to the NFL," is a licensed marriage and family therapist with more than 25 years in the mental health field. Julie Young has spent two decades as a certified special education teacher. Frye brings 15 years of experience as a school psychologist to her role leading the foundation day-to-day.

The family's passion for helping others is shared by Bryce Young himself, who majored in psychology in Alabama. It's a detail



Bryce Young, center, with his parents, Craig and Julie

that underscores just how much the foundation reflects the family's shared values, rather than a celebrity name attached to a cause.

"If he weren't an athlete, Bryce would be a therapist," his father said.

His mom added: "Bryce is very invested. In addition to the camps, he will also speak at high schools. He wants the Young 9 Foundation to be a true resource for schools."

Funding comes from a mix of sources: contributions from Bryce Young and the Young family themselves, event proceeds from golf tournaments and the annual Sneaker Gala, donations from Bryce's marketing partners and sponsors and a variety of grants, including support from the NFL and the Tepper Foundation. The nonprofit's work has been featured by the NFL, NFL Network, USA Today, Sportico, CBS, NBC and ABC.

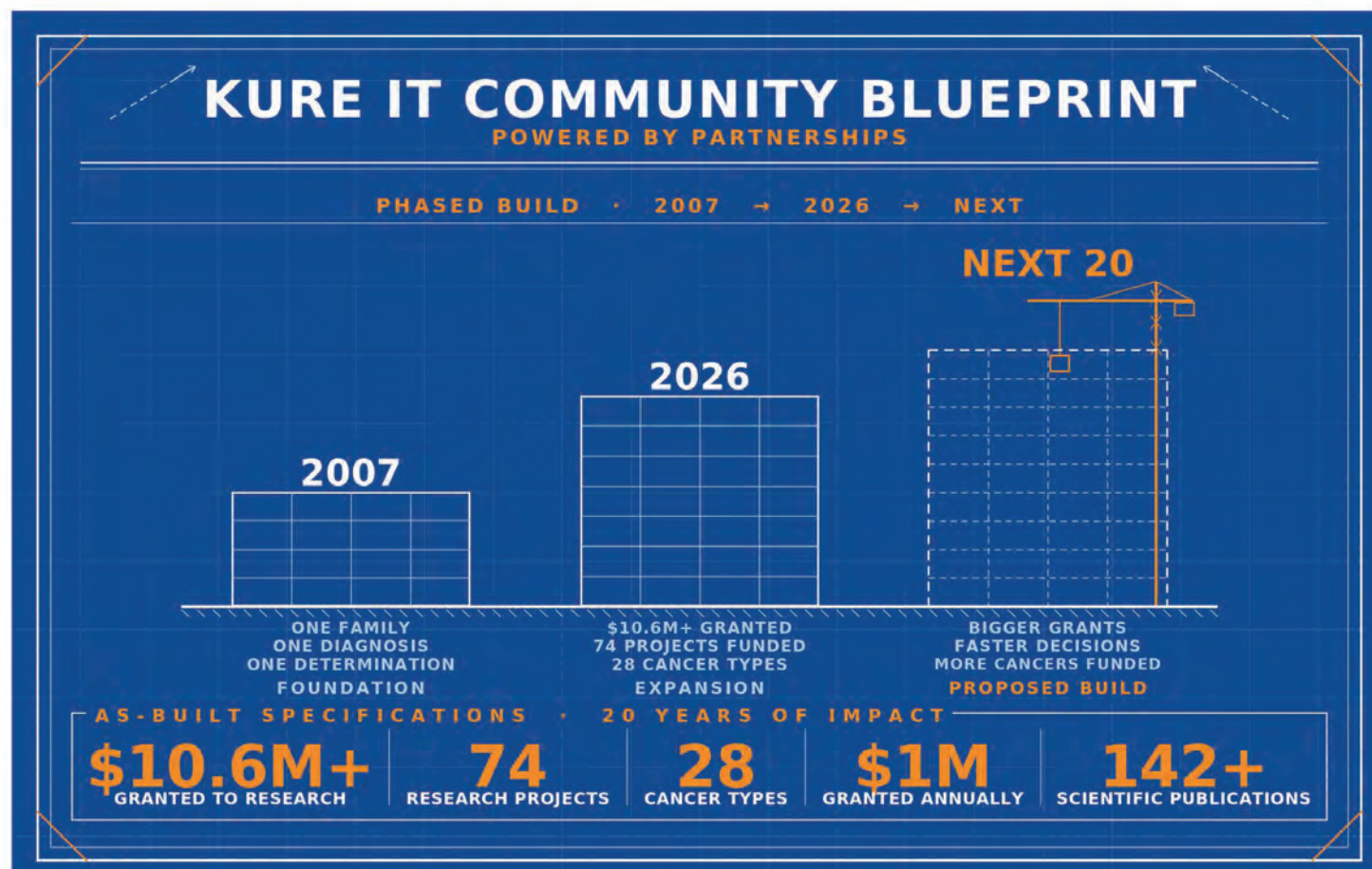
For Bryce, it's not about validation. It will always be, about the kids.

"We want to let them know that you don't have to have everything together," he said. "It's okay not to be okay." ■

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Ralph Opacic Plans Orange County Music & Dance's Next Act

OCSA Founder Leads Major Expansion at Irvine Arts Nonprofit

■ By KIM STEMPER

IRVINE — Ask Ralph Opacic what he wants Orange County Music & Dance to become and he doesn't hesitate to think big. He wants it to be a model arts institution, not just for Orange County, but for the state and nation.

"We are going to be the premier community art center in Orange County and beyond," Opacic, CEO of the Irvine-based nonprofit, told the Business Journal.

Central to that vision is a phrase he repeats often: "womb to tomb." It's not a metaphor. It's a goal.

OC Music & Dance's (OCMD) new program lineup lays out that pathway: early childhood music and dance classes for children as young as 6 months; discovery programs for elementary school students; pre-conservatory and conservatory tracks for middle and high school performers; and adult dance and fitness classes.

Add offerings such as mariachi, world music and global sounds, musical theater and a string ensemble and the vision becomes clear: OCMD will be a place where people can remain connected to the arts for life.

With a \$5 million endowment behind it, the organization has also made a promise: No



(L to R) Doug Freeman, founder, National Philanthropy Day; Lynn Freeman; Charlie Zhang, founder, Orange County Music & Dance, entrepreneur, philanthropist; Sherry Opacic; Ralph Opacic, president and CEO, Orange County Music & Dance

student will be priced out of the arts.

The expanded programming will be supported by OCMD's planned \$10.8 million purchase of a 25,000-square-foot building that will serve as its second campus and double its footprint. Located minutes from the nonprofit's Irvine headquarters, the new campus is scheduled to open in November following renovations.

A Legendary Arts Leader

Opacic had already built one arts institu-

tion from nothing.

In 1987, he founded Orange County School of the Arts (OCSA) with little more than an idea and a conviction that Orange County's young performers deserved a serious training ground.

"I came from back East with a dream of becoming the next Billy Joel," said Opacic. "I discovered my real passion was sharing the arts with others."

By the time Opacic stepped down in 2021, OCSA had grown into one of the top-ranked

arts high schools in the country. He spent the next several years consulting and guiding other arts schools and institutions across California and around the country, creating opportunities for students to flourish as artists and performers through strategic planning and innovation.

Then his friend Doug Freeman called.

Opacic had spent a decade on the OCMD board watching it grow from the passion project Freeman and founder Charlie Zhang built into a serious regional arts institution. When Freeman, executive chair of OCMD, asked Opacic to step in as the nonprofit's chief executive last year, Opacic said yes. It wasn't because he needed another job, but because he saw unfinished potential in an organization he already spent 10 years believing in.

"I'm honored to have the opportunity to lead," he said.

He described joining OCMD's leadership as creating a "triumvirate," already carried by two men with complementary strengths. Zhang, founder of Pick Up Stix and the real estate development company Zion Enterprises, brought his entrepreneurial instincts to the project. Freeman, who founded National Philanthropy Day and spent 40 years as a lawyer before moving into executive roles in banking and philanthropy, leveraged his fundraising and philanthropic expertise to keep it growing.

Opacic brings a third piece—decades of experience turning arts education into a structured, scalable pathway for kids and adults alike.

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Girls Inc. Builds Career Pipeline for OC Employers

Connects High School Girls with Boeing, ADP, Disneyland

■ By KIM STEMPER

SANTA ANA — Lara Elkatat still remembers walking into Boeing's offices in Seal Beach for the first time in 2019, unsure whether she belonged in a room filled with engineers, many twice her age. The 16-year-old was matched with Boeing through Girls Inc. of Orange County, which places girls in externship—short-term career exploration gigs—with local companies to give them a close-up look at careers that might otherwise seem out of reach.

Today, Elkatat works at Boeing full time as a stress analyst.

"The program definitely set me up for success," said Elkatat, who was hired by Boeing in 2024 after majoring in mechanical engineering in college.

Elkatat's path from externship participant to entry-level hire to seasoned professional is exactly the outcome Girls Inc. of Orange County envisioned when it created Girls Meet the Workforce. The career-development program works with local employers ranging from Boeing and ADP to Disneyland to expose high school girls to various industries, workplace expectations and potential career paths.

This summer, 115 girls participated in the program.

"Girls Meet the Workforce isn't a traditional internship. It's an experiential journey," Lucy Santana-Ornelas, CEO of the Santa Ana nonprofit, told the Business Journal.

Commitment from the Start

Girls Inc. of Orange County has long focused on preparing girls to be, in the organization's words, "strong, smart and bold."

Girls Meet the Workforce extends that mission into offices, labs and studios across the county. Launched more than 15 years ago, it helps participants identify and prepare for careers in a variety of sectors from aerospace to entertainment to finance.

Girls in the 9th and 10th grade are guided toward two-week placements that give them their first exposure to an office environment. Rising high school juniors and seniors are eligible for the program's four-week, on-the-job externship. Girls apply to up to three partner companies before being matched with one.

Prior to placement, girls complete 50 hours of training, with curriculum planned by Santa Ana College.

Participants build soft skills such as interpersonal communication, email etiquette and the importance of a firm handshake, along with technical skills such as navigating Microsoft Office and Google applications. Girls can also earn an AI certification.

Santana-Ornelas said the externships are built to be immersive, giving girls enough time to do real work and talk with real employees, without asking a company to commit to a semester-long internship. The program can be especially revealing for girls from under-resourced communities.

"Some girls may have only seen their families in low-level jobs," said Santana-Ornelas. "This program allows them to see that there are a wide range of careers that they can learn about and experience."

New Experiences

Once settled in her externship, each girl has her own mentor at the company, who provides guidance, support and encouragement.

Brittany Ancona, director of strategy & op-



Lucy Santana-Ornelas, CEO, Girls Inc. of Orange County (center) with Girls Meet the Workforce participants



Girls Inc. mentor, Megan Stidham Nixon, project manager, ADP, (right) with Girl's Inc. participant Jocelyn Le



Lara Elkatat, stress analyst, Boeing

erations at Irvine-based Allergan Aesthetics, told the Business Journal that being a mentor is more than just giving career advice.

"I hope my mentee takes away a sense of confidence and possibility," said Ancona, who has mentored two students through the Girls Inc. program. "I want her to know that she belongs in any room, and she will continue to learn, contribute and grow throughout her entire career."

Lasting relationships are inevitable.

Elkatat says she keeps in contact with her mentor, Hannah Robinson, who inspired her daily.

"She is still a role model to me," she said.

Now, Elkatat mentors younger girls coming to Boeing through the program.

"It's an honor to help and guide them," she said. "I like to help them with small things too, like where to find the cafeteria."

Mentee Gabrielle "Gabby" Long said the influence mentors have on the students is greater than they might realize.

For her, the program has led her through a journey of two very different working environments.

Her first externship placed her with a youth-oriented organization, working along-

side youth program staff.

Her second externship, completed this summer, took her to Disneyland in Anaheim, where she shadowed two departments, sat in on meetings and joined theme park managers on duty walks. She also spent time in the Imagineering department, where she got a sneak peek of the new animatronics on Pirates of the Caribbean.

"I would encourage any girls who are on the fence to apply for this program," said Long, who aspires to be a pediatrician. "You'll learn skills that will help your future."

A Range of Industries

Allergan Aesthetics is one of dozens of companies that partner with Girls Meet the Workforce. Fifty percent of the externships are in STEM fields.

Allergan, a partner since 2019, says the program is a natural extension of the company's commitment to science, education and innovation.

"Medical aesthetics sits at the intersection of healthcare, science, technology, medical education and patient care and we believe it is important for young people, especially

young women, to understand the diverse career paths that exist within this industry," company spokesperson Adelle Infante said.

"A career in STEM does not have to look one specific way," added Ancona. "In medical aesthetics, for example, there are opportunities that span science, innovation, education, training, research, patient care and ultimately landed me in commercial operations. I wish I had known earlier just how many doors a STEM background could open."

Companies that host girls say the arrangement benefits them as much as the students.

Megan Stidham Nixon, project manager for ADP in La Palma, is another program mentor.

"This is one of the best platforms," said Stidham Nixon. "It is the most well-rounded and organized that I've seen. We've had wonderful experiences with Girls Inc. I wish I'd known of something like this when I was that age."

While some girls in the program end up pursuing different careers, Elkatat said working at Boeing gave her a glimpse at her future once she landed on the analytics team.

"After I was hired, I rotated to this team. It's my dream job. I never would have discovered it if it weren't for Girls Inc." ■

Corporate Foundations Increase Local Giving 5.8%

Pacific Life Foundation Leads for Third Year

■ By YUIKA YOSHIDA

ORANGE COUNTY — Orange County's largest corporate foundations continued to ramp up their giving efforts with local giving increasing 5.8% last year to \$16 million.

Meanwhile, overall giving fell 1.1% to \$480.5 million. Results were mixed across the board, with seven reporting increases, seven posting declines and two estimates.

Newport Beach-based Pacific Life Foundation, the philanthropic arm of OC's second-largest private company, Pacific Life Insurance Co., led in giving for the third consecutive year.

The foundation reported \$4.8 million in in-kind giving within the region last year, up 7.2% from 2024, with \$9.7 million donated companywide.

This year, the foundation launched two new giving initiatives. It's investing \$10 million in communities where Pacific Life employees live and work, including OC, and is committing \$5 million through 2030 to support vulnerable seniors. The latter initiative has made initial investments in Council on Aging - Southern California, Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County and Age Well Senior Services, among others.

"This commitment builds on the Foundation's longstanding belief in helping older adults live healthy, connected, and financially secure lives," Tere Segarra, president of Pacific



Bank of America Charitable Foundation, ranked No. 4 on the list, launched a youth soccer initiative with U.S. Soccer

Life Foundation, told the Business Journal.

Hyundai Hope on Wheels Goes Global

The biggest increase in giving was 55% to \$565,000 at Hyundai Hope on Wheels.

Launched in 1998 by Fountain Valley-based Hyundai Motor America, the foundation is entirely dedicated to funding pediatric cancer research and has donated more than \$305 million to date, with a portion of proceeds from every vehicle sold through Hyundai's 855 dealerships supporting its work.

In 2024, the foundation introduced a three-year \$5 million initiative focused on survivorship after treatment ends.

One challenge in funding pediatric cancer research is limited federal support, with just

4% of overall cancer research funding going toward childhood cancer, according to a spokesperson for Hyundai Hope on Wheels.

"This underscores the critical role of private and philanthropic support in advancing research and care," said John Guastaferrro, foundation executive director.

The foundation said it also plans to introduce a new survivorship-focused open call for grant proposals in 2027.

It began scaling its efforts globally last year and established two more Hope on Wheels in Canada and Mexico, with more countries to follow.

BofA Foundation Backs Youth Sports

The total assets of the 16 foundations on the list rose 1.6% to \$3.8 billion, most of

which is in the Bank of America Charitable Foundation Inc.

The foundation of the Charlotte, North Carolina-based bank, with operations in OC, upped its OC giving by 21.4% to \$1.7 million while total giving dipped 4.5% to \$243.8 million.

A new focus for the foundation has been youth sports, reflected in a new partnership with U.S. Soccer to make soccer accessible to every school across the country by 2030.

The initiative kicked off with an event in March in Altadena featuring retired soccer superstar David Beckham and Angel City FC player Sydney Leroux, where 500 students received donated equipment and took part in a soccer clinic. ■

Research Director Desmond Celo contributed to this report.



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Rank Prev. Rank	Company •Address	Company logo	OC giving •Total giving	Year End	Foundation Assets	Areas of interest	Types of support •Geographic area of giving	Parent company •Headquarters	Top local official(s) •Title •Phone/fax
1 (1)	Pacific Life Foundation⁽¹⁾ 700 Newport Center Drive Newport Beach 92660-6307 Website: www.PacificLifeFoundation.com Email: plfoundation@pacificlife.com		\$4.8 million \$9.7 million	12/25	\$153 million	Arts and culture, college & career readiness, education, environment, ocean health and marine mammals, health and human services, vulnerable seniors	Program grants, capital grants, donation and volunteer match programs -national	Pacific Life Newport Beach	Darryl Button CEO/president (949) 219-5002
2 (2)	Edwards Lifesciences Foundation 1 Edwards Way Irvine 92614-5688 Website: edwards.com/corporategiving Email: edwards_foundation@edwards.com		\$2.7 million \$19.1 million	12/25	\$80.2 million	Healthcare, education	Product donations, grants, employee engagement in charitable activities, in-kind donations -international	Edwards Lifesciences Corp. Irvine	Amanda Fowler executive director (949) 250-2500
3 (3)	Irvine Company / Donald Bren Foundation 550 Newport Center Drive Newport Beach 92660-7010 Website: irvinecompany.com Email: information@irvinecompany.com		\$2.1 million \$12 million	12/25	wnd	Education, environment and innovation	Advanced science grants, educational enrichment support, environmental stewardship grants -California	Irvine Co. Newport Beach	Donald Bren chairman (949) 720-2000
4 (4)	Bank of America Charitable Foundation Inc. 100 N. Tryon St. Charlotte, N.C. 28202-4000 Website: bankofamerica.com/foundation Email: foundation@bofa.com		\$1.7 million \$243.4 million	12/25	\$3.4 billion	Workforce development, job creation, health, community development, housing, small business, arts	Financial education, skill-based volunteering, board of directors/leadership -Southern California	Bank of America Corp. Charlotte, N.C.	Allen Staff president, Orange County (980) 386-9127

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National Childhood Cancer
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Prev. Rank	•Address		•Total giving	End	Assets		•Geographic area of giving	•Headquarters	•Title •Phone/fax
5	Angels Baseball Foundation 2000 E. Gene Autry Way Anaheim 92806-6143 Website: angels.com Email: dennis.kuhl@angels.com		\$1.2 million \$1.8 million	12/25	\$17.1 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 (714) 940-2000/(714) 940-2200
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6	Hyundai Hope On Wheels 10550 Talbert Ave. Fountain Valley 92708-6031 Website: hyundaihopeonwheels.org Email: info@hopeonwheels.org		\$565,000 \$32.4 million	12/25	\$14.6 million	Pediatric cancer research	Research, treatment, survivorship -national	Hyundai Motor America Fountain Valley	John Guastafarro executive director, Hyundai Hope On Wheels (657) 583-5514
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7	Broadcom Foundation 19200 Von Karman Ave., Ste. 700 Irvine 92612-8518 Website: broadcomfoundation.org Email: paula@brcmfdn.org		\$486,750 \$3.5 million	12/25	\$116.7 million	STEM	Financial gifts -international	Broadcom Inc. San Jose	Paula Golden president
(6)									
8	KPMG LLP 20 Pacifica, Ste. 700 Irvine 92618-3391 Website: kpmg.com/us		\$474,514 \$77.8 million	12/25	wnd	Education, community, vitality, and mental health	Grants, volunteering and charitable contributions -Southern California	KPMG LLP New York	Mark Clemens office managing partner, Orange County (949) 885-5400
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9	Taco Bell Foundation 1 Glen Bell Way Irvine 92618-3344 Website: tacobellfoundation.org Email: tacobellfoundation@tacobell.com		\$430,600 \$61.9 million	12/25	wnd	Education, college, and career services	Community grants, youth empowerment, and scholarship programs -national	Taco Bell Corp. Irvine	Morgan Tabor executive director (949) 863-4500
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10	PIMCO Foundation ⁽¹⁾ 650 Newport Center Drive Newport Beach 92660-6310 Website: pimco.com/about-us/purpose Email: purpose@pimco.com		\$350,000 ⁽²⁾ \$9.7 million ⁽²⁾	12/25	\$157.8 million ⁽²⁾	Food security, economic opportunity	Grants, volunteerism -international	PIMCO Newport Beach	Nate Brown director (949) 720-4745
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11	Farmers & Merchants Bank Foundation 302 Pine Ave. Long Beach 90802-2326 Website: fmb.com Email: foundation@fmb.com		\$332,200 \$593,700	12/25	\$2.9 million	Education, healthcare, human services, the arts, and faith-fueled	Monetary grants -Southern California	Farmers & Merchants Bank Long Beach	Tiffany Roberts foundation director (562) 437-0011
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12	Mazda Foundation USA Inc. 200 Spectrum Center Drive, Ste. 100 Irvine 92618-5004 Website: mazdafoundation.org Email: mazdafoundation@mazdausa.com		\$227,668 \$589,361	9/25	\$10.1 million	STEM education, workforce development, food security	Grants -national	Mazda North American Operations Irvine	Tom Donnelly CEO/president, Mazda North American operations (949) 727-1990
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13	Genesis Inspiration Foundation 10550 Talbert Ave. Fountain Valley 92708 Website: genesisinspirationfoundation.org Email: info@genesisinspirationfoundation.org		\$185,000 \$3.7 million	12/25	\$2.3 million	Youth arts education	Youth arts grants (including music, dance, theatre, visual arts, media and literary arts) -national	Genesis Motor America Fountain Valley	John Guastafarro executive director, Genesis Inspiration Foundation (657) 583-5514
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14	Sunwest Bank Charitable Foundation 2050 Main St., Ste. 300 Irvine 92614-8279 Website: sunwestbankfoundation.org Email: info@sunwestbankfoundation.org		\$178,395 \$821,491	12/25	\$3.7 million	Housing and homelessness, safety, education, nutrition and hunger	Grants and donations, in-kind donations, volunteerism -national	H Bancorp LLC Irvine	Eric Hovde chairman (714) 881-3039
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15	Ducommun Incorporated ⁽¹⁾ 600 Anton Blvd., Ste. 1100 Costa Mesa 92626-7100 Website: ducommun.com		\$135,216 ⁽²⁾ \$413,716 ⁽²⁾	12/25	\$1.1 million ⁽²⁾	Community-based, humanitarian needs, military veterans	Donations, employee charitable giving campaign, charitable event sponsorships -national	Costa Mesa	Stephen G. Oswald chairman/CEO/president (657) 335-3665
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16	Sundt Construction 41 Corporate Park, Ste. 310 Irvine 92606-3135 Website: sundt.com Email: marketing@sundt.com		\$45,293 \$3.1 million	9/25	\$792,372	Youth, food insecurity, and veterans	Quarterly grants, volunteer support, and in-kind donation drives -national	Tempe, Ariz.	Ryan Nessen senior VP, California district manager (949) 468-5309
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Giving is on the Menu

► Mark E. Minyard, founder, Minyard Morris

Orange County's legal community raised a record \$220,000 this June through Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County's Food From The Bar campaign, marking the highest total in the campaign's 10-year history. The annual campaign, held each June, brings together law firms, attorneys and legal associations across Orange County to combat food insecurity through fundraising and volunteer service. Funds support Second Harvest's mission of providing dignified, equitable and consistent access to nutritious food, benefiting more than 450,000 people each month who seek food assistance across the county.

Manly, Stewart & Finaldi and Minyard Morris served as this year's co-title sponsors.

The friendly competition combines fundraising with volunteer service, allowing the legal community to make a meaningful impact for local children, families and seniors experiencing food insecurity.

Minyard Morris received The Pro Bono Publico award for its outstanding support and commitment to the Food from the Bar campaign. Crowell & Moring, Judicate West and Beinert Katzman Littrell Williams LLP received the Rockstar Rainmaker award for raising the most funds through the Virtual Food Drive (awards given by organization size). The Raising the Bar award was given to Var Fox, co-founder, executive vice president, principal executive committee member, Judicate West, who made the largest individual donation to the Food From The Bar campaign.

Bits & Pieces

Olive Crest celebrated the completion of 16 new two-bedroom RSI Dream Communities apartment homes, built in partnership with Ronald Simon, R.D. Olson Construction, Oltmans and other donors. The rooms will offer transitional housing and support services for young adults ages 16 to 25 who are exiting the child welfare system or facing homelessness or housing insecurity, providing stable housing along with life-skills programming to help them become independent ... Kaiser Permanente's Anaheim and Irvine medical centers have received the American Heart Association's Get with the Guidelines—Stroke Gold Plus quality achievement award for its commitment to ensuring people experiencing stroke receive timely, appropriate treatment based on nationally recognized, research-based guidelines, ultimately helping to save lives and reduce disability ... in August, the Balboa Island Museum announced it is officially changing its name to Newport Beach Museum Balboa Island, marking a significant milestone in the museum's evolution and its expanding role within the greater Newport Beach Community.



Hottest Ticket in Town

► Stacy Jones, founder, Hot Summer Nights, and her husband Steve Jones, global chairman and CEO, Allied Universal

Hot Summer Nights marked its 10th anniversary on August 1, raising more than \$3.2 million in support of Vera's Sanctuary, a program of The Teen Project. With Stacy and Steve Jones personally underwriting the event, funds raised directly support the individuals served by the benefiting organization.

Stacy Jones, founder of Hot Summer Nights, and her husband, Steve Jones, global chairman and CEO of Allied Universal, made the milestone event possible. What began a decade ago as a backyard gathering has grown into one of Southern California's most meaningful benefit concerts, now set against the backdrop of Giracci Vineyards in Silverado Canyon. This year, more than 700 guests came together to celebrate a decade of giving and impact.

This year's celebration brought five legendary artists together on a single stage, including the Pointer Sisters, Taylor Dayne, Sugarhill Gang, Tone Loc and Eric Troyer. From unforgettable performances to spirited live and silent auctions, the evening brought guests together around a shared purpose: using the power of generosity to create meaningful change in the lives of others.

Over the past 10 years, Hot Summer Nights has supported organizations serving women, children and families who have experienced abuse, neglect, abandonment, substance abuse, homelessness and exploitation. At the heart of the event has always been a commitment to helping those facing some of life's most difficult circumstances find safety, support and the opportunity for a brighter future.

Sponsors included Allied Universal, Paul Weiss, Morrison Foerster Foundation, DOMO, Cleary Gottlieb, Morgan Stanley, Martensen Law, Pacific Uniform, Sheppard Mullin and Wilson Elser, Moskowitz, Edelman & Dicker LLP.



Raising Hopes

► (L to R) Patrick Fenn, production pricing manager, Xerox; Reed Cassity, vice president, technical service, Xerox. Photo credit: Sheri Determan

More than 700 guests attended the 27th annual Eric Marienthal and Friends Benefit Concert on July 12 at the Hyatt Regency Newport Beach, raising \$250,000 for High Hopes' rehabilitation therapies and programs for individuals recovering from strokes and brain injuries. Marienthal, a Grammy-winning saxophonist, hosted the event that also featured performances by pianist David Benoit and vocalist Niki Haris, along with a VIP reception, live auction and testimonials from High Hopes students describing the program's impact on their recovery.

Mark Desmond, founder and CEO, High Hopes, spoke about the organization's mission, while Robert Vermes esq., president, board of directors, High Hopes, shared that his daughter suffered a stroke and, because of High Hopes, she can now use her arm and hand, walk and drive.

The event sponsors included Xerox, Stirling Property Management, KJAZZ 88.1 FM, Hyatt Regency Newport Beach.

"There is a reason Xerox has continued its sponsorship for 14 years," said Reed Cassity, vice president, technical service, Xerox. "High Hopes is a great cause that provides something truly unique. My mother also suffered a stroke, and I've seen other care and rehabilitation facilities. When you compare those experiences with the intensive support High Hopes provides, the difference is remarkable."

The High Hopes Lifetime Achievement Award was given to Kelly Bennett, founder, Bennett Unlimited PR, for 27 years of supporting the benefit concert.

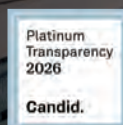


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In 2025, Families Forward supported nearly 18,000 individuals across its programs and services. For families at risk of losing their homes, early intervention helps keep a temporary setback from becoming a housing crisis, giving parents the opportunity to regain stability and remain safely housed. For more than 40 years, Families Forward has helped Orange County families achieve lasting stability through housing, food assistance, career coaching, mental health counseling and financial literacy education. Together, we're creating an Orange County where every family has a home and the opportunity to thrive.

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Pathways to Independence Executive Director Diana Hill
and F&M Bank CEO W. Henry Walker

As a longtime presenting sponsor, F&M Bank has witnessed firsthand the life-changing impact Pathways has on the young women it serves. "F&M Bank has been proudly supporting Pathways to Independence, which makes such a positive impact in the lives of at-risk young women in the communities we serve, for 27 years," said W. Henry Walker, CEO of F&M Bank. "Their work provides hope, opportunity, and the support needed to help young women build brighter futures."

This commitment continues at **Pathways to Independence's annual fundraising event this October**, where community leaders, supporters, and advocates will come together to celebrate achievements, share inspiring stories, and raise funds to support the program's mission. F&M Bank is honored to stand alongside Pathways in creating opportunities for the next generation of young women and invites the community to join in supporting this important cause.



Pathways Executive Director Diana Hill, Erin Walker, F&M Bank CEO W. Henry Walker and Pathways Director of Development Lisa Mais enjoying an '80s flashback-themed event in 2023.



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Hands-Only CPR Training Kiosks Help Train the Public in Life Saving Skill

Every year, more than 350,000 cardiac arrests occur outside of the hospital, and more than 20 percent occur in public places like airports and sporting facilities. The American Heart Association – with the support of Edwards Lifesciences Foundation and the Argyros Family Foundation – are helping bystanders understand how they can immediately help a person experiencing a cardiac emergency outside of a hospital.

The mobile and stationary CPR kiosks feature a touch screen with a video program that provides a brief introduction and overview of Hands-Only CPR, followed by a practice session and 30-second test session. With the help of a practice manikin, the kiosks give feedback about the depth and rate of compressions and proper hand placement – factors that influence the effectiveness of CPR. The entire training takes five minutes or less.

“Cardiac arrest remains a leading cause of death in the United States, and survival depends on immediately receiving CPR,” said Todd Brinton, MD, FACC, American Heart Association Western States Regional Board Chair and Corporate Vice President, Advanced Technology and Chief Scientific Officer. “Edwards Lifesciences is proud to bring the Hands-Only CPR training kiosk to Orange County providing free training that can make a difference and save lives.”

The mobile CPR kiosk is currently at Second Harvest Food Bank in Irvine, its fifth location since its debut, and will soon make its way to its sixth location in Orange Country. A CPR Kiosk will debut at John Wayne Airport in mid-September allowing thousands of travelers to learn the lifesaving skill of Hands-Only CPR. The kiosks and training are part of the Association’s goal to improve cardiac arrest outcomes by 2030 by having at least one person in every household prepared to perform CPR.

“About 90 percent of cardiac arrest victims die, often because bystanders don’t know how to start CPR or are afraid, they’ll do something wrong,” said Mohammad (Mo) Shafie, MD, PhD, FAHA, Board President of American Heart



Association’s Orange County/Inland Empire/Coachella Valley Division and Associate Clinical Professor, Director, Vascular Neurology Fellowship Program Associate Director, UCI Health Comprehensive Stroke and Cerebrovascular Center Department of Neurology. “Bystander CPR, especially if administered immediately, can double or triple a cardiac arrest victim’s chance of survival, which is why the Hands-Only CPR education available at the kiosk is so valuable. In just a matter of a few minutes, people will learn a skill that can potentially make a difference in the lives of friends and those they love.”

The two simple steps of Hands-Only CPR are: if a bystander sees a teen or adult collapse, he or she should first call 9-1-1. Then push hard and fast in the center of the chest to the beat of “Stayin’ Alive,” which has 100 beats per minute (bpm). The Bee Gees’ song has the minimum rate you should push on the chest during Hands-Only CPR.

To learn more about the Hands-Only CPR campaign and learn how to save a life, visit www.heart.org/handsonlycpr



ORANGE COUNTY HEART & STROKE BALL SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2026

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This year’s event will be one of our most exciting yet, featuring an exclusive performance by The Beach Boys, a special appearance and meet-and-greet with John Stamos and an inspiring story from a young couple whose first child was born with a congenital heart defect.

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For table or sponsorship information, contact Sara.Rojas@heart.org



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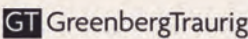


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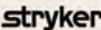
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*Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (2024). Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System: 2023 summary data quality report and documentation. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.



Brain Health, Memory Loss and Dementia Research

A Q&A with Jim McAleer, CEO of Alzheimer's Orange County

Jim McAleer has spent more than two decades as President & CEO of Alzheimer's Orange County, the county's largest independent nonprofit dedicated to memory-impairing conditions and brain health.



PREVENTION AND BRAIN HEALTH

Q: Looking at lifestyle and daily habits, how can people help prevent dementia?

Lifestyle factors matter — and most of them are **within your control**. Smoking increases your risk of Alzheimer's disease by more than 35%. Being overweight, sedentary, or socially isolated all meaningfully raise your risk. Consider exercise, maintaining a healthy weight, and staying connected to people.

There's also a genetic component. We all carry the APOE gene — a protein chain inherited from each parent — and certain variants increase your risk. Chris Hemsworth famously learned he carries two higher-risk variants and stepped back from acting. But that doesn't mean he'll get Alzheimer's. There are over 30 genes that can increase or reduce your risk, and lifestyle choices matter enormously in that equation. Genetics is not destiny.



More than 300 people attended Alzheimer's OC's inaugural brain health conference earlier this year.

Q: Can you explain the importance of brain health and having early conversations about memory loss before a crisis hits?

It is harder on families when they come to us in the later stages of dementia. We can certainly help at the end of the journey, but we can make much more of a difference if we can connect with a family earlier.

Start the conversation early and start it small. Not an intervention, just: "Hey mom, have you noticed dad isn't remembering things as well? Maybe we should get him looked at." You start there. Keep in mind that up to 15% of memory-impairing conditions are treatable and reversible. Medication interactions, and other factors can mimic cognitive decline. There's every reason to get checked early by a clinician experienced with memory loss.

Early conversations let families **make decisions together** about advanced care directives, driving, and plans for the future, while everyone can still participate. Those conversations are far easier before a crisis forces them.

RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

Q: What is the current state of Alzheimer's and dementia research?

Alzheimer's is the sixth leading cause of death in the United States. In Orange County, it's the third — and the **only growing population here is 65 and over**, so the need is increasing and increasing rapidly. I travel regularly to visit research facilities, including UCI MIND, right here in Orange County, to stay current on what's happening locally and internationally.

Scientists have focused on beta amyloid plaques and tau tangles — proteins that disrupt the brain's cellular function, as well as inflammation and other target—but the field is still working through fundamental questions about cause and sequence. Most researchers I speak with believe the eventual breakthrough will look like what happened with HIV: a cocktail of medications working together and given early in the process, not a single silver bullet. We're not there yet, but we're moving.

Q: Are there any promising new treatments that people should know about? How does the work Alzheimer's Orange County is doing in the community help?

Two FDA-approved drugs have come out in the last three years that can slow the progression of Alzheimer's. They don't reverse symptoms, but slowing the disease by 18 months could be the difference between making your own breakfast and not. Even a modest gain matters enormously.

There are also new FDA-approved blood tests that can indicate whether your risk is elevated. They require a doctor's prescription and are recommended for people already noticing symptoms — not just general curiosity. They won't tell you if you'll get Alzheimer's, but they can tell you if closer attention is warranted.

On the community side, our Enhanced Care Management program wraps services around our most vulnerable clients — people with moderate-stage dementia living alone, often without English fluency — to keep them stable and at home. We've helped people qualify for hearing aids, renew housing, and access in-home doctor visits. That's just one of our many programs and ways we're making a difference. We also provide support groups, weekly educational classes, a helpline staffed by trained personnel, memory screenings, art and socialization programs and so much more including an adult day center that provides daytime assistance to give caregivers a break.

Alzheimer's Orange County currently serves over 30,000 people a year, and our goal is 50,000 within five years. Orange County has over 164,000 people impacted by memory loss. We've got a long way to go.



Local care partners pose for a group photo during Alzheimer's OC's Caregiver Retreat

UNDERSTANDING THE BASICS

Q: For families just beginning to navigate these challenges, what's the difference between Alzheimer's disease and dementia?

Dementia and Alzheimer's disease are related, but also distinct. Think of dementia as the umbrella term for any neurologically impairing condition that affects your ability to function. Alzheimer's is the most common form, but there are others. Lewy body dementia, frontal temporal dementia, vascular dementia and Parkinson's disease are all example of other forms of dementia. Ronald Reagan had Alzheimer's; Bruce Willis has Lewy body; Robin Williams had frontal temporal. Each type can look different and respond to different treatments, which is why a proper diagnosis from a neurologist or neuropsychologist really matters.

Q: When looking at cognitive changes in older adults, what are the early signs to look out for versus normal aging?

The hallmark we look for in any dementia diagnosis is change over time. If you forgot your keys at 20 and you're still forgetting them at 80, that's not a change, that's just how you've always been. What you want to pay attention to is a significant shift: difficulty finding words, name recall, cognitive slippage that feels different from your baseline. That's when it's worth getting looked at.

Here's what most people don't realize: the pathology can be in your body for 15 to 20 years before it shows up in how you function. Millions of Americans have mild cognitive impairment (MCI) without it ever turning into Alzheimer's. It's not a death sentence, but it is a reason to talk to your doctor.

To learn more about Alzheimer's Orange County or to seek support if you're concerned about memory loss, please call 844-373-4400 or visit www.alzoc.org.

Take Care of Your Brain Health, Memory Loss and Beyond

Alzheimer's Orange County meets you where you are, equipping people experiencing or concerned about memory changes, and their families, to act now and age well. Discover how we can **make life easier** for care partners, **improve quality of life** for those experiencing cognitive changes, and support healthcare providers to **enhance their care**.

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- Community Education
- Adult Day Services
- Interfaith Outreach

- Social and Art Programs
- Support Groups
- Early Memory Loss
- Multilingual Support
- Memory Screenings



No one should face their journey alone. Thanks to Alzheimer's Orange County and your support, they don't have to.

"Our classes open avenues people didn't know existed. One attendee was carrying the stress of caregiving alone and had no idea we could help until it came up in class. She came for brain health and found so much more."
– Lauren Weiss, Director of Education

"Connecting with other caregivers going through similar experiences allows participants to feel supported. They are not alone in navigating challenges that they may be facing."
– Claire Popka, Program Services Manager

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DIANA'S STORY OF HOPE

Diana experienced significant trauma, neglect, and abuse throughout her childhood. After her mother left the family and struggled with substance abuse, Diana was reunited with her biological father, whom she barely remembered. Instead of finding stability, she entered an environment marked by fear, violence, and uncertainty.

As a child, Diana and her sister endured severe physical abuse at the hands of their stepmother. Threats, intimidation, and violence became part of daily life. On one occasion, her younger sister suffered a broken leg after being assaulted, an experience that left a lasting impression on Diana and reinforced the fear they lived with every day.

In addition to the physical abuse in the home, Diana was subjected to ongoing sexual abuse by her biological father. As she grew older, his behavior became increasingly controlling and threatening. Eventually, after a violent confrontation and continued emotional abuse, Diana was sent away to live with relatives. While there, allegations of sexual abuse within the family surfaced, and her father began threatening family members in an effort to

prevent anyone from speaking to authorities. Feeling isolated, overwhelmed, and terrified of being forced to return to the environment she had escaped, Diana attempted suicide. In the aftermath, she became a ward of the State of California and was placed temporarily at Orangewood Children's Home before eventually finding stability at Olive Crest.

For the first time in her life, Diana encountered adults who genuinely cared about her well-being and refused to give up on her. Through consistent support, encouragement, and patience, she began to heal from years of trauma. Olive Crest provided not only safety, but also examples of healthy relationships, family life, and the belief that her future did not have to be defined by her past. Those experiences helped her break the cycle of abuse and build a loving home for her own children.

Today, Diana credits her Olive Crest family with changing the trajectory of her life. The guidance, compassion, and hope she received gave her the hope and foundation to create a different future for herself and her family.

Because Olive Crest intervened during a critical time in Diana's life, she was able to find safety, stability, and hope instead of becoming another child vulnerable to commercial exploitation. Scan the QR code to learn how the PROMiSE[®] initiative is helping protect and restore at-risk youth.



Meet the nonprofits and partnerships making Orange County stronger.

What does a stronger Orange County look like? Veterans with PTSD finding connection and healing on the open water. A repaired roof over a kitchen that feeds homebound seniors. Eight organizations joining forces to build a countywide, no-wrong-door system that helps residents avoid homelessness.

Behind each is a nonprofit or partnership with **an idea for how to better serve our community, and the expertise to make it happen.**

These are their ideas. Their expertise. Their work. We're proud to invest in what makes their impact possible.

BUILD OC FUND

\$10 million | 22 nonprofits

- Alianza Translatinx

Community Legal Aid SoCal

El Sol Science & Arts

Academy of Santa Ana

Friends of Family Health Center

Friendship Shelter

Gay & Lesbian Community Services Center of Orange County

Help for Brain Injured Children Inc.

Higher Ground Youth and Family Services Inc.

Jewish Community Center of Orange County
- Meals on Wheels OC

Miracles for Kids

MOMS Orange County

OC United Together

Ocean Institute

Pathways of Hope

Radiant Futures

Reimagine Network

Tara's Chance

The Ecology Center

The Eli Home Inc.

The Hub OC

Unidos South OC Inc.

BREAKWAY FUND

\$5 million | 67 nonprofits

- Alzheimer's Family Services Center

American Academy of Pediatrics

District IX Chapter IV

Asociación de Emprendedor@s

Beyond Blindness

Boys & Girls Club of Capistrano Valley

Boys & Girls Club of Fullerton

Boys & Girls Clubs of Huntington Valley

Breastfeeding Task Force of Greater Los Angeles

California Family Institute

Camino Housing Solutions Inc.

Camino Immigration Services

Casa de la Familia

Cedar Tree Music and Performance

Center for Asian Americans in Action

City Net

City of Westminster Senior Center

Delhi Center

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Down Syndrome Association of Orange County

Dreams for Schools

Farmhouse Friends

Friends of Fullerton College Foundation

Friends of the Childrens Museum at La Habra Inc.

Fristers

Garcia House of Refuge

Glennwood Housing Foundation, Inc.

Grandma's House of Hope

Healing to You

Healthy Living 105 Inc.

Homeless Intervention Services of Orange County

Interval House
- Kidworks Community Development Corporation

Korean American Center

La Semilla Learning Center

MECCA

Mind Research Institute Inc.

Natis House

New Directions for Women Foundation

Northeast of the Well

Oak View ComUNIDAD

Olive Community Services Inc.

Operation Open Water

Orange County Association for Mental Health

Orange County Bar Foundation

DBA Project Youth OC

Orange County Fire Authority Foundation

Orange County Head Start

Padres Unidos Np

Providence St. Jude Medical Center

Public Law Center

Recovery Road Inc.

Sallys Fund Inc.

South Coast Childrens Society Inc.

Spirit League

St. Olaf Childcare Center

Start Well

STEM Advantage

Surf & Turf Therapy

T3 Adaptive Racquet Sports

Team of Advocates for Special Kids

The Net Family Support

The Purpose of Recovery

The Wooden Floor for Youth Movement

Vital Roots Foundation

Vocational Visions

Western Youth Services

Working Wardrobes for a New Start

You Were Worth IT Foundation

OC+ FUND

\$5 million total: \$4.7 million for 10 collaborations involving 44 organizations + \$300,000 in planning support

Funding for viable, ready-to-act-on collaborations addressing challenges no single nonprofit can solve alone, with planning support to help earlier-stage partnerships move toward implementation.

92707 COMMUNITY WELLNESS HUB

Connecting residents to health, housing, education, and workforce services.
Delhi Center, Latino Health Access, Lightning Youth Academy, Santa Ana College, Family Promise OC

CIVICMIND COMMUNITY

Building shared back-office technology and support for small and emerging nonprofits.
Charitable Ventures, CIELO

EVERY FAMILY HOME VISITING COLLABORATIVE

Strengthening Orange County's home-visiting system for families with young children.
Vital Access Care Foundation, Beyond Blindness, Access California Services, Sacred Path
Indigenous Wellness Center, BPSOS Center for Community Advancement, Children and Families Coalition of Orange County, Children's Cause Orange County

IMAGINE SCIENCE COLLABORATIVE

Expanding coordinated STEM opportunities for underserved youth.
Boys & Girls Clubs of Garden Grove, Girls Inc. of Orange County, Boys & Girls Clubs of Huntington Valley, UCCE Orange County 4-H

JUSTOC

Creating one pathway to help residents reach the right civil legal aid provider.
Community Legal Aid SoCal, Public Law Center, Community Counsel, Asian Americans Advancing Justice Southern California, Veterans Legal Institute

MORE GOOD IDEAS ARE WAITING

This year's application process surfaced far more projects than any one funder could support. **To make what we've learned useful to the broader philanthropic community,** the Samueli Foundation is making it easier for other funders to discover projects aligned with their interests.

Through the **Community Funds Connector Tool**, funders can explore applications submitted through a single process and identify opportunities that match the communities and causes they care about, **without asking nonprofits to duplicate their work.** This year, the Sun Family Foundation invested \$1.5 million in projects identified through the Foundation's application pool; a year earlier, Sun Family Foundation and Orange County Community Foundation together invested more than \$1.6 million through the same approach.

Every additional project funded means more Orange County residents connected to the services, opportunities, and support they need.

Funders interested in exploring projects and ways to support them, from full or partial funding to in-kind contributions or pro bono expertise, can contact connect@samueli.org. A member of the Foundation team will follow up directly.

Learn more about the funds and watch for the 2027 grant cycles at samueli.org/for-grantseekers.



When nonprofits are built to last, communities rise.

Nonprofit impact takes more than a powerful mission. It takes the **people, systems, spaces, and partnerships** to deliver on it.

This year, the Samueli Foundation is investing **\$20 million** to help Orange County nonprofits build the capacity, infrastructure, and collaborations that sustain their work and advance their missions.

Our open application process made the ongoing demand impossible to miss: **1,373 applications requested more than \$357 million.**

Those needs take different forms and require different kinds of investment. That's where our **three Community Funds** come in.

\$5M Breakaway Fund 67 nonprofits Unrestricted funding for the people, systems, technology, and expertise that strengthen nonprofits from the inside out.	\$10M Build OC Fund 22 nonprofits Capital funding for equipment, renovations, repairs, and construction that strengthen the places where nonprofits serve.	\$5M OC+ Fund 10 collaborations 44 organizations involved Funding for county-scale collaborations that coordinate services, combine expertise, and build shared infrastructure.
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To this year's partners: you know your communities, you know what works, and you know what's needed.

Building Careers, Strengthening Community, Changing Lives

For more than a century, Goodwill of Orange County has been helping people unlock their potential and build brighter futures. While many know us for our thrift stores, our true purpose extends far beyond retail. As a nonprofit employment social enterprise, we transform donations and purchases into career opportunities, workforce development, and life-changing support for individuals across Orange County.

At Goodwill OC, every donated item, every thrifted purchase, and every partnership contributes to something bigger. Our unique model connects people, sustainability, and economic opportunity, creating a cycle of impact that benefits the entire community.

Through our network of stores, donation centers, and e-commerce operations, we generate the resources needed to provide career coaching, job training, work experience, and employment services for thousands of Orange County residents each year. At the same time, we help keep millions of pounds of usable goods out of local waste streams, giving items a second life while creating new opportunities for people.

Our Mission

We help people achieve their goals through a journey of personal support, work experience and career development.

Our Vision

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

Driving Workforce Development in Orange County

Founded in 1924, Goodwill OC has grown into one of Orange County's leading workforce development organizations. Today, we operate more than 25 career-focused programs that help individuals overcome barriers to employment and achieve long-term success.

Our services support Veterans, individuals with diverse abilities, people experiencing housing instability, justice-involved youth, and others seeking a pathway to meaningful employment.



Our Action Steps for 2026

This year Goodwill of Orange County is connecting people with even more training, support and opportunity to get a job, move up, and find career fulfillment.

Training Workers for Green Jobs

This fall, we will launch the Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment (EVSE) Training Program, which prepares people for high-demand careers installing and maintaining electrical vehicle charging stations.

Preparing People for the Modern Workplace

Most jobs today requires digital skills. Goodwill of Orange County is responding with new offerings this year, including Google AI Essentials training and Google Career Certificates. These are self-paced online training programs.

Providing a Path to High-Demand Industries

By partnering with Santa Ana College and North Orange Continuing Education, we will help students enter growth industries such as medical, technology and construction.

Expanding Corporate Partnerships

We will be offering additional partnership opportunities designed to align with your company's philanthropic goals and employee engagement strategies.

2025 Community Impact

7,585

Individuals served through workforce development programs

3,098

Individuals supported through disability services

621

Participants placed into meaningful employment

2,788

Veterans served



Join the Cycle of Good

Give

- Donate gently used goods
- Make a financial contribution
- Join our monthly giving program
- Explore our Corporate Matching programs

Partner

- Hire from our job-ready talent pool
- Explore corporate partnerships and sponsorships
- Help expand retail and donation access across Orange County

Connect

- Experience a behind-the-scenes "See the Good" tour
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The Untapped Workforce

How HIRE is Building Orange County's Fair-Chance Economy



"We are moving forward with your employment."

After more than a year of searching for work, one Orange County resident finally received the phone call he had been waiting for. The employer had reviewed his experience and the additional information HIRE helped provide—and decided to hire him, seeing who he was today rather than defining him by his past.

"For the first time in years," he said, "I will be allowed to work without fear of my past coming back to haunt me. That is HUGE!"

For someone rebuilding life after incarceration, a job can mean much more than a career. It can mean stability, dignity, financial independence, and the opportunity to move forward.

That is why the Hub for Integration, Reentry & Employment (HIRE) exists.

Founded in 2020, HIRE is Orange County's only organization solely dedicated to helping justice-involved youth and adults secure meaningful employment, without age or conviction restrictions. Through workforce development, employer partnerships, mentorship, vocational training, career coaching, and supportive services, HIRE removes barriers so individuals can build careers, support their families, and contribute to their communities.

Yet HIRE's story began nearly two decades ago.

Founder and CEO Meghan Medlin has spent almost 20 years working in workforce development and reentry, watching talented, motivated individuals encounter the same obstacle. Orange County had organizations providing housing, behavioral health services, treatment, education, and other support—but lacked an organization focused exclusively on employment while connecting employers, community organizations, educators, and public agencies.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, as individuals were released from custody earlier than expected, Medlin saw people ready to work struggle not because they lacked skills or motivation, but because they lacked access, advocacy, and opportunity.

She decided Orange County needed something different. HIRE was built to become that bridge.

Today, HIRE serves as both a direct service provider and a collaborative backbone for Orange County's reentry ecosystem, working with employers, educational institutions, nonprofits, local government, and workforce agencies to create clearer pathways to employment.

At the center of its work is one simple belief: **People should be defined by their potential—not their past.**

That philosophy has produced measurable results.

In 2025 alone, HIRE served more than 1,000 individuals throughout Orange County. Its Jobs Not Jails program experienced significant growth, its Transforming Integration into Meaningful Experiences (TIME) Mentorship program reached more participants than ever before, and community-building efforts—including Orange County's largest Reentry Resource Fair—impact hundreds of lives a year. Today, **78 percent of Jobs Not Jails participants secure employment**, with clients increasing their annual income by an average of **more than \$24,240**.

Behind every placement is someone gaining stability: attending a child's school event, signing a lease, paying taxes, or proving that their future does not have to be defined by their past.

The ripple effects reach employers, families, and communities. Employers gain dedicated employees in a labor market where reliable talent is increasingly difficult to find. Families regain stability, and communities become safer and

stronger as barriers to economic opportunity are replaced with pathways to careers.

That is why HIRE's work has never been solely about employment. It is about building a stronger Orange County.

The organization's next chapter reflects that vision.

Expected to open in 2028, Common Good is an innovative workforce reentry campus being developed by the County of Orange. HIRE will operate the campus, bringing together employment services, workforce training, education, supportive services, social enterprise opportunities, and transitional housing in one integrated location.

By bringing these opportunities together, Common Good will create a more coordinated, efficient, and effective model for workforce development and successful reentry.

The vision is ambitious, but the philosophy remains unchanged: **Everyone deserves the opportunity to contribute.**

Orange County businesses play a critical role in making that vision a reality. Every employer willing to become a fair-chance employer helps unlock overlooked talent. Every philanthropic investment strengthens workforce development. Every community partnership expands opportunity.

**Talent is everywhere.
Opportunity is not.
HIRE exists to close that gap.**



HIRE staff and board at the groundbreaking of Common Good in June 2026

As Orange County continues to grow, innovative workforce solutions are essential to strengthening both the economy and the community. Every individual who walks through HIRE's doors brings a different story, but they share the same hope: the opportunity to build a better future.

And every time an employer chooses to see potential instead of a past, that future becomes possible. Because when people are given the opportunity to work, they don't just transform their own lives. They help build a stronger Orange County for all of us.



For more information
on HIRE,
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TALENT IS EVERYWHERE. OPPORTUNITY ISN'T.

Every day, talented people in Orange County are ready to work – but a past mistake often keeps employers from seeing their future potential. **HIRE exists to change that.**

As Orange County's only organization solely dedicated to employment for justice-involved youth and adults – with no age or conviction restrictions – HIRE partners with individuals, employers, educators, government agencies, and community organizations to remove barriers and create pathways to lasting careers.

Employment changes more than one life. It strengthens families, grows our workforce, supports local businesses, and builds safer, healthier communities.

**TOGETHER, WE CAN CREATE MORE OPPORTUNITIES –
AND A STRONGER ORANGE COUNTY FOR EVERYONE.**

Whether you're looking to hire, invest, volunteer, or partner, you can help build a strong Orange County through opportunity.



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HIRE by the Numbers:

1,026 Served
in 2025

72% Placed into
quality employment

\$24,240 Average annual
income increase

6 Years Serving
Orange County

2028 Future Home at
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Thank you for being the **arms around Orange County.**

Today, we celebrate the early supporters and changemakers whose generosity and leadership are helping bring The OC Way to life. Their commitment is fueling the launch of a transformational movement for Orange County. This is just the beginning, and we look forward to welcoming more neighbors into this growing movement.

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"As we look ahead, we are focused on our next major goal: delivering 3 million wheelchairs by 2035."

Nuka Hart
CEO, Free Wheelchair Mission

25 YEARS TRANSFORMING LIVES THROUGH MOBILITY

The Irvine-based nonprofit Free Wheelchair Mission celebrates its 25th anniversary in 2026, marking a quarter century of providing mobility to people living with disabilities in developing countries.

Founded on April 20, 2001, by Don Schoendorfer, PhD, Free Wheelchair Mission has distributed 1.6 million wheelchairs across 95 countries. Each wheelchair represents far more than a means of transportation. It can open new possibilities for education, employment, community involvement, and connection with family and friends, renewing dignity, independence, freedom, and joy.

For Orange County supporters, this anniversary is more than a look back. It is an invitation to help meet an urgent global need through a locally rooted mission with worldwide reach.

"This milestone is a testament to the dedication of our team, the strength of our partnerships, and the generosity of our supporters," said Nuka Hart, Chief Executive Officer of Free Wheelchair Mission. "While the need remains great, we are deeply grateful for what has been accomplished over the past 25 years. As we look ahead, we are focused on our next major goal: delivering 3 million wheelchairs by 2035 and increasing our capacity to transform lives."

DESIGNED TO MEET A CRITICAL NEED

The World Health Organization estimates that 80 million people around the world need a wheelchair, the vast majority of whom cannot access one on their own. Many live in developing countries where wheelchairs may be unavailable or financially out of reach. Without mobility, individuals can be isolated at home, unable to attend school, earn an income, participate in their communities, or access essential services.



Free Wheelchair Mission works to address this need by designing wheelchairs specifically for use in the rugged environments of developing countries. During the past two and a half decades, the organization has introduced four generations of innovative, cost-effective, and durable wheelchairs. The wheelchairs are produced at contracted factories according to the organization's designs and specifications, then shipped directly from the factories in ocean freight containers to developing countries around the world.

After arriving in-country, the wheelchairs are imported by Free Wheelchair Mission's network of distribution partners, whom they provide with training and ongoing support. These trusted organizations assemble the wheelchairs, identify prospective users, assess their individual needs, provide appropriate fitting and training, and distribute the wheelchairs at no cost to recipients. This approach combines global manufacturing with the local insight of distribution partners who understand the communities they serve and are positioned to provide ongoing support.

With this model, Free Wheelchair Mission can move a brand-new wheelchair from factory production to in-country partners and ultimately to a recipient in a developing country—all for a donation of \$108 per wheelchair.

ADVANCING WHEELCHAIR DESIGN



Free Wheelchair Mission's latest innovation is the award-winning GEN 4 JOY™ wheelchair, announced in 2025 and now beginning to ship to distribution partners worldwide. Building on decades of design experience and field feedback, the FDA-approved GEN 4 JOY™ advances the organization's commitment to wheelchairs that are comfortable, durable, and adaptable for the environments where they are needed most.

As Free Wheelchair Mission ramps up production of the GEN 4 JOY™ and works toward delivering 3 million wheelchairs by 2035, each wheelchair represents the possibility of daily transformation: greater mobility for the recipient and relief from the physical, emotional, and financial strain often carried by family members.

"For me, even after 25 years, every wheelchair delivery to a recipient is still deeply moving," said Don Schoendorfer, President and Founder of Free Wheelchair Mission. "Each time someone is lifted into a wheelchair, it is a powerful reminder that this person is seen, valued, and loved."

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF TRANSFORMATION

Free Wheelchair Mission will commemorate its silver anniversary through its signature Miracle of Mobility events in Orange County, Seattle, and online. Presented by CapRock Partners, Orange County's Miracle of Mobility will take place Thursday, September 10, 2026, at the René and Henry Segerstrom Concert Hall in Costa Mesa, California, hosted by television host and producer Jason Kennedy.

The Virtual Miracle of Mobility will begin streaming Sunday, September 20, hosted by actress, producer, director, and author Candace Cameron Bure. The program will also feature a musical performance by four-time GRAMMY® Award-winning duo for KING + COUNTRY.

Through powerful recipient stories, uplifting music, and perspectives from distribution partners around the world—including many who will be present at Orange County's Miracle of Mobility—the events will celebrate all that supporters have made possible while raising funds to provide more wheelchairs.

"As we celebrate our 25th anniversary, I'm especially excited to welcome more of our supporters and distribution partners to Miracle of Mobility than ever before, and to invite even more people to join us in carrying this work forward, transforming lives for generations to come," Nuka said.

Learn more about the mission, get tickets to a Miracle of Mobility event, and discover ways to get involved at:

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The arts make Orange County stronger.

On our stages, in our schools and throughout our communities, Segerstrom Center for the Arts brings people together through extraordinary arts experiences.

Segerstrom Center for the Arts is more than a place to experience great performances. As a nonprofit cultural institution, we enrich and transform lives by entertaining, educating and engaging our community through exceptional programs on our stages, in classrooms and throughout Orange County.

- 196,165 served through our education programs
- 326 schools
- 32 free community events

On our stages

260 Center-presented performances brought Broadway, dance, jazz, chamber music, family programming and more to Orange County audiences, while nearly 50,000 new patrons experienced the Center for the first time.



In our schools

196,165 people participated in 4,087 education and engagement initiatives. The Center served 326 schools, including 153 Title I schools, and nearly half of our education programming reached under-resourced students and families.

In our community

32 free community events welcomed more than 10,000 people and featured more than 200 local artists and vendors—creating opportunities to participate, connect and experience the arts together.

For everyone

Through accessible performances, sensory-friendly resources, assistive technologies and services designed to remove barriers, we are working to ensure more people can experience the arts.



40 years after opening our doors, our commitment remains the same: to use the power of the arts to strengthen the community we call home.



The arts belong to all of us.

Your support makes that possible.

Segerstrom Center for the Arts is a nonprofit organization. Ticket sales cover only a portion of the cost of fulfilling our mission.

Philanthropic support makes it possible for the Center to bring extraordinary artists and performances to Orange County, provide transformative arts education, create free and affordable community experiences, expand accessibility and welcome people of all ages and backgrounds to participate in the arts.

Your gift helps us:

- **Inspire** Bring exceptional artists, companies and performances to Orange County.
- **Educate** Reach students and educators throughout our community with meaningful arts experiences.
- **Welcome** Create free, affordable and accessible opportunities so more people can participate.
- **Connect** Bring people together through shared experiences that strengthen our community.

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The Power of Privademic Care

How Hoag’s distinctive model is shaping healthcare on the expanded Hoag Hospital Irvine Sun Family Campus

Hoag’s privademic model of care combines the clinical rigor and innovation of an academic medical center with the comprehensive care and efficiency of a private healthcare system—bringing the best of both to every patient.

As construction on the Hoag Hospital Irvine Sun Family Campus nears completion, this vision continues to grow—creating new opportunities to advance exceptional care through philanthropic support. Hoag’s privademic model is defined by:

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Technology:

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Personalized Care:

Comprehensive, coordinated care ensures every patient receives the options, support, and compassion they need throughout their healthcare journey.

Philanthropy *Fueling the Future*

The expansion of the Hoag Hospital Irvine Sun Family Campus marks a significant milestone made possible through donor generosity. As healthcare continues to evolve, philanthropy will remain essential to driving progress in care for generations to come.

What We've Boldly Built Together Is *Only the Beginning*

In just days, the expanded Hoag Hospital Irvine Sun Family Campus will be opening—a milestone made possible through the extraordinary generosity of our community.



To every donor who helped bring this vision to life through the Boldly Hoag campaign, **thank you.**

As this new chapter begins, this campus will transform patient care, innovation, and discovery, making an extraordinary impact for people in Orange County and beyond.



Opportunities remain to make your mark.
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A Culture *of* Generosity

Beyond its natural beauty and vibrant communities, Orange County is defined by a deep and sincere commitment to generosity. Throughout the region, individuals and organizations dedicate their time, talents, and resources to initiatives that enrich lives and create opportunity. It is a value expressed in countless ways, from personal acts of kindness to collective efforts that leave a lasting impact.

Philanthropy extends far beyond just the gesture itself. It fosters connection, opens doors, and helps shape a more hopeful tomorrow. Its lasting significance is often found in what follows: lives touched, communities strengthened, and new possibilities made possible for generations to come.

At Lugano, we feel privileged to call this community home and are continually inspired by its spirit of generosity. We are grateful for the opportunity to support the people and initiatives making a meaningful difference in Orange County and beyond.



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Future Ready, Mentor Made

What does it mean to be **Future Ready**?

For today's young people, being future ready is about much more than choosing a career or earning good grades. It's about developing the confidence to tackle challenges, the curiosity to keep learning, the creativity to solve problems, and the resilience to adapt in a world that's changing faster than ever before.

The careers our children will pursue may not even exist yet. Technology continues to reshape industries. Artificial intelligence is transforming the workplace. Employers increasingly value communication, collaboration, critical thinking, creativity, and emotional intelligence alongside technical knowledge. These are the skills that prepare young people not only for their first job, but for a lifetime of learning and leadership.



At Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Orange Coast, we believe becoming Future Ready begins with something remarkably simple: a caring mentor who believes in a young person's potential.

Every afternoon, our Club professionals do more than supervise programs. They ask questions that spark curiosity. They encourage youth to think differently. They celebrate effort, inspire confidence, and help young people see possibilities beyond their own view. These everyday moments become the foundation for lifelong success.

Research consistently shows that positive relationships with trusted adults are among the strongest predictors of healthy youth development. When young people know someone believes in them, they're more willing to take risks, embrace challenges, and discover what they're capable of achieving.

This belief is woven into every experience at the Club.

For Nonso, one of our Mentor Coach professionals, he has come full circle. He joined the Club at age six, grew up through our youth leadership programs, became a Junior Staff member, and eventually returned as a Club professional. Now a recent college graduate, Nonso leads our Club Rock program, inspiring the next generation with the same confidence, guidance, and encouragement that once shaped his own journey.

His story reflects what we strive to create for every young person who walks through our doors: the skills, support, and encouragement to discover their potential and become Future Ready.

Every day at our Clubs, youth build the 21st century skills that prepare them for school, careers, and life. Academic support strengthens problem-solving and perseverance.

Leadership opportunities encourage communication and collaboration. Enrichment programs foster creativity and innovation, while team activities build resilience, empathy, and confidence. Every experience is intentionally designed to help youth grow into future leaders and changemakers.

Preparing youth for the future isn't about teaching a single career pathway. It's about developing adaptable young people who are confident enough to pursue whatever future they choose.

That journey begins by igniting curiosity.

This year, we launched Spark Space, an enrichment program that introduces students to STEAM through hands-on exploration and discovery. Every activity is designed to spark creativity, encourage innovation, and cultivate a love of learning.

Our goal is simple: to see that unmistakable spark in a child's eyes the moment

curiosity turns into excitement.

By expanding Spark Space beyond our Clubs and partner school sites, we're ensuring students who may not otherwise have access to hands-on STEAM enrichment can discover new interests, ask bigger questions, and begin building the confidence that fuels future success. These early experiences plant seeds that continue to grow as youth move through Club programming.

As members get older, these sparks of curiosity evolve into purposeful exploration.

The launch of our new Future Ready Lab represents the next step in that journey. Created in response to conversations with educators and parents, the Lab gives teens the opportunity to experience careers through immersive, hands-on learning

before making important decisions about college or the workforce.

Whether exploring biomedical engineering, nursing, culinary arts, computer science, or criminalistics, students aren't simply learning technical skills. They're collaborating with peers, thinking critically, solving real-world challenges, communicating ideas, and discovering how their unique talents can translate into meaningful careers.

More importantly, they begin to envision themselves in those careers.

That confidence continues to grow through our YES Workforce Development program, where teens and young adults gain practical experience through resume building, practice interviews, financial literacy, career coaching, internships, and connections with local employers. These experiences bridge the gap between education and employment, helping youth pursue opportunities with confidence.

The true measure of success isn't the resume workshop or the practice interview – it's what happens when a young person puts those skills into action. For one high school senior, that confidence led to her very first job.

"After applying for a job online and not hearing back, I went in person with my resume and ended up interviewing that same day – and getting the job shortly after. The YES Workforce Development program gave me the confidence and skills to follow up, interview, and land my first job."

Her story is a reminder that being Future Ready isn't just about preparing for tomorrow - it's about equipping young people with the confidence, resilience, and practical skills to seize opportunities today.

While each program looks different, they all share the same purpose: helping young people become Future Ready.

None of this would be possible without the community that stands behind our youth.

Our individual, corporate, and foundation partners invest in more than classrooms, technology, or equipment - they invest in opportunity. Their support makes it possible for young people to explore new ideas, build meaningful relationships, develop essential life skills, and discover what's possible for their future.

Together, we are creating environments where curiosity is encouraged, creativity is celebrated, innovation is embraced, and every young person is empowered to reach their greatest potential.

The future belongs to the next generation of thinkers, creators, leaders, and changemakers. Our responsibility is to ensure that they are ready.

At Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Orange Coast, this is what being Future Ready means. Together, we are helping every young person pursue greatness – and building a stronger future for Orange County, one mentor, one opportunity, and one future-ready child at a time.



HELP BUILD A FUTURE-READY GENERATION

Every young person deserves the opportunity to discover their potential, build confidence, and develop the skills they need for college, careers, and life.

Through the power of mentorship at **Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Orange Coast**, we're preparing **15,000+ young people** each year - from kindergarten to college and workforce - to become the leaders, innovators, and changemakers of tomorrow.

YOU CAN HELP THEM DISCOVER THEIR GREATNESS



VOLUNTEER

Share your experience.
Shape a future.

Give your time and talents to mentor, inspire, and help young people see what's possible.



PARTNER

Build the workforce of tomorrow.
Partner with the Club to create meaningful experiences that connect young people to careers, skills, and new possibilities.



DONATE

Invest in their potential.
Your support provides young people with access to mentors, programs, and opportunities that prepare them for what's next.

GET INVOLVED TODAY!

Scan to discover how you can help prepare the next generation to be Future Ready.



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The Power of Community: A Landmark Documentary Series in Partnership with OC World

BY SHELLEY M. HOSS, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
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"Philanthropy is not about the money. It's about using whatever resources you have at your fingertips and applying them to improving the world."
– Melinda French Gates

Orange County's philanthropic 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.

While many generous individuals and families aspire to make a meaningful impact, nonprofits continue to struggle under the burden of pressing needs.

At the Orange County Community Foundation (OCCF), we consider it a privilege to help bridge this gap, responding to the call for philanthropy where it is most needed. In collaboration with our donors and nonprofit partners, our aim is to create lasting, impactful solutions that contribute to the long-term health and well-being of our community.

In partnership with OC World, we are excited to pave the way forward through our groundbreaking documentary series, **"The Power of Community."** This six-part series, airing on KLCS-PBS, explores the vital issues facing Orange County and how innovative philanthropy and community collaboration are helping build an Orange County where all have the opportunity to thrive.

A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT FOR GREATER IMPACT

At the heart of this endeavor is the belief that when we come together as a community, we can overcome even the most daunting obstacles. This series is a testament to the power of collective action and the profound impact it can have.

Each episode of **"The Power of Community"** offers a deep dive into a specific issue, presenting both the challenges and innovative solutions moving the needle. Through powerful storytelling, expert insights, and evidence-based solutions, we are shining a light on a shared commitment to Orange County's thriving future.

EPISODE 1: CHILD AND YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH - A HIDDEN EPIDEMIC

Explore the alarming rise in mental health issues among our youth. Startling local data highlights the prevalence of mental health issues across the socioeconomic spectrum, reinforcing the critical role of local nonprofits and schools in supporting children, youth and families.



EPISODE 2: EARN & LEARN - TOMORROW'S INNOVATION ECONOMY

Discover partnerships between educational institutions and local businesses to equip young adults with the skills they need to succeed as part of tomorrow's workforce. Learn how programs that offer hands-on training, job-specific education, and apprenticeships can lead to a brighter future for us all.



EPISODE 3: PROMISING FUTURES - THE PATH TO COLLEGE AND BEYOND

Gain insights on the barriers facing first-generation college students within our most vulnerable communities and the programs that are bridging gaps to higher education success-- inspiring a new generation of students to pursue their dreams without limitation.



EPISODE 4: PROTECT & PRESERVE - OC'S UNIQUE ECOSYSTEMS

Learn about local efforts to protect and preserve our natural habitats, from legislative and advocacy efforts to community education and restoration work on land and in the ocean, emphasizing the crucial role that each of us plays in sustaining our unique local environment for generations to come.



EPISODE 5: WOMEN'S HEALTH DRIVES COMMUNITY HEALTH

When women thrive, communities thrive. This episode sheds light on the unique health issues faced by women in Orange County and the programs working to reduce barriers that prevent women from seeking essential care which impacts not only their own health but their families and communities.



EPISODE 6: BUILDING BRIDGES - CONNECTION. COMMUNITY. HUMANITY.

Explore efforts to foster belonging and connection across Orange County's diverse communities, highlighting initiatives working to bridge divides and resolve conflicts through re-entry, restorative justice and "long-bridging" programs to deepen understanding and strengthen community bonds.



JOIN US IN MAKING A DIFFERENCE

"The Power of Community" is more than just a documentary series; it is a call to action. We invite everyone to explore these episodes, each promising to inspire change and elevate the voices of those making a difference. By sharing stories of perseverance and promise, this series serves as a catalyst for dialogue and action, encouraging audiences to connect with local efforts that are making a meaningful and lasting impact.

Visit oc-cf.org/PowerofCommunity to watch the series and learn more about how you can become involved in transformative community initiatives. Together, we can harness the power of community to create a brighter future for Orange County and beyond.

FOR GOOD, FOR EVER

In a world where challenges often seem insurmountable, Orange County stands as a beacon of hope and innovation. Here, the best of the head meets the best of the heart, and through the collaborative efforts of our community and philanthropic leaders, we are shaping a brighter, more promising future for all. Join us in this journey of transformation and impact, and together, let's build a legacy that endures.

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



Shelley M. Hoss

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Cristo Rey Orange County Is Shaping Tomorrow's Leaders Today

Something big is happening in Orange County. A school is on the move.

This September, Cristo Rey Orange County High School begins its fourth year of Catholic college prep instruction. Four years ago, we opened inside a former elementary school. We outgrew that space fast. Now we're moving into a new, permanent home — a campus built for what this school has become.

We're moving into a 21st century campus in South Santa Ana. An underutilized office park will become an engine for opportunity.

We're moving into our fourth year of classroom instruction. Rigorous. College prep. No shortcuts.

We're moving toward our first graduating class. Students who signed up for a promise and a PowerPoint arrived as freshmen with big dreams and bigger doubts. Now they're seniors striding with certainty.

We're moving toward 100 Corporate Work Study partners. Companies across Orange County who open their doors and let students in not to observe, but to work. To answer phones. To contribute in meetings. To learn what a deadline feels like. This is Cristo Rey's signature Corporate Work Study program. It's a proven national model, not a pilot. It has worked in 41 cities for 30 years with 3,300 companies nationwide, and now it is working here.

We're moving our comprehensive campaign into public view. A gift here doesn't just build a building. It raises the bar and empowers students to see a future once beyond their gaze. You're funding an education students couldn't otherwise afford. Every gift moves a student closer to a diploma — and a resume.

We're moving to cement something rare. A college prep high school not funded by tuition but propelled by partnership where every student works a real job, four years running, before they ever graduate. Nowhere else in Orange County does this. Nowhere else in Orange County needs to.

Here's what makes this school different. Most students study the working world. Cristo Rey students thrive in it. They're learning to shake a hand, meet a deadline, own a mistake, and earn a paycheck all before they turn eighteen. They're moving too. Toward confidence. Toward opportunity. Toward a future they're already building, one workday at a time. For many, they are moving to become the first in their families to go to college, students from under resourced neighborhoods on a new path, one that empowers them to afford to stay in Orange County and help it grow.

This movement needs you. Not someday. Now.

Join our movement. Support the campaign that builds this campus and secures this school's future. Every dollar moves a student forward.

Join our movement. Open your company's doors. Bring a team of Cristo Rey students into your office. Teach them what you know. Marvel at what they teach you back.

Join our movement. Volunteer your time. Mentor a student. Sit on a committee. Show up.

Cristo Rey Orange County isn't just moving into a new building. It's moving an entire community forward — one student, one workday, one graduate at a time.

Four years ago, this was an idea in a shuttered school building. Today, it's a movement backed by 80 companies and tens of thousands of hours worked. Tomorrow, it's a permanent campus, a first graduating class, and 100 corporate partners strong.

The building is moving. The mission is moving. The students are moving.

Join us. Because Orange County's next generation of leaders is already on the move. Because a building alone doesn't move a student forward. Leaders like you do.

THE CAMPUS IS MOVING. BUT IT'S THE STUDENTS WHO ARE REALLY GOING SOMEWHERE.

▶ A new campus. A first graduating class. A movement you can be part of.



JOIN THE MOVEMENT

Thank you to the early supporters whose generosity and leadership are empowering generations of Cristo Rey students and laying the foundation for our Forever Cristo Rey Campaign. Together we've quietly raised nearly \$50 million toward our campaign goal — and we're just getting started. Join us as a donor, volunteer, or work-study partner — and help write the next chapter.



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ARCHITECTS OF THEIR OWN FUTURES: HOW ORANGE COUNTY YOUTH ARE DRIVING INTERGENERATIONAL CHANGE

For thousands of young adults in Orange County—including those aging out of foster care, surviving domestic violence, or facing housing instability—entering adulthood feels like a steep cliff. The Orangewood Foundation bridges this gap by offering strategic guidance, essential resources, and tailored support to help youth move from survival mode to lifelong independence.

A powerful example of this impact is Desiree, a 27-year-old single mother who turned to Orangewood to escape domestic violence and secure a safe future for her child. Orangewood built a personalized support plan around her specific goals, providing:

Practical & Emotional Support: Dedicated one-on-one mentoring, trauma-informed therapy, and essential tools like a personal computer.

Stable Housing: Assistance with deposit and lease costs for a two-bedroom apartment, establishing the crucial foundation required to focus beyond daily survival.

Our Impact

316% INCREASE

in young people utilizing emergency housing and stabilization funds last year.

“It showed me that stability was possible and that my hard work could pay off.”

With a safe home secured, Desiree took control of her path. She enrolled in higher education with plans to earn a doctorate and become a licensed therapist, turning her past challenges into a mission to help others.

Desiree’s story demonstrates what happens when strategic support meets personal drive. Beyond individual care, Orangewood builds community resilience through corporate partnerships, supportive housing, and comprehensive programs spanning education, healthcare, and career readiness—breaking generational cycles across Orange County.



GET INVOLVED

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A Legacy That Lives On: Investing in Possibility Today and for Generations to Come

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

As we reflect on the extraordinary generosity of Orange County’s philanthropic community, I am heartened by what becomes possible when individuals, companies, and foundation partners invest their time, talent, and treasure in young people. For more than four decades, The Wooden Floor has benefited from this steadfast community of supporters who believe, as we do, that every child deserves the opportunity to reach their fullest potential. Thank you.

Founded in 1983, The Wooden Floor is a creative youth development nonprofit that uses exploratory dance education strategically integrated with academics, college and career readiness, and family services. We are not a dance studio or conservatory. We use dance as a vehicle for empowerment and change, helping young people develop The Wooden Floor 6Cs®: **Creativity, Critical thinking, Communication, Collaboration, Character, and Courage.** These are skills that prepare students for higher education, as future career professionals and leaders of tomorrow.

Our commitment is long-term. Students who join The Wooden Floor embark on a journey that spans up to 10-years over their elementary, middle and high school years. Today, we see that our students are ready to pursue higher education, and at the same time, they need additional social and emotional support along with their families to help them transition into higher education as adults, many of whom are first in their families to go into college. As part of The Wooden Floor’s *The Next Step* program we are building curriculum and increasing mentoring to ensure our students are ready to transition into college successfully, by learning about the life skills and determination that will be necessary to graduate from their chosen colleges and universities.

Some of our students’ recent accomplishments include:

- **100%** on-time high school graduation rate
- **100%** immediate enrollment in higher education for 22 consecutive years through the Class of 2026. Our first-generation alumni continue to achieve a college degree attainment rate of 53% as of March 2026, compared to 20% of their socio-economic peers.
- **60%** of our graduates, in the last five years, have pursued S.T.E.A.M. degrees in biotechnology, neuroscience, gaming and computer sciences, and medical careers as future doctors, surgeons and nurses, to name a few.
- **100%** of our graduates from the Class of 2026 have qualified for The Wooden Floor’s Merit-based scholarship awards, for the first time in the history of this scholarship program which may be renewed over their entire college tenure, totaling between \$4,000 to \$10,000.

We are proud to announce that since 2002, The Wooden Floor has provided over \$2.4 million in scholarship awards, through our Merit-based Scholarship Awards with an additional \$1 million in Uplift Scholarship Awards for our students with exceptional academic achievements to attend their first-choice university and graduate without debt.

These outcomes are the result of a loving community making a steadfast commitment to children and families over time. When students make a long-term commitment to The Wooden Floor, we must be prepared to make a long-term financial commitment to them. That is why long-term sustainability is essential to our mission.

Diana Aguilar, a member of The Wooden Floor’s Class of 2009, dedicates her career to supporting the mental health and well-being of others. After earning an associate degree in psychology from Orange Coast College, a bachelor’s degree in psychology from the University of California, Los Angeles, and master’s degrees from the University of Southern California and the University of California, Berkeley, she recently achieved another major milestone by becoming a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) in California. Today, Diana works as a psychiatric social worker and hopes to one day open a private therapy practice serving the Spanish-speaking immigrant working-class community while also teaching psychology at the college level.



The Wooden Floor Endowment Fund, established in 1999, helps ensure that our organization can maintain high-quality services without interruption while continuing to innovate for the students we serve today and those who will walk through our doors in the future. The Endowment Fund also includes The Wooden Floor Scholarship Endowment, which supports scholarships that help lessen the financial barriers associated with higher education.

A gift to The Wooden Floor’s Endowment Fund, whether made today or through a future planned gift, is an investment in possibility that can extend far beyond one lifetime. Planned gifts can include a bequest through a will or trust; appreciated stock or real estate; a retirement plan or insurance policy beneficiary designation; a donor advised fund beneficiary designation, or another estate planning vehicle.

At The Wooden Floor, we believe gifts of every size make a difference. Together, they create a lasting foundation that strengthens our ability to respond to the needs of children today while keeping an eye on their futures.

Join us by investing for both today and tomorrow in mind. We are grateful to our community of supporters who help provide hope and opportunity for our students, strengthen families, sustain innovation, and create pathways that uplift young people to thrive for decades to come.



The Wooden Floor’s Class of 2026 at the 14th Step Beyond Annual Breakfast.



Dawn S. Reese, Chief Executive Officer of The Wooden Floor, is a social innovator who leverages her unique blend of experience in business, technology, education, and the arts to propel young people forward. During Reese’s 17-year tenure, The Wooden Floor has seen significant growth, both locally through opening a second location in Santa Ana, and through community engagement programs in school districts, as well as nationally through its licensed partnership model. Celebrating its 43rd Anniversary, recent awards for The Wooden Floor include: 2026, 2025, 2024 and 2023 Best Places to Work by the Orange County Business Journal, 2026 OneOC Spirit of Volunteerism’s Innovative Impact Award, 2022 Nonprofit of the Year Award by the Greater Irvine Chamber, and 2021 Stand Up the Arts Award by Ovation TV/Charter Communications. Reese’s recent honors include: 2025 Outstanding Nonprofit Leader Award by National Philanthropy Day Orange County/ Association of Fundraising Professionals; 2024 Orange County

Register 125 Most Influential People; 2023 Empowering Lives Award by Templo Calvario, 2023 Sam Estes Award for Community Leadership from the Santa Ana Task Force, and the 2022 Orange County Visionary by the Los Angeles Times Orange County, among others.

Reese proudly serves on the Santa Ana Chamber of Commerce as Board Chair, the Board of Directors for the Passkeys Foundation as Immediate Past Board Chair, and Orange County Music and Dance as Finance Chair, as well as a Board Member for Advisors in Philanthropy OC, and the MVS Foundation. Since 2018, Reese has served as the Chair of the Santa Ana Youth Mental Health Sub-Committee, which was honored in 2025 by the City of Santa Ana and Orange County Board of Supervisors.

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WINE TASTING BENEFIT FOR THE WOODEN FLOOR

Thursday, September 24, 2026 at 6:00pm

Big Canyon Country Club
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You are invited to Orange County's premier wine tasting benefit, returning for its 20th year, featuring 12 hard-to-find wines from around the world.

- A fun, strolling wine tasting competition
- Signature small plates
- Sharing of student success stories
- Silent auctions and opportunity drawings
- Giving opportunities

**Sponsorships and individual tickets available now
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THIS EVENT SELLS OUT EVERY YEAR!



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. Nearly 60% of our graduates attain degrees in S.T.E.A.M. fields, 81% earned by women and 19% by men.



The Other Side of Recovery: Helping Families Find Stability After a Child's Medical Crisis

When a child is diagnosed with a life-threatening illness, the focus immediately shifts to life-saving treatment.

Parents become caregivers overnight, work schedules disappear, savings accounts are drained, and everyday priorities are replaced by hospital visits, surgeries, and uncertainty. What often goes unnoticed is the lasting economic impact a child's critical illness has on an entire family.



The LIFELINE program helps to pay bills.

Many parents have to reduce their work hours or leave the workforce altogether to care for their sick child. Household income declines just as medical-related expenses, transportation costs, and daily necessities increase. Even after treatment ends, many families continue to struggle with housing instability, financial hardship, and the challenge of rebuilding careers that were put on hold.

For more than two decades, Miracles for Kids has helped stabilize families with critically-ill children through programs that address both immediate needs and long-term recovery. The organization recognizes that healing families requires far more than healthcare alone.

Miracles for Kids has five core programs that work together to stabilize families during and after one of life's most difficult chapters. The following four programs provide immediate support:



Miracles for Kids' families at 2026 Surf & Paddle Summer Camp, part of the BALANCE program.

LIFELINE provides financial assistance to help families pay rent, utilities, transportation, and other essential household bills when a parent's income has been disrupted by caregiving responsibilities.

SAFE HAVEN addresses housing insecurity through Miracle Manor and other housing assistance, allowing families to remain close to their child's treatment while easing one of the greatest financial burdens they face.

BOOST provides food, hygiene products, school supplies, household essentials, holiday meals, and other basic necessities through our Basket of Miracles deliveries that help families maintain dignity while navigating extraordinary circumstances.

BALANCE focuses on emotional well-being through counseling, family activities, wellness programs, and opportunities for connection, recognizing that healing extends beyond medical treatment.

The fifth and capstone program, **PILLARS**, helps families transition from crisis to stability - building a future beyond the diagnosis through education, employment support, and financial literacy. The Pillars Program links families to real employment opportunities, financial literacy workshops, and education partners who understand their unique situations, at no cost to the family.

One of the greatest challenges families face after surviving a child's medical crisis isn't simply catching up financially, it's rebuilding the opportunities that were lost while caring for their child. Careers have been interrupted. Educational



The BOOST program delivers essential items through the Basket of Miracles.

goals postponed. Families isolated. Professional networks weakened. Many parents are forced to start over.

Rather than viewing recovery as the end of the journey, the Pillars Program recognizes it as the beginning of a new chapter...one that requires education, employment, financial confidence, and long-term stability.

Through carefully constructed partnerships, parents receive career coaching, workforce development resources, and employment referrals that help reconnect them with meaningful career opportunities. They receive access to entry-level education and training programs that prepare participants for careers in the rapidly growing healthcare industry, creating pathways toward stable, family-sustaining employment.

Financial literacy is equally important, giving families the tools to strengthen budgeting skills, make informed financial decisions, and build a more secure future.

These programs restore confidence. Parents who have spent months, or years, focused entirely on their child's survival often need someone to invest in their future. By creating opportunities to gain new skills, return to the workforce, and strengthen financial independence, Miracles for Kids helps families regain the stability needed to move forward with hope.

This approach also reflects an important stage in mission delivery - long term impact.

Meeting immediate needs will always remain essential. Yet, lasting impact comes from helping families become self-sufficient after the medical crisis has passed. The Pillars Program helps to build stronger families and healthier communities.

Orange County has long been recognized as a leader in healthcare innovation, business, and philanthropy. We have world-class hospitals, generous corporate partners, and a community committed to giving back. As a community, we must be as focused on meeting immediate needs as we are on creating long-term stability.

When we create pathways to education and employment, we help restore financial independence. When we provide the tools families need to rebuild after trauma, we create lasting change that extends far beyond the hospital stay.

Childhood critical illness may alter a family's journey, but it should not define its future. By investing in long-term stability through programs like Pillars, we can help families not only survive unimaginable challenges but emerge stronger because of the support they received along the way.



The PILLARS program provides long-term stability in cooperation with partners such as Merge Opportunities.



Volunteers refurbish playhouse at Miracle Manor, part of the SAFE HAVEN program.

For more information on these programs, visit miraclesforkids.org.

IMAGINE THE **MIRACLES** YOU CAN MAKE



Emiliano Camarena Age: 1
Congenital Heart Disease

We help families with critically-ill children battle bankruptcy, homelessness, hunger and depression so they can concentrate on what matters most - fighting for their child's life.

Join **Miracles for Kids today!** YOU can help create stability for families in crisis.

Our five core programs:

LIFELINE helps overcome financial hardship

SAFE HAVEN provides stable housing

BOOST delivers essential items

BALANCE strengthens emotional and mental well-being

PILLARS helps stabilize families into the future

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LEADING THE NATION IN OUTCOMES

Expanding Hope for Patients

California's Leader in Kidney Transplant Care

Distinguished clinical leaders Robert Naraghi, M.D., Yasir Qazi, M.D., Amer Jabara, M.D., Kevin Pham, M.D., and Ervin Ruzics, M.D., have helped expand the program's reach and capabilities, guiding it into a new era of innovation and excellence. Under their leadership, the team successfully launched the hospital's first multi-organ transplant program through the addition of kidney-pancreas transplantation in 2024.

Taking on the Most Complex Cases

What truly sets Providence St. Joseph apart is its long-standing willingness to care for patients that other centers often cannot accept: individuals with rare or medically complicated kidney diseases who may have run out of options elsewhere. Despite treating some of the most complex cases, the program continues to achieve outstanding outcomes year after year.

Visit www.sjofoundation.org to learn more about how to support Providence St. Joseph Hospital.



For more than 50 years, Providence St. Joseph's multi-organ transplant program has given patients facing kidney disease the chance to reclaim their lives. Today, it's the **#1 kidney transplant program in California** for both outcomes and access, an extraordinary achievement that speaks to the skill and dedication of the team.

LIVES RESTORED

Every transplant reflects the partnership between exceptional caregivers and the patients they serve.



"The care I received was exceptional from start to finish. The transplant team gave me confidence every step of the way, and I'll always be thankful for the gift of renewed health."

— **Linda Sutherland, M.D.**, Transplant Recipient



"The greatest accomplishment of our transplant program is measured in the patients who leave here with the chance to spend more years with the people they love. That's why we do this work."

— **Robert Naraghi, M.D.**, Transplant Surgeon

Because the Best Heart Care Never Stands Still. **Neither Do We.**



When Ben McCulloch needed advanced heart care, he found more than leading-edge technology. He found a team that never stopped searching for answers.

As one of the first patients to receive a breakthrough tricuspid valve replacement, Ben's astounding recovery wasn't defined by technology alone. It was made possible by physicians who were watching the horizon and pursuing the latest advances, determined to find the best options for their patients.

Grateful for the care that changed his life, Ben and his wife, Laurie, established the **McCulloch Family Distinguished Endowed Chair in Comprehensive Cardiac Care**.

Held by Brian Kolski, M.D., the endowed chair will help ensure future patients have access to the same innovation and excellence that restored Ben's health.

For generations, Providence St. Joseph Hospital has been advancing heart care in Orange County, combining nationally recognized expertise, groundbreaking treatments and compassionate care for the whole person.



Ben McCulloch and
Brian Kolski, M.D.

HEART & VASCULAR EXCELLENCE

- 2026 American Heart Association Get With The Guidelines® Gold Plus Award
- Orange County's longest-standing heart program
- Center of Excellence for complex structural heart procedures and treatment of advanced coronary artery disease
- Comprehensive Cardiac Certification from The Joint Commission
- Highest volume of minimally invasive cardiac procedures in Orange County, including LAAO/Watchman
- High volume ablation center using the latest Pulsed Field Ablation technology to prevent strokes



At Providence St. Joseph Hospital, we never stop pursuing innovation, so every patient can benefit from the best that medicine has to offer.

Your support keeps us at the forefront.



When Families Thrive, Orange County Thrives

Poverty is often viewed as a social issue. But for our business community, it's also an economic one. Here in Orange County, nearly 300,000 community members are living in poverty. That's almost 1 in every 10 individuals. Yet those numbers only tell part of the story. The exceptionally high cost of living here leaves many working families struggling, even though their income is well above the federal poverty line.

According to the MIT Living Wage Calculator, a family of four living in Orange County now needs more than \$163,000 annually or roughly \$78 per hour for two full-time working adults just to meet basic needs without falling behind. That's a staggering 77% increase from 2025 when we shared that the livable wage for a family of four was about \$127,000 to achieve the same level of financial stability.



From a business perspective, when these individuals can't afford childcare, reliable transportation, or housing, job attendance falls and productivity suffers. When families have no choice but to spend every dollar meeting basic needs, local businesses lose customers. And when financial instability forces talented workers out of the county, employers lose experienced staff and face higher recruitment costs.

Poverty affects every business in Orange County.

That's why, for more than 60 years, Community Action Partnership of Orange County (CAP OC) has led the fight against local poverty, helping families stabilize before a temporary setback becomes a long-term crisis. Through the OC Food Bank, Family Resource Centers, OC Diaper Bank, Utility Assistance and other initiatives, CAP OC helps thousands of Orange County residents remain connected to the workforce and the local economy.

More than that, CAP OC sets families on a path of empowerment. Beyond the one-time grocery bill or rent payment, we provide a whole-family approach, working with each member of a struggling household to address immediate needs and look towards a brighter tomorrow. This work is grounded in programs like counseling services, workforce development opportunities, financial empowerment workshops, youth programming, and much more. Our youth receive mentorship, our seniors receive community, and our parents receive a

helping hand to guide them through any obstacle their family faces.

When these families have the resources to move beyond simply surviving, the benefits extend well beyond their home. Students are eager to attend school, small businesses thrive, and entire neighborhoods are strengthened.

That's why corporate engagement in CAP OC's mission is so important.

Businesses that partner with CAP OC are not simply supporting a nonprofit, they are investing in Orange County's workforce and economy. Whether through employee volunteerism, financial investments, in-kind donations, skills-based mentoring, or collaborative community initiatives, companies of every size can help build a stronger Orange County economy while creating meaningful opportunities for their own employee engagement and community leadership.

As our name suggests, Community Action Partnership recognizes that lasting change requires partnership. No single organization can eliminate poverty alone. Success depends on businesses, nonprofits, philanthropy, and community leaders working together towards a shared vision of a prosperous Orange County. Your engagement makes this possible.

At CAP OC, we call that being EPIC: leading with Excellence, Proactiveness, Innovation, and Collaboration. These principles guide our work every day, knowing that the challenges we face locally demand thoughtful partnership and bold solutions.

The business community has always played a defining role in shaping Orange County's future. Today that leadership is needed more than ever. We invite you to join us in being EPIC and help build an Orange County where every family has the opportunity to thrive.

To learn more about partnering with Community Action Partnership of Orange County, please contact us at partner@capoc.org. Together, we can create a stronger economy, healthier communities, and a brighter future for all of Orange County.





Partner with a Purpose. Bring Opportunity to the Table.

Every business partnership helps create brighter futures for Orange County families. Join us today to address immediate needs, empower local communities, and end poverty in Orange County.

www.capoc.org



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A WORLD-CLASS PERFORMING ARTS SCHOOL COMES OF AGE IN ORANGE COUNTY

OC Music & Dance is building an artistic home for passionate artists of all ages, newborn through adult.

For decades, a talented young musician, dancer or aspiring musical theatre student in Southern California faced a decision that had little to do with music or dance: whether to leave the school they were already attending in order to access conservatory-level college and career readiness training.

Orange County Music & Dance has spent this year creating a viable alternative. The Irvine performing arts school offers conservatory-level training that begins after the last bell of the regular school day. Students stay enrolled at their home school — public, private or charter — keep their teachers, their school activities and their friends, and come to OCMD in the afternoons and evenings.

This Conservatory model will soon operate in a new world-class facility. In July, OCMD announced the purchase of a 25,000-square-foot building at 17872 Cowan Ave. for \$10.8 million, a minute's drive from its campus at 17620 Fitch. The purchase doubles OCMD's instructional footprint to roughly 50,000 square feet and creates capacity for about 400 additional students, against a current enrollment of 240.

The new campus will house four new dance studios, a large rehearsal hall, a piano lab, a music production studio and 15 music rehearsal spaces. It opens in November following renovations.

A pathway, not a door

In May, OCMD launched the OC Music & Dance Conservatory, a college-preparatory, pre-professional program for students in grades 9–12 already performing at an intermediate to advanced level. Two weeks later it added a Pre-Conservatory for grades 6–8, a feeder with the same tracks.

The Music Conservatory offers a primary focus in Classical, Jazz, Popular Music, Choral/Vocal or Musical Theatre; the Dance Conservatory spans Classical and Commercial genres. Both combine specialized group and technique classes, ensemble and repertoire-based training, musicianship and theory, individualized coaching and performance opportunities — work private instruction alone cannot provide. Admission is by audition, and students are held to high standards of discipline and professionalism.

Another distinguishing factor is OCMD's broad range and scope of program offerings. OCMD will be one of the few performing arts schools in the country offering a comprehensive program running from early childhood classes for children newborn through age 5, to Music and Dance Discovery for grades K–5, to conservatory programs for junior high and high school students, to adult and world music classes.



"This new campus will open up significant new opportunities for OCMD to expand its capabilities for serving the Orange County community with programs that span early childhood through adult arts education." — Charlie Zhang, Board Chair

The man who built the last one

That OCMD could launch two world-class conservatory programs in a single school year is a function of who is running it.

Ralph Opacic became OCMD's President and CEO last October, succeeding co-founder Doug Freeman, who at 80 stepped back from daily leadership and now serves as Executive Vice Chair.

Dr. Opacic's more than 40 years in arts education make him equal to the task. As a choir director at Los Alamitos High School, he grew a program from 30 students to 300, work that led to an arts school in 1987. That school became Orange County School of the Arts, now roughly 2,400 students in grades 7–12, whose alumni include the actor Pedro Pascal and Broadway's Lindsey Mendez. In 2017 he opened a sister campus to OCSA, California School of the Arts–San Gabriel Valley, now more than 1,200 students. Both are recognized among the finest arts schools in the country.



The Clarinet

OCMD would not have been possible if it wasn't for an old clarinet.

OCMD's founder, Charlie Zhang, grew up in Shanghai, one of nine children. His father was imprisoned when Zhang was two. At seventeen he was sent to the rice paddies, where he worked for seven years carrying his brother's discarded clarinet and teaching himself the Western music that was then forbidden. A Los Angeles music academy offered him a scholarship, and he arrived with the clarinet and roughly \$20.

The money ran out and music school ended. He worked as a busboy and a gas station attendant, then built Pick Up Stix into one of Southern California's best-known restaurant chains. Music stayed with him: he served on the Pacific Symphony board, where he met Doug Freeman. In 2016, having concluded that no child should give up their dreams for lack of money, the two began building the school that would open in Irvine the following year. Zhang still has the clarinet.



The Faculty

Programs like these are only as credible as their faculty, and Opacic drew heavily on the schools he founded.

Joey Ancona, OCMD's Director of Artistic Programs and Director of the Musical Theatre Conservatory, brings more than three decades in theatre, music and arts education. He spent nine years directing the Integrated Arts Conservatory at California School of the Arts–San Gabriel Valley, following fifteen years at Orange County School of the Arts as director of its Production and Design Conservatory, where he managed more than 120 performances and events a year.

Dr. Sarkis Baltaian, OCMD's new Director of Classical Music, is an internationally recognized pianist who holds three degrees in piano performance from USC. He has performed as a soloist across the United States and Europe, including at Carnegie Hall, and directed OCSA's Instrumental Music Conservatory for fourteen years.

Dr. Nicholas Yee, OCSA's former coordinator of strings and orchestra for eight years, leads Classical Music with Baltaian and Roger Przytulski, M.M. Ron Kobayashi, co-director of OCMD's new jazz program alongside Dan Reckard, taught in OCSA's jazz and popular music programs for fourteen years. Chloe Watson and Nick Stone, both producers, songwriters and performers, lead Popular Music, and Dr. Brian Dehn, artistic director of the Southern California Master Chorale, leads Choral/Vocal.

In dance, Steven B. Hyde, who directed OCSA's Classical and Contemporary Dance Conservatory for two decades, and Jim Kolb, M.A., commercial dance director there for thirty-two years, serve as artistic consultants to OCMD's new dance conservatories. Rachel Chang (Oberg), who taught at OCSA for four years, joined this spring as Director of all OCMD's dance programs.

"We are deeply grateful for the support we've received from our generous donors and our Board for making this new facility and program expansion possible." — Dr. Ralph Opacic, President and CEO



Thanks to Our Founders
**Charlie Zhang &
Douglas Freeman**



Ralph S. Opacic, Ed. D.
CEO

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OC Music & Dance is a premier performing arts school in Orange County, offering structured training, real performance opportunities, and a clear path from first class to pre-professional study.



BREAKING GROUND MOVING FORWARD

THE SALVATION ARMY has broken ground on its **Center for Applied Research & Innovation** in Anaheim. The 28,000-square-foot center will bring medical care, housing navigation, case management, research and spiritual support together under one roof, advancing new solutions to homelessness and strengthening services across Orange County and beyond.

FROM VISION TO REALITY

This milestone marks the beginning of a new resource designed to improve care, inspire innovation and create lasting change for individuals experiencing homelessness.

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The Orange County Sheriff's Advisory Council

The Orange County Sheriff's Advisory Council brings together community leaders, businesses and residents together in support of the men and women of the Orange County Sheriff's Department. Through strategic partnerships, fundraising and public engagement, the Council helps provide critical resources, strengthen relationships and honor the extraordinary service and sacrifice of local law enforcement.

Our Mission: To support the men and women of the Orange County Sheriff's Department by mobilizing community support, providing critical resources, and honoring those who serve and sacrifice.

Our Vision: To serve as a trusted bridge between law enforcement and the community, fostering trust, unity and meaningful partnerships.

"Since its creation more than four decades ago, the Orange County Sheriff's Advisory Council has been an outstanding partner in supporting the public safety mission of the Orange County Sheriff's Department. This dedicated group of community members has raised funds for essential projects, provided critical equipment, and, most importantly, helped us keep the commitment to honor fallen officers. I am deeply grateful for all the Council does to help us in our work to keep Orange County safe."
— Orange County Sheriff Don Barnes,
13th Sheriff of Orange County



Orange County Sheriff's Department:

- One of 10 largest in the nation
- 4,000 Sworn and Professional Staff
- Fiscal Year 2024-2025 - 345,529 Calls for Service



S.T.A.R. Facility (Special Training And Response)

The S.T.A.R. Facility, a cutting-edge tactical training center designed to enhance real-world preparedness for law enforcement. Reconfigurable walls allow the facility to be transformed quickly into settings such as schools, churches and office buildings. This flexibility supports a wide range of scenario-based training while minimizing downtime between exercises.

The result is realistic, high-impact preparation that helps officers respond confidently and effectively when circumstances are complex, rapidly changing and consequential. By supporting advanced training environments, the S.T.A.R. Facility helps ensure that law enforcement deputies have access to the tools and experiences they need before facing emergencies in the field.

Thank you to our seven-figure donors for funding the facility:

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Programs and Initiatives

• **The Medal of Valor Ceremony** recognizes outstanding acts of bravery, dedication and service by members of the Sheriff's Department who go above and beyond the call of duty.

• **Project 999** is a program of the Orange County Sheriff's Advisory Council ("OCSAC") that provides emergency assistance, financial support, and memorial recognition to eligible Orange County peace officers and their families following a line-of-duty injury or line-of-duty fatality. The program is intended to reduce immediate financial and logistical burdens, promote unity within the law enforcement community, and support a timely, respectful, and compassionate response during periods of trauma.

• **The Peace Officers' Memorial** stands as a lasting tribute to the 54 fallen officers who made the ultimate sacrifice. Every year we host the annual Peace Officers' Memorial Ceremony for all Orange County law enforcement and survivors. By maintaining this sacred space, we honor their courage and ensure their memory is never forgotten by the community they served.

Fundraisers

The Advisory Council's work extends beyond law enforcement resources to programs that bridge the gap between law enforcement and the community.

Each year, **Shop with a Deputy** gives children served by local nonprofit organizations an opportunity to shop alongside members of the Orange County Sheriff's Department for much-needed essentials and holiday presents.

Through its **Back-to-School Backpack Drive**, the Council partners with the Sheriff's Department's Six Points for Kids program to provide over 300 backpacks filled with essential school supplies for children living in Orange County shelters.

Drug Use Is Life Abuse program further supports local youth and families through education about the dangers of drug use and the importance of healthy, informed choices. Prevention begins with awareness, and this community-focused initiative helps equip families with information that can change lives.

Board of Directors

The Orange County Sheriff's Advisory Council is guided by dedicated professionals and community leaders who contribute diverse expertise, experience and a shared commitment to public safety.

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Be Part of a Safer, Stronger Orange County

The Advisory Council invites Orange County's business community to join this mission. Whether through philanthropy, sponsorship, partnership or participation in a fundraising event, every contribution helps turn community support into meaningful action.

Scan the QR code to learn more or become involved with the Orange County Sheriff's Advisory Council.





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SUPPORTING THOSE WHO PROTECT AND SERVE



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THE TOOLS THAT HELPED THEM THRIVE CAN REACH THOUSANDS MORE WITH YOUR SUPPORT.

For over **14 years**, Tilly's Life Center has helped adolescents and young adults develop the skills they need to navigate challenges, strengthen relationships, manage emotions, and build brighter futures.

Through TLC's evidence-based **"I Am Me" program** curriculum, young people gain practical tools they can carry with them long after the program ends.



WHY THIS WORK MATTERS

42%

of teens report persistent feelings of sadness or hopelessness

1 IN 4

have seriously considered suicide



Behind every statistic is a young person that could benefit from access to an emotional wellness and life skills program.

WHAT THE "I AM ME" PROGRAM BUILDS



MENTAL HEALTH SYMPTOM MANAGEMENT

TLC helps young people better manage their mental health symptom management.



DECREASE ANXIETY

TLC helps young people decrease anxiety and build daily calm.



INCREASE CONNECTION

TLC helps young people increase connection and feel supported.



IMPROVE COMMUNICATION

TLC helps young people improve communication and build stronger relationships.

THE IMPACT CONTINUES



OVER 28,000
YOUTH SERVED
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TLC partners with schools and community organizations to bring "I Am Me" program directly to young people where they are. By equipping youth with practical social-emotional tools today, we are helping create healthier, more resilient adults—and stronger communities tomorrow.

YOU CAN HELP WRITE THE NEXT STORY.

Your investment helps bring the "I Am Me" program to more young people who need the tools, support and confidence to thrive.

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Through TLC's evidence-based "I Am Me" curriculum, teens gain the tools, confidence, and resilience to overcome challenges and build brighter futures.



For over **14 years**, TLC has empowered adolescents and young adults (ages 12–24) with the skills they need to thrive academically, emotionally, and socially.

We have served over 28,000 youth since inception across Orange County through schools, colleges, and community partners.



RAMON

17 – I Am Worthy

- I was hanging out with people who brought me down and making choices that landed me in the hospital and jail. I felt lost and thought I'd live the same lifestyle forever.
- TLC showed me my self-worth and how capable I truly am. I still use tools like box-breathing, journaling, and meditation.
- Thanks to TLC, I now have a vision to succeed.



Now enrolled at Orange Coast College working toward my contractor's license.



AVA

17 – I Am Loved

- I struggled with depression and an eating disorder. I let others' opinions control me and built walls.
- TLC helped me gain confidence, set healthy boundaries, and discover the importance of self-care.
- I learned to forgive, let go of grudges, and use breathwork when I feel overwhelmed.



I hold a 3.5 GPA and am interviewing with colleges. Grateful for this program.



CHRISTOPHER

17 – I Am Still Learning About Me

- I faced family drama and lost a loved one to fentanyl. I coped by gaming and shutting out the real world.
- TLC taught me stress management, self-affirmations, and journaling. I'm learning to understand myself and ask for help.
- I now have better grades, good friends, and a plan for my future.



On track to graduate, involved in karate, music & weightlifting, and exploring college options.



SOPHIA

16 – I Am Continuing to Grow

- Born with Spina Bifida, I've faced many surgeries and hospital stays. They brought stress, setbacks, and anxiety.
- TLC taught me how to manage my negative thoughts and that worry cannot control me.
- I use visualization, journaling, and self-affirmations every day.



My anxiety doesn't torment me anymore. I feel supported and blessed to be in this program.

WE EQUIP YOUTH. WE EMPOWER FUTURES.



Research shows school leaders strongly support programs that improve students' social skills and emotional development.
– CDC



Students report improved confidence, self-awareness, and connections with others.



We serve over 3,000 teens annually in partnership with schools and community organizations.



Our youth build resilience, reduce stress and anxiety, and achieve better academic outcomes. They build brighter futures.

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TRANSFORM TOMORROW.**

September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

Going Gold. Giving Hope. Changing Lives.



Every day in the United States, 41 families hear the devastating words, “Your child has cancer.” In an instant, childhood changes forever. Dreams of playground adventures, birthday parties, and first days of school are replaced by hospital visits, difficult treatments, and an uncertain future.

Pediatric cancer remains the **leading cause of death by disease among children**, yet it continues to receive **less than 4% of federal funding dedicated to cancer research**. For too many children, treatment options remain limited, outdated, and accompanied by lifelong physical and emotional challenges.

For more than **44 years**, the **Pediatric Cancer Research Foundation (PCRF)** has been committed to changing that reality.

PCRF is advancing a bold vision to fund the **entire pediatric cancer journey**—accelerating discoveries from the laboratory to the bedside while investing in the people, programs, and innovations that improve the lives of children and families at every stage of care.

Because curing cancer is only part of the journey.

This Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, we invite you to join us in creating that future. Together, we can accelerate lifesaving discoveries, transform care, and ensure every child has the opportunity to live a long, healthy, and hope-filled life.

Why We Are Going Gold

Gold is the color of hope, courage, and a commitment to change the future for children facing cancer. But awareness alone isn’t enough – change happens when we turn awareness into action.

Our funding focuses where it matters most:

- **Cutting-Edge Research & Innovation:** Advancing groundbreaking discoveries that improve survival rates and reduce long-term side effects.
- **Equitable Access to Care:** Expanding access to treatments and clinical trials for children in every community.
- **Survivorship & Mental Health:** Supporting children and families during and after treatment to ensure healing, and lifelong well-being.

Your Support Saves Lives

Unlike adult cancers, pediatric cancer research lacks significant funding, leaving progress dependent on organizations like PCRF and compassionate donors like you. Your gift helps scientists test new therapies, launch clinical trials, and bring better treatments to children faster.

Every dollar matters. Every child matters. You can accelerate breakthroughs and compassionate care—giving every child access to better treatment options, less toxic therapies, and greater hope for a healthier and brighter future.

Join the Movement. Going Gold. Giving Hope. Changing Lives.

This **September**, you can stand with children and families impacted by pediatric cancer:



- **Donate:** Every contribution brings us closer to cures.
- **Wear Gold:** Show your support and spark meaningful conversations.
- **Share the Message:** Advocate for increased funding and awareness.
- **Partner with PCRF:** Amplify your impact through sponsorship or fundraising.

Together, we can change the story for kids facing cancer.

Visit [PCRF-kids.org](https://pcrf-kids.org) or scan the QR code to learn more and join the fight today.



Pediatric Cancer Research Foundation

2026 Reaching for the Cure Walk/Run – Executives for Kids

The Pediatric Cancer Research Foundation (PCRF) is grateful to these executives for their outstanding leadership and generosity. Their efforts support research and care for pediatric cancer families, bringing us closer to cures and brighter futures.



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September is Pediatric Cancer Awareness Month



PCRF is dedicated to honoring the brave children facing cancer and advancing hope through groundbreaking research. With a bold \$25 million campaign, PCRF is focused on accelerating research, expanding equitable care, and improving mental health and survivorship for pediatric cancer patients.

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*Together, we can help kids
not only survive, but thrive.*



powering cures, realizing futures

SAVE THE DATE: Reaching for the Cure Walk/Run on Sunday, April 4, 2027

YMCA OF ORANGE COUNTY IS EVOLVING

from a set of separate locations into an integrated network of community hubs — and in many ways, returning to where we started.

CHANGE IS WHERE GROWTH LIVES.

It's the spark that moves us from what was to what's possible, from familiar to extraordinary. Change asks us to be bold, to imagine bigger, and to build something that didn't exist before. And on the other side of it: beauty, momentum, and impact without limits.

The YMCA of Orange County stands at the beginning of a regional transformation, the largest and most significant change in our history. Not change happening to us, but change we are leading. A new chapter, written by our community, for our community.

This is our moment to move forward with energy, purpose, and hope.

We are not reinventing the YMCA. We are reigniting its purpose.



Six Health and Wellness Centers. More than 100 school sites. Generations of families who have grown up in our programs, our pools, our gyms, and our classrooms. For generations, the YMCA of Orange County hasn't just been part of daily life in this county; we've helped shape it. Now we're asking a bigger question: not what got us here, but what Orange County will need from us over the next 100 years. That question is what's driving everything we do next.

WHY NOW

The demographics are not subtle. Adults 65 and older are the county's fastest-growing population group, and Orange County projects they will represent **36% of the population** by 2060. The county's Older Adults Needs Assessment found isolation and loneliness rated among the leading contributors to physical and behavioral health concerns.

Families in the middle are under pressure that will be familiar to anyone who runs a business here. Orange

County United Way reports that **34% of county households** do not earn enough to cover basic needs, and **98% of those** households include at least one working adult. Among households with children under the age of six, **the figure rises to 52%**. For employers reading this, that describes part of your own workforce, and the services those families give up first are usually the ones that keep them healthy and connected.

1 IN 3

feels lonely every week

34%

of adults aged 50-80 reported lacking companionship

31%

of 18-29-year-olds reported feeling lonely

National survey by Kaiser Family Foundation



Effects of loneliness = health risk of smoking 15 cigarettes/day

45%

of OC seniors report limited social interaction

23%

of OC youth ages 12 to 17 reported receiving psychological or emotional counseling

Younger residents are struggling to feel connected as well. All of this existed before the pandemic, but the disruption of familiar routines and the growing role of technology and social media made it harder to ignore. A national loneliness problem became a local one, and we see it every day.

HOW WE GOT HERE

Over the past several years, our **CEO Jeff McBride**, the Board of Directors and our executive leadership team developed a response through strategic planning; community observation; research; deep, honest dialogue about what this organization should become; and how we can be best poised to serve others, now and in years to come.

Our thinking is influenced in part by the global Blue Zones, places where longevity is supported not only by physical health but by regular movement, purpose, relationships and participation in community life. McBride describes the evolution as a multigenerational change, with the potential to create an Orange County where YMCAs function as integral community hubs.

We know a building alone cannot create that kind of community. It can make connection considerably easier. It can give people reasons to stay after a class, share a table, learn from someone of a different generation, or take part in something they could not access elsewhere. That is what we are designing for.

WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE ON THE GROUND

At our Fullerton Family YMCA, construction is already underway on a transformation of that facility. We are doing the work while the branch continues serving members, which adds complexity and preserves an important source of routine for the people who depend on it. In South Coast

Metro, we have opened a new location that extends the Y to more families in Santa Ana and Costa Mesa. Our Newport-Mesa YMCA will be the most ambitious physical expression of the model to date. The project replaces the current facility with a campus of approximately 50,000 square feet including a year-round aquatics center, a gymnasium, a teaching kitchen, a technology lab, youth enrichment areas, wellness facilities, gathering spaces and an Intergenerational Room built specifically to bring different generations into the same activity. A purpose-driven café operated by members of our New Horizons program will create another place for interaction while providing meaningful roles for people with developmental disabilities, with proceeds reinvested in community programs.

Next to it, The Perch Residences will offer **105 apartments for active seniors (55+)**, 20% of them designated affordable, with access to the Y and to programming built around active aging. Construction is expected to begin in 2027 and open in 2029. During that period, our South Coast Metro location will serve Newport-Mesa members.

WHAT IT WILL TAKE

Mixed-use development requires us to coordinate construction, housing, wellness, youth services, accessibility, programming and long-term operations, and every component has to work financially while serving the larger purpose. The cost and complexity run well beyond renovating a traditional facility.

Our commitment doesn't stop at our own front doors. Reinvestment means looking beyond our walls to the neighborhoods, schools and organizations around us, and asking where the Y can show up as a partner rather than wait to be sought out. To do that well, we are building a Community Council: a standing table of local partners, residents and stakeholders who help us see the community's needs more clearly, surface opportunities we would not find on our own, and hold us accountable to following through. Their work will directly shape where and how we extend our presence into the community, whether that's through shared space, outreach programming, or new partnerships that put our resources where they're needed most.

Our funding model is changing as well. Historically, we have generated most of the revenue needed to support our programs, services and facilities, which allowed us to serve the community without relying on charitable giving as heavily as many nonprofits do. This next chapter asks something different of us. Membership revenue can sustain core services, but it cannot on its own fund affordable access, expanded youth and special needs programming, intergenerational gathering space, senior housing, facilities designed around connection, or the community-facing work our Council will help guide.

We know that companies, foundations and individuals in this county are asked to respond to a great many urgent needs. Our case is that disconnection is not a separate issue standing in line behind the others. It runs through physical health, mental well-being, youth development, family stability, aging, and access to opportunity. An investment in connection reaches several of them at once inside our facilities and out in the neighborhoods we're committing to walk alongside.



YMCA OF ORANGE COUNTY

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A NEW COMMUNITY FOR EVERYBODY

We are in conversation with companies, foundations, and individuals about the community revival. Partnership and investment opportunities are available across Newport-Mesa, Fullerton and throughout Orange County. We would like to talk with you. Let's strengthen our communities together.





**BUILT FOR EVERY AGE.
EVERY STAGE.
EVERYBODY.**



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LAURA'S HOUSE

EVERY STRONG COMMUNITY BEGINS WITH SAFE FAMILIES.

For more than 30 years, Laura's House has been inspiring hope, empowering change, and working to end domestic violence throughout Orange County. Every day, we help families move beyond crisis towards healing, independence, and lasting hope because when families are stronger, our entire community is stronger.



Hope Begins With One Brave Step

Every day, someone makes the courageous decision to ask for help.

A mother seeking safety.

A father searching for hope.

A child learning that home should be a place of comfort, not fear.

A teenager discovering what a healthy relationship looks like before violence begins.

No one should have to face that journey alone.

Laura's House walks beside survivors from the first phone call through every step of healing, empowering families to reclaim their lives and build brighter futures.

INSPIRING HOPE PREVENTION

Helping young people build healthy relationships before violence begins.

6,366 youth reached

PROTECTION

Providing safety through our Crisis Hotline, shelter, legal advocacy, and support services when families need it most.

2,720 hotline calls

3,059 legal advocacy services

HEALING

Providing therapy, children's services, housing support, and advocacy so survivors can rebuild their lives with confidence.

2,822 individuals served

154 children receiving specialized care

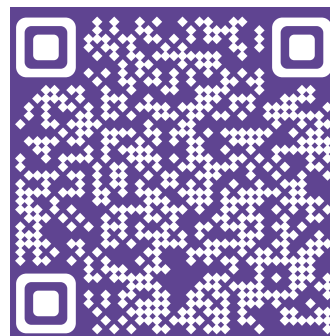
**"Laura's House
reminded us that our
story wasn't over.**

**They gave us the support
to heal, the strength to
move forward, and the hope
to believe that a better
future was possible."**

- Laura's House Survivor

**Join us at our 32nd Annual Gala,
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**Changing the Odds for Survivors,
on October 10 as we
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the lives being
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LAURA'S HOUSE EMPOWERING CHANGE

Ending domestic violence takes more than crisis response. It takes investing in prevention, supporting survivors, strengthening families, and building communities where everyone can live free from violence. For more than three decades, Laura's House has been leading this work. Today, we're building for the future.



THE HOPE 100 LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE

Leadership creates lasting change.

Hope 100 brings together 100 visionary business and philanthropic leaders who believe every family deserves safety, healing, and hope.

With their support, Laura's House can remain a lasting community resource for survivors and families.

Essential services are reaching more people with compassionate care, guidance, and support.

New opportunities are creating more space for therapy, education, and family services.

Hope 100 leaders are building a future where more survivors and families can find safety, healing, and hope.

A Lasting Community Resource



Strengthening
Laura's House for
generations to come.

Accessible Services



Ensuring every
survivor can access
support with dignity.

Expanded Healing Spaces



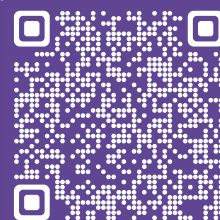
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LEAD THE NEXT CHAPTER

Every thriving community depends on leaders willing to invest in its future.

Become one of the next visionary partners helping Laura's House inspire hope, empower change, and work to end domestic violence throughout Orange County.

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE HOPE 100 LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE



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There When Help Can't Wait

PROVIDING COMPASSIONATE CARE TO THOSE IN NEED

The American Red Cross of Orange County empowers ordinary people to perform extraordinary acts in emergency situations. We train. We mobilize. We connect donors and volunteers to those in urgent need of a helping hand. Whether it's a wildfire or home fire, a call for blood or a call from a service member or military family in need, the Red Cross is there to provide help and hope when it's needed most.

Volunteer The Red Cross workforce is 90% volunteers – we need you! Your time and talent can make a real difference in people's lives. Local opportunities are available to match a variety of interests and schedules.

Get Trained Help can't wait during emergencies. Consider taking a First Aid/CPR/AED class so you'll know what to do in an emergency. Individual and group training is available.

Give Blood Blood and platelet donors are always needed to help save lives. Sign up to donate blood or consider hosting a blood drive in Orange County.

Donate Contributions from individual donors and corporate partners make our mission possible. On average, 90 cents of every dollar we spend is invested in delivering care and comfort to those in need. For giving opportunities or event sponsorship, contact Glenn Maddalon at glenn.maddalon@redcross.org or (714) 795-8486.



To learn more about the Red Cross of **Orange County**, visit redcross.org/SoCal or call 1-800-RED CROSS (800-733-2767)



Local Red Cross volunteers and community partners were proud to help those impacted by the hazmat incident in Garden Grove, one of more than 60,000 disasters the Red Cross responds to each year. While each disaster is different, one thing remains the same: when emergencies happen, Red Cross volunteers are there, turning compassion into action for those who need it most.



Join Us!

2027 Orange County Heroes Awards

Thursday, May 13, 2027
The Richard Nixon Presidential Library
11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Join us for the 2027 Orange County Heroes Awards as we meet incredible local heroes and celebrate their stories of courage, compassion and community impact. Hero nominations are accepted online year-round.

Tickets and sponsorships are available now!

Learn more at redcross.org/OCHeroes



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Founded in Orange County in 2002 and headquartered in Newport Beach, Beacon Pointe combines local commitment with national reach of approximately \$63 billion in assets under advisement as of 6/30/2026. Total firm assets include approximately \$60B in assets under management ("AUM"), approximately \$3B in assets under advisement ("AUA"), and over 100 mission-aligned organizations served nationwide.¹



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In today's philanthropic landscape where transparency, accountability, and measurable impact matter most, partner with an advisor who understands both the financial and the mission-driven needs of Orange County nonprofits.

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Investing in Student Success at Every Level

Hyundai's Partnership with UC Irvine Advances Wellbeing, Opportunity, and Future Success

For students to reach their full potential, access to education must be paired with access to essential resources and real-world opportunities. Hyundai Motor America is helping make that possible through its longstanding partnership with the University of California, Irvine, supporting initiatives that help address both immediate student needs and long-term academic and career success.



At the heart of Hyundai's collaboration with UC Irvine is a shared commitment to empowering students and strengthening the Orange County community, home to Hyundai Motor America's North American headquarters. Through support for the UCI Basic Needs Center and the Paul Merage School of Business Future Leaders Initiative (FLI), Hyundai is helping students overcome barriers, build confidence, and prepare for bright futures.

Hyundai's investment reflects a holistic approach to student wellbeing. While academic achievement is critical, many students face challenges outside the classroom that can impact their ability to succeed. By contributing to the UCI Basic Needs Center, Hyundai is helping expand access to food resources and essential support services for students experiencing food insecurity and financial hardship. The center serves thousands of students annually, providing food assistance, emergency housing resources, transportation support, financial wellness programming, and other services that help students stay focused on their education.

In addition to financial support, Hyundai employees contributed professional attire through a clothing drive benefiting the center, helping students prepare for internships, interviews, and future careers. Together, these efforts reflect Hyundai's



belief that addressing basic needs creates a stronger foundation for academic and personal success.

Hyundai also continues to invest in educational opportunities that prepare students for the future. Since 2023, Hyundai has partnered with the UC Irvine Paul Merage School of Business Future Leaders Initiative, donating \$90,000 to help

underserved Southern California students gain access to business education, financial literacy training, and college and career readiness resources.

Designed to introduce students to pathways in business, technology, and entrepreneurship, the program combines classroom learning with real-world exposure. Hyundai employees regularly engage with participants, sharing career experiences, leadership insights, and perspectives on the evolving mobility industry. Through vehicle demonstrations and conversations with professionals, students gain a deeper understanding of emerging technologies and future career opportunities.

These complementary efforts demonstrate Hyundai's broader commitment to creating opportunities that help individuals and communities thrive. By supporting both student wellbeing and educational advancement, Hyundai is helping remove barriers, expand access to opportunity, and inspire the next generation of leaders.

As part of Hyundai Hope, the company's corporate social responsibility initiative guided by its Progress for Humanity vision, Hyundai continues to invest in programs that strengthen communities and improve lives. Its partnership with UC Irvine exemplifies the power of collaboration in creating meaningful impact and helping students succeed today and in the future.



Bringing Hope Everyday

Through Hyundai Hope, Hyundai partners with leading children's hospitals and health organizations nationwide to provide families in need with free car seats, booster seats, and certified child passenger safety inspections, helping protect children on every journey.

HyundaiHope

Learn more about Hyundai Hope



HyundaiHope.com



At Beyond Blindness, we empower children with visual impairments and other disabilities to reach their fullest potential—envisioning a world where all children, regardless of ability, can live full, independent, and rewarding lives. We are the only non-profit provider from birth to 22 years of age in greater Orange County with vision as a specialty and the ability to treat vision issues along with other developmental delays that accompany them. Areas of service include Early Intervention, Education and Enrichment, and Family Support, which aim to help children, no matter their abilities, live full and rewarding lives.

Across Orange County, an increasing number of families need access to quality, person-centric care coordination.



BEYOND BLINDNESS LAUNCHES ENHANCED CARE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Beyond Blindness is expanding its commitment to children and families with the launch of the new Enhanced Care Management (ECM) program. This no-cost service helps eligible Medi-Cal families of children with visual impairments and developmental disabilities navigate complex healthcare, educational, and community resources while connecting them with the coordinated care and support they need to thrive.

Beyond Blindness ECM provides personalized care coordination, helping families:



NAVIGATE COMPLEX HEALTHCARE AND SERVICE SYSTEMS



CONNECT WITH COMMUNITY RESOURCES AND BENEFITS



COORDINATE COMMUNICATION BETWEEN PROVIDERS



DEVELOP INDIVIDUALIZED CARE PLANS



REDUCE BARRIERS THAT CAN DELAY ACCESS TO SUPPORT



REDUCE STRESS BY PROVIDING ONE DEDICATED CARE MANAGER TO COORDINATE SERVICES

SPECIALIZED SUPPORT THAT SETS BEYOND BLINDNESS APART

As the only ECM provider uniquely equipped to serve children with visual impairments and their families, Beyond Blindness brings expertise that traditional care management programs often lack.

To learn more about ways you can support children with visual impairments and their families, please visit beyondblindness.org or call (714) 573-8888.





Disrupting a 10-year cycle: What it took to bring one man home.

For nearly ten years, Michael lived without a place to call home. He survived thyroid cancer twice. He was later diagnosed with congestive heart failure and diabetic neuropathy. By his mid-twenties, his health had deteriorated so severely that his own cardiologist compared his condition to that of an 80-year-old man — and still, he had nowhere safe to recover.

That's the cycle Illumination Health + Home exists to break: the one where illness leads to homelessness, and homelessness makes illness worse, with no system built to catch someone in the middle.

In 2025, Michael was hospitalized at UCI Medical Center after a health crisis. Discharging him back to the street would have put his life at risk. A hospital social worker referred him to Illumination Health + Home's Recuperative Care Program — a bed, regular meals, medical monitoring, and a team focused on one thing: keeping him alive long enough to build something more permanent.

"I didn't even know what recuperative care was," Michael recalled. "I was scared and didn't know what was going to happen." What he found instead was people who saw him as more than his circumstances. "I realized there were people here who genuinely wanted to help."

From there, Housing Navigator Jeffrey worked alongside Michael for more than a year — paperwork, applications, appointments — until Michael was approved for permanent supportive housing through a Project-Based Voucher program. When he learned he'd been matched to his own apartment in Stanton, he gave Jeffrey a hug. "After all these years, I finally had a place to call my own."

Michael's story is one path through a system built for many. Illumination Health + Home serves seniors aging into isolation, families and children

with nowhere safe to land, and adults like Michael, discharged from the hospital with nowhere to recover. Different circumstances, same outcome without intervention — a cycle that repeats itself unless someone steps in to disrupt it.

That intervention depends entirely on community support. Every bed in recuperative care, every housing navigator like Jeffrey, every



I just wanted a place to call home, somewhere I can finally relax and enjoy life... After all these years, I finally had a place to call my own.

— Michael

apartment match that turns a decade of homelessness into a place called home — all of it exists because donors, partners, and neighbors chose to be part of the solution.

Michael is now waiting for move-in day, working toward permanent disability benefits, and focused on his health. "I just want a place to call home," he said. "Somewhere I can finally relax and enjoy life."

Stories like Michael's aren't the exception. They're what happens when a community decides that no one should have to choose between their health and their home.

With you, we can disrupt the cycle of homelessness.

To learn how you can help, visit illuminationhealthhome.org or follow us on social media [@illuminationhealthhome](https://twitter.com/illuminationhealthhome).



Disrupting the cycle of homelessness.

For seniors.

For families and children.

For people with nowhere to go after a hospital stay.



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Orange County
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The **Hope Builders Effect** occurs when one act of generosity ignites hope and fuels a transformative, lasting impact. When a young adult receives the skills and support to launch a career, the effects ripple out to positively impact families, employers, and the broader Orange County community.

For graduates, that impact often begins at home. As they gain stability and confidence, they create financial security and new opportunities for the people closest to them. Construction graduate Gilmar shares, **“I am now able to better support the people who have supported me and build a better future for my family.”**

The Hope Builders Effect continues as graduates’ hard work strengthens their teams and positively impacts the patients and customers they serve each day. Child Development Careers graduate Andrea now helps children with autism spectrum disorders. “Every day, I help children develop communication, social, and daily living skills that will impact their lives for years to come. Their progress and their families’ gratitude inspire my own growth.”

That same ripple of hope then benefits employers and strengthens Orange County’s workforce. Through close partnerships with industry leaders, **Hope Builders aligns its training with evolving workforce needs** while connecting employers with skilled, motivated talent. “Hope Builders lays a foundation that transforms lives and strengthens the construction labor pool, creating an impact that extends long after the projects are complete,” says Marc Ness, Southern California Unit Business Leader for DPR Construction.

Every Hope Builders graduate represents an investment in Orange County’s future. Your support creates opportunities for young adults to launch meaningful careers, benefiting our community for generations.

ABOUT HOPE BUILDERS

Hope Builders prepares young adults facing barriers to employment with the technical and professional skills to launch careers in construction, medical assisting and child development.

Over the past 30 years, **Hope Builders has equipped more than 8,000 young adults in Orange County** with mentorship and career opportunities that achieve lasting economic mobility, while helping employers meet workforce demands.



MANY THANKS TO OUR SUPPORTERS FOR CREATING OPPORTUNITY

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Discover how our annual fundraiser, *10 Days for Launching Careers*, is creating opportunity and lasting change—one act at a time.



Ending the cycle of homelessness,
one child at a time.

**We believe anything is possible for kids
experiencing homelessness.**

In Orange County, there are over 32,000 students experiencing homelessness. Project Hope Alliance is committed to eliminating barriers and filling gaps homelessness causes in the lives of our kids so they can thrive inside and outside the classroom.




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**Learn more
about our
mission!**





Empowering Orange County Through Purposeful Partnerships

Orange County continues to be a central force for innovation, art, and economic opportunity in Southern California and beyond. But the ties that truly bind this unique community come from the people and organizations who work together bring ideas to life, create opportunity, and bring us together.

At Ingram Micro, our commitment to Orange County runs deep. We've called it home since 1991 and it's where many of our associates raise families, volunteer, and build careers. It is also where we have the privilege of working alongside nonprofit partners that create opportunities, provide care, and bring people together.

That work comes to life through our partnership with organizations including Girls Inc. of Orange County, OneOC, Susan G. Komen Orange County, Orange County United Way, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Orange County and the Inland Empire, Olive Crest, WISEPlace, and Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County. Each serves a distinct need but together reflects the best of who we are by helping younger generations see new possibilities, supporting families, expanding access to resources, and making it easier for people and companies to serve with purpose.

These partnerships provide a meaningful opportunity for turning good intentions into action. A mentor can help a student discover a future they hadn't imagined. A volunteer project can connect associates with meaningful causes. A fundraising campaign can provide critical support to organizations serving neighbors across the county. And when companies show up consistently, nonprofits can plan, grow, and deepen their impact.

Ingram Micro associates are at the heart of this work. They give their time, share their skills, organize drives, walk for causes, and bring their passion to efforts across the community. Their collective commitment earned Ingram Micro OneOC's Giving is Living Award, honoring the company's lasting dedication to community engagement and service.



These organizations give Ingram Micro meaningful ways to support our community, turning good intentions into meaningful actions. It is a reminder that community engagement goes beyond a single event or donation by building an even stronger community together.

At Ingram Micro, we believe that when businesses, nonprofits, community leaders, and volunteers work side-by-side, they create something bigger than any one organization could accomplish alone. That spirit is part of what makes Orange County such a special place to live and work, and we're proud to be part of that.



Powered by People. Driven by Purpose.



At Ingram Micro, giving back starts close to home. Through volunteerism, nonprofit partnerships and community engagement, our associates help strengthen Orange County and the communities where we live and work.

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One Girl's Courage. Thousands of Children's Smiles.

When 11-year-old Jessie Rees was diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor, she made a remarkable decision. Rather than focusing on her own battle, Jessie wanted to encourage other children facing cancer with one simple message: **NEGU® – Never Ever Give Up.**

That message became the foundation of the Jessie Rees Foundation, also known as NEGU, a nonprofit organization dedicated to bringing hope, joy, and encouragement to children fighting cancer. Every day, 46 children are diagnosed with childhood cancer, and each one deserves to know they are not alone.

Since 2011, Jessie's vision has grown into a global movement. The Jessie Rees Foundation has delivered more than **580,000 JoyJars®** to children in hospitals, homes, and treatment centers across all 50 states and 53 countries. Each JoyJar is filled with hospital-approved toys, games, activities, and encouraging messages designed to bring moments of joy during some of life's most difficult days.

Beyond JoyJars, the Foundation provides year-round support through family programs, special events, and initiatives that connect communities in meaningful ways. Every effort is focused on helping children and families experience hope, encouragement, and the reminder that they never have to face cancer alone.

The business community plays a vital role in making this impact possible.

Companies of all sizes partner with the Jessie Rees Foundation through sponsorships, workplace giving campaigns, volunteer opportunities, and hosting the **Mobile JoyFactory** experiences, where teams assemble JoyJars together. These partnerships not only help deliver joy to children battling cancer but also strengthen company culture, unite employees around a meaningful cause, and demonstrate a commitment to giving back.

Together, businesses are helping create moments of hope for children and families when they need them most.

Your company can be part of Jessie's legacy.

Join the growing network of businesses making a lasting difference and helping children everywhere remember to Never Ever Give Up.

Learn more about partnership opportunities at NEGU.org.



A Wish Is Not a Last Wish. It Is a Lasting Wish.

When a child is diagnosed with a critical illness, everything changes. Life becomes a cycle of doctor's appointments, treatments, and uncertainty. Parents live with constant worry. Siblings watch family routines disappear. Childhood is interrupted.

And then something extraordinary happens.

A child is invited to dream again.

Many people believe Make-A-Wish grants wishes only for children at the end of life. The reality is very different. Today, approximately 70% of wish children go on to reach adulthood, carrying the impact of their wish with them forever.

That is why a wish is not a goodbye.

It is about helping a child believe in tomorrow.

A wish gives children something every child deserves: hope. It reminds them they are more than a diagnosis. It helps them look beyond hospital rooms and treatment plans. Hope that replaces fear with possibility.

The transformation begins before the wish comes true.

As children dream about their wish, excitement replaces anxiety. Families begin planning, imagining, and looking forward to something joyful. Parents tell us they see their child smile more, laugh more, and regain confidence. For the first time in months, conversations focus on dreams instead of illness.

And when the wish is granted, the impact is profound.

During their wish, illness takes a back seat. Families reconnect. Parents watch their child simply be a child again. Siblings share the adventure. Together, they create memories that become a source of strength for years to come.

Long after the wish is over, its impact remains.

Families remember more than the wish. They remember how they felt: hopeful. Connected. Resilient. They remember that during one of the hardest chapters of their lives, a community came together to remind them they were not alone.

That may be the greatest gift a wish provides.

Not a trip.

Not a celebration.

But the belief that anything is possible.

Every wish is made possible by people who choose to make a difference. Donors who invest in hope. Volunteers who give their time. Businesses and community partners who help bring wishes to life.

Together, they become part of something bigger than themselves.

They become part of a child's story.

Today, hundreds of children across Orange County and the Inland Empire are waiting for their wishes to come true. They are waiting for



*I wish to
be a pilot*

Ewan
Santa Ana, CA
leukemia

hope. They are waiting for joy. They are waiting for a reason to believe that their future is bright.

You can help provide that hope.

Whether you make a gift, become a monthly donor, sponsor a wish, or volunteer your time, your support creates far more than a magical moment.

You give a child strength.

You give a family joy.

You give hope when it is needed most.

Most importantly, you help a child facing a critical illness believe that their best days are still ahead.

Because a wish is not a last wish. It is a lasting wish.

To help grant a life-changing wish, visit ocie.wish.org or email getinvolved@ocie.wish.org.



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THE INLAND EMPIRE

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CHALLENGE

A JOURNEY THAT TRANSFORMS
MARCH 12-14, 2027 | 18 MILES | JOSHUA TREE, CA

MORE THAN JUST A HIKE

The Trailblaze Challenge is an endurance event where participants hike to raise funds for Make-A-Wish Orange County and the Inland Empire to grant life-changing wishes for children with critical illnesses. This unique experience includes weekly training hikes, a 2-night stay at AutoCamp Joshua Tree, welcome dinner, post-hike campfire, and celebration brunch.

Scan the QR code or visit TrailblazeOCIE.org to learn how you can join the challenge and create hope and joy for children and families when they need it most.

JOIN THE CHALLENGE TODAY — TrailblazeOCIE.org





For 50 years, Radiant Futures has walked alongside survivors of domestic violence and human trafficking, offering a path forward shaped by each survivor's own choices

Our services support all survivors.

Shelter and Housing, Every Step of the Way

Emergency motel stays, short-term shelter, transitional housing, and long-term placements, meeting survivors wherever they are on their journey.

Counseling and Holistic Healing

Individual and group counseling for adults and children, therapeutic art, animal-assisted therapy, and a sensory room. Healing for the whole person.

Legal Support That Protects Futures

Help with immigration, divorce, child custody, restraining orders, and victim compensation, giving survivors the tools to secure their future.

Prevention, Building a Safer Community Together

We partner with schools, businesses, and organizations across Orange County to build community-wide commitment to safety, working toward a future with fewer survivors in crisis from violence and harm.

All services are free and open to anyone in our community affected by domestic violence or human trafficking, regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation, immigration status, or identity.

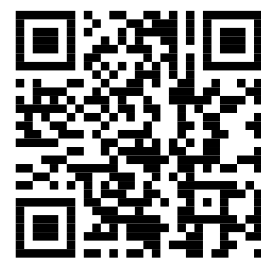
Pets Welcome. We're currently the only DV and human trafficking shelter in Orange County that welcomes survivors' pets in our housing programs. No one should have to choose between safety and family.

Addressing Harm, Building Lasting Change
Violence touches everyone it reaches, including those who cause it. Our programs for people who have caused harm build accountability and long-term community safety.

**50 years strong.
Building brighter futures.**

Your support keeps survivors safe.

Partner, volunteer, or give at radiantfutures.org



ORANGE COUNTY LEADERS UNLOCK OPPORTUNITIES FOR LOCAL STUDENTS

For 30 years, **TGR Foundation** has worked to empower students to unlock their unlimited potential, driving dreams together for more than 217,000 students across Orange County and beyond.

With support from a generous community of philanthropists, businesses and community leaders, it continues to provide transformative experiences and opportunities that prepare students for work and life.

Through the Foundation's teen career-readiness strategy, partnerships with leading organizations across Southern California allow high school students access to a diverse range of experiences to learn about work, through work and at work. Partnerships with **Automobile Club of Southern California, Providence, Find Your Grind Foundation, Genesis Motor America** and the **Los Angeles Chargers Impact Fund** are exposing students to the possibilities of careers while equipping them with knowledge, skills and real-world experiences at the **TGR Learning Lab Anaheim**.

The Learning Lab also features the Find Your Grind studio which offers young learners a diverse range of multimedia programming and professional-grade technology from Mac computers, Canon cameras and Adobe software to podcasting and music recording equipment.

Foundational skills taught through the Lab's after-school programming are strengthened through the Find Your Grind digital platform and lifestyle assessment, available to all Learning Lab members, allowing them to discover a variety of career pathways aligned with their lifestyles, interests and passions.

The platform helped guide Brandyn West, a rising high school junior, to pursue her passion for media and storytelling as a cinematographer. She's since taken several multimedia classes at the Learning Lab and gained hands-on experience through a variety of opportunities, including a behind-the-scenes tour of media operations at **The Genesis Invitational**.

As a member of TGR Foundation's board of governors and co-founder of Find Your Grind and Gross Labs, **Nick Gross** is committed to providing opportunities through sports, education, music and youth development.

"A big part of what our partnership is about is exposing students to many pathways and future possibilities," said Gross. "Being able to take kids out of the actual classroom and into these real-world situations is a huge advantage."



Career Explorer Academy is another experience for local students that connects the classroom to career opportunities. In its second year, the week-long summer intensive at the TGR Learning Lab Anaheim accepted 85 students based on interest in four distinct career pathways, including automotive, healthcare, computer science and media. Throughout the week, participants explored the possibilities of their chosen track while building their knowledge and skills. At the end of the academy, professionals from **Genesis Design California, 2K Visual Concepts Studio, Snap Inc. and St. Jude Medical Center** hosted them onsite at their place of work for a private tour, career panel and networking sessions.

After participating, students left with greater exposure, deeper understanding and real-world applications to support them in their career aspirations.

Partnerships are critical to ensure students from under-resourced have the access and opportunities needed to thrive in school, work and life. Join us to empower more young people through education.

"This Genesis Design California industry visit helped me understand the many jobs available in the vehicle design and engineering industry, I really enjoyed seeing the 3D printing and milling machines. It was amazing to see them turn a physical sketch into a digital 3D car."

- Hasna



DRIVING DREAMS TOGETHER

Founded by **Tiger Woods** in 1996, **TGR Foundation** empowers students to discover their passions and unlock their unlimited potential. Since opening the first TGR Learning Lab in Anaheim in 2006, more than 217,000 young learners have been served through our educational programs in Orange County and beyond, receiving the opportunities, experiences and support needed to prepare for their futures and achieve their dreams.

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The holidays are supposed to be a time of joy and wonder. But for many families in Orange County, the season brings stress, uncertainty, and mounting pressure.

Imagine losing your job two months ago—then facing the reality that your child’s medical appointments can’t be postponed. Bills begin to pile up. Savings are gone. And even when you know a local pantry exists, you still need help getting prepared meals—and the stability to keep going before life turns into “what happens next?”

This is a daily reality for far too many neighbors. In Orange County, 500,000 people experience food insecurity every day and during the holidays, the need only grows.

Three Problems. One Mission.

At the same time, our nation is dealing with a separate but related crisis: we waste up to 40% of our food supply every day. Perfectly good food too often ends up in landfills due to gaps in distribution, timing, and logistics all the while families who need it are left scrambling.

Bracken’s Kitchen is built to address these challenges through a mission that brings nourishment and opportunity together:

Rescued Food Program: saving food that would otherwise go to waste.

Community Feeding Programs: providing meals that help families who are experiencing food insecurity.

Culinary Training Program: equipping at-risk students with skills and a path forward.

No Hunger for the Holidays — This Season We’re Providing 400,000 Meals

During the holiday season, Bracken’s Kitchen’s No Hunger for the Holidays campaign will work to provide 400,000 meals, made primarily through rescued, donated, and purchased food, and delivered through community feeding programs across Orange County.

Every day, Bracken’s Kitchen puts its mission into action by preparing meals for people who need support, delivering consistent, nutritious nourishment and training at-risk students in culinary arts so they can build futures with real earning potential! Last year, Bracken’s Kitchen served 2 million meals. In 2025, 30 students graduated from the culinary training program—turning food skills into pathways out of poverty.

Join Us to Make This Holiday Season Count

Your support helps ensure that during the holiday season, families can access meals that are prepared, dependable, and dignified while rescued food is repurposed to nourish the community. You can help by supporting meal production for families facing hunger, food rescue and repurposing efforts, and culinary training that creates long-term opportunity.

Co-founder and Executive Director, Bill Bracken shares “The holidays should be a time of joy and wonder, but for many of the families we serve, it’s a time of stress and unknowns. With your help, we can make a difference this holiday season.”

Because hunger doesn’t take the holidays off . . . And neither do we.

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Bracken's Kitchen is committed to providing 400,000 meals for our neighbors in need this Holiday Season. Scan to learn how you can help!



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50 Years of Education and Discovery

For nearly 50 years, Ocean Institute has connected generations of students, families, and community members to the ocean, transforming the Southern California coastline into a living classroom and inspiring a deeper understanding of the world around us.

Located in Dana Point Harbor, Ocean Institute provides immersive marine science, maritime history, and environmental education experiences that simply cannot happen inside a traditional classroom. Students step aboard a research vessel or a historic tall ship, investigate local ecosystems, work alongside marine science educators, and discover firsthand how science connects to the ocean in their own backyard.

For many students, these experiences represent a first: their first time aboard a boat, their first encounter with marine life, or their first opportunity to see themselves as a scientist, researcher, or environmental leader.

Each year, Ocean Institute serves thousands of students and visitors through field trips, public programs, summer camps, community events, and signature initiatives such as Adopt-A-Class, which helps remove financial barriers so students from underserved schools can participate in immersive ocean education experiences.

The generosity of individuals, foundations, corporations, and community partners allows Ocean Institute to expand access to its programs, invest in innovative education, care for marine life, maintain its waterfront campus and vessels, and create opportunities for students who might otherwise never experience the ocean in this way.

That support has an impact far beyond a single field trip. A day at Ocean Institute can spark curiosity, introduce a student to a potential career, build confidence through hands-on learning, and create a personal connection to the ocean and environment. By making these experiences accessible to students from



communities throughout the region, philanthropic support helps ensure that opportunity is not limited by a school's resources or a family's ability to pay. As Ocean Institute approaches its 50th anniversary in 2027, the organization is celebrating a remarkable legacy while continuing to evolve to meet the needs of the students and communities it serves.

Southern California's coastline is central to our region's identity and supports ecosystems, communities, industries, and an economy that depend upon a healthy ocean. Creating meaningful change begins by giving people opportunities to understand that connection.

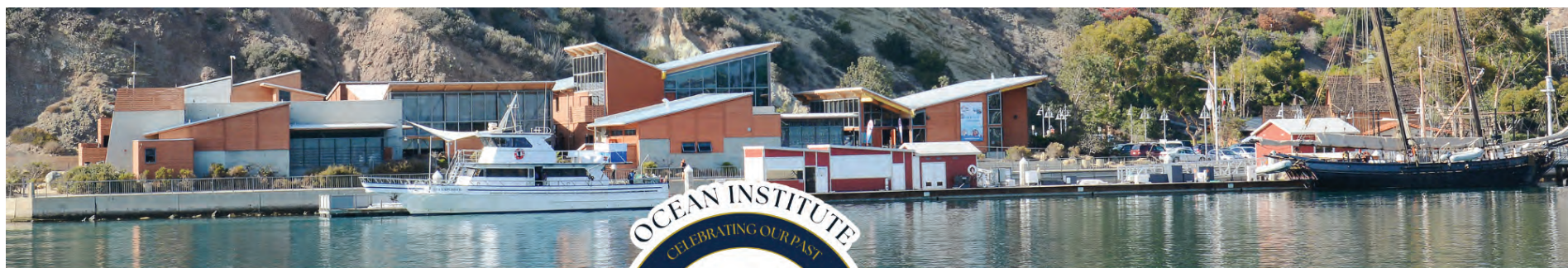
Through partnerships with scientists, universities, businesses, foundations, and community leaders, Ocean Institute continues to create opportunities for education, conservation, research, and community to come together. These collaborations strengthen what Ocean Institute can offer while connecting students and the public with the people, ideas, and discoveries shaping our understanding of the ocean.

Orange County's philanthropic and business communities have been an important part of Ocean Institute's story. Their investment has helped open doors for students, strengthen educational programs, advance important initiatives, and ensure that transformative ocean experiences remain accessible to future

generations.

As Ocean Institute celebrates 50 years of education and discovery, there is an opportunity to build on that legacy together. The next wave of scientists, explorers, innovators, and ocean advocates is already here. Together, we can inspire them.

Learn more about Ocean Institute, our impact, and opportunities to get involved at oceaninstitute.org.



Ocean Institute

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"Using the Ocean as our classroom, we inspire children to learn."



YOUR IMPACT

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- ▶ Protect marine life through education
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Orange County School of the Arts Celebrates 40 Years of Excellence

Orange County School of the Arts (OCSA), an award-winning public charter arts middle and high school, is celebrating its milestone 40th anniversary, honoring the school's legacy while also looking ahead toward a bright future.

OCSA began as an afterschool program on the campus of Los Alamitos High School with just 30 students and four arts conservatory programs. Today, more than 2,400 students in grades 7-12 study in one of 17 conservatories within the schools of applied arts, dance, fine and media arts, music, and theatre.

Over the past four decades, OCSA has transformed the lives of thousands of young artists, providing them with the skills and confidence to succeed in their artistic, academic, and career pursuits. Through rigorous academics, pre-

professional arts training, and countless opportunities to create and collaborate, OCSA continues to empower students to discover their voices and follow their passions.

This year, community members can join OCSA in commemorating four decades of innovation and artistic excellence through a series of special 40th anniversary events. These celebrations will bring together students, families, alumni, faculty and staff, and longtime supporters to honor the moments that have shaped OCSA's remarkable history.

For more information about the school's 40th anniversary, the history of OCSA, and our upcoming events, please visit www.ocsarts.net/40thAnniversary.



ORANGE COUNTY SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

Celebrating 40 YEARS of EXCELLENCE



For 40 years, Orange County School of the Arts has inspired generations of young artists through the transformative power of arts and education.

As we celebrate this remarkable milestone, we invite you to join us in honoring OCSA's legacy and looking ahead to the next chapter of creativity, innovation, and artistic excellence.

SAVE THE DATE

40th Anniversary Special Events



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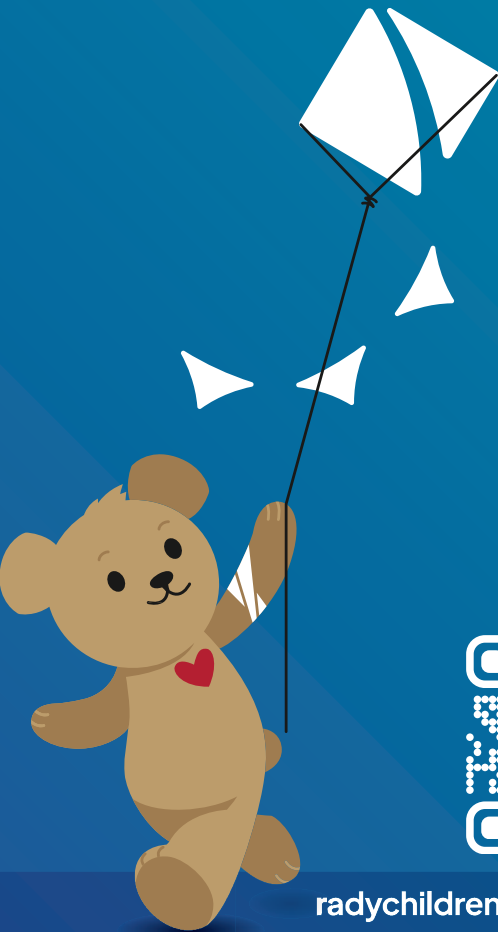
At Rady Children's Health in Orange County (formerly CHOC), we know **kids see the world not as it is, but as it could be.**

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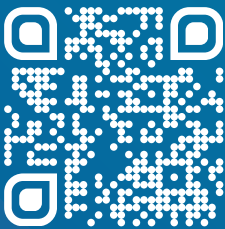
Rady Children's Health brings together Children's Hospital of Orange County and Rady Children's Hospital San Diego to create one of the nation's largest pediatric health care systems.

For Orange County families, the physicians, care teams and programs they know remain right here. By combining the strengths of two leading institutions, we're uniting pediatric expertise and accelerating innovation to advance care for kids in Orange County and across the region.

We're building on decades of commitment to children — while looking ahead to the discoveries and breakthroughs still to come.

For every dream they dare to dream.

See what's
possible



radychildrens.org/dream



Opening Doors to Better Health

For more than 56 years, Share Ourselves has helped Orange County neighbors move from crisis toward stability by treating health as more than a visit to the doctor. Health is everything – and as a community health center, we provide integrated healthcare and essential social services regardless of income, insurance status, or the ability or inability to pay. Every patient is met with dignity, compassion, and the belief that health is the foundation.

That work is possible because philanthropy allows for increased access to care and services. The support of donors, volunteers, businesses, and community partners helps Share Ourselves remove barriers such as cost, food insecurity, housing instability, and a shortage of providers. The partnership of donors like you helps turn a clinic appointment into a coordinated path forward—one that may include dental care, behavioral health, optometry care, affordable prescriptions, groceries, housing support, or help navigating.

Community investment is expanding that path at the Share Ourselves Costa Mesa Health Center, where medical, dental, behavioral health, pharmacy, and care management are available under one roof. Share Ourselves recently added optometry, making vision care part of the integrated experience. Clearer vision can strengthen health, independence, learning, and participation at work, especially for patients who have struggled to access specialty care. In addition, we have extended hours for services to provide care to patients when they need it most.

The next door our supporters are helping us open is in Santa Ana. Share Ourselves and Santa Ana Unified School District are partnering to establish a market-style food pantry at the Rob Richardson Welcoming Resource Center. Families will be able to choose nutritious foods that fit their needs and preferences at a trusted hub already connecting SAUSD households with vital resources. Additional details will be announced as plans advance.

The new pantry builds on a powerful foundation. In 2025, Share Ourselves distributed more than 78,000 bags of groceries in Costa Mesa and provided healthcare to over 15,000 patients across six Orange County clinic locations. The expansion recognizes a simple truth: reliable access to food, healthcare, education, and financial stability is essential to long-term well-being. That whole-person commitment also comes alive through community programs.



Share Ourselves team members and volunteers welcome local students and families during the annual Back to School Backpack Distribution, providing essential supplies and helping children begin the school year prepared, confident, and ready to learn.
Photo credit: Courtesy of Share Ourselves

This summer's Back to School Backpack Distribution helped over 2,000 local students begin the year with supplies and confidence. Now Share Ourselves is preparing for its 57th annual Adopt A Family program, a volunteer tradition that connects companies, donors, schools, and community members with families who could use extra support during the holidays.

Orange County's business and philanthropic leaders make this continuum of care possible. A partnership can expand food or healthcare access, sponsor a community program, support a pharmacist or clinician, organize an employee drive, provide matching gifts, adopt a family, or bring colleagues together to volunteer. Every form of participation strengthens the safety net for neighbors who might otherwise go without care or essential support.

Named the 2026 Nonprofit of the Year for California's 73rd Assembly District, Share Ourselves is growing with purpose and partnership. When businesses invest, they help create healthier employees, stronger students, more stable families, and a more resilient Orange County. Visit shareourselves.org, email philanthropy@shareourselves.org, or call 949.270.2166 to begin a conversation about partnership, sponsorship, volunteering, or giving. Together, we can open the next door to better health for every person, family, and neighborhood across our community.

NEW SERVICES



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From new optometry services in Costa Mesa to a planned market-style food pantry in Santa Ana, your partnership brings healthcare, nutritious food and essential support within reach.



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Girls Inc. of Orange County is Building Your Future Workforce

Somewhere in Orange County right now, a high school junior is walking through the doors of a company she has only ever driven past: Boeing, Disneyland Resort, Edwards Lifesciences. By the end of the day, she will have shadowed professionals, asked questions she never thought she'd get to ask, and glimpsed a future she didn't know was hers to claim.

For too many girls, that day never comes. Without professional networks, visible role models, or a foot in the door, talented students across the county may never discover the careers thriving in their own backyard. Girls Inc. of Orange County is rewriting that story, and local companies are helping to hold the pen.

Did you know?

- *Women make up 48% of the U.S. workforce, yet hold only 35% of STEM jobs.*
- *40% of women in tech report they didn't know about tech careers until college.*
- *A two-year independent study found Girls Inc. participants reported stronger postsecondary readiness, school engagement, and leadership skills than similar peers.*

Girls Inc. is changing the stats.

This year, **100% of Girls Meet the Workforce participants agreed that the program helped them feel prepared for their first job**, and **62% of Project Accelerate Collegiates have declared a STEM major**.

The pipeline starts small, literally. In Smart Ups, elementary school participants build their first businesses and pitch them to a panel of "Shark" investors, discovering that their ideas have value and their voices carry. By high school, Girls Meet the Workforce takes them further: more than 50 hours of professional development, from resume building to mock interviews, culminating in externships inside Orange County companies.

Last year, 23 local businesses opened their doors to host externs, allowing for over 100 externships to take place. And through Project Accelerate, over 120 collegiates were matched with professional mentors who walk beside them as they earn their degrees and step into careers.

None of it happens alone. Last year, more than 1,500 corporate partner employees volunteered with Girls Inc. of Orange County, leading company tours, mentoring, and hosting events that turned career daydreams into plans. Because when a company opens its doors or an employee raises her hand to mentor, a girl doesn't just learn about a career. She meets someone who believes she belongs in it.

"This externship impacted me by opening me up to new career opportunities... It really opened my eyes to the possibilities of what I am capable of in a workplace environment."

– Girls Meet the Workforce 11th grade participant

The next generation of Orange County's engineers, entrepreneurs, and executives is already here. She's in a Girls Inc. program right now. Is your company ready to help build Orange County's future workforce? To learn more about partnering with Girls Inc. of Orange County through funding, hosting, or volunteering, visit www.girlsinc-oc.org.



BUILDING YOUR FUTURE WORKFORCE

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of Girls Inc. participants agreed that the program helped them feel prepared for their first job.

62%

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Get your company involved and make an impact on the next generation of Orange County's business leaders. Partner with Girls Inc. by:

- MENTORSHIP & JOB SHADOWING
- COMPANY TOURS & CAREER PANELS
- VOLUNTEER GROUPS & SUPPLY DRIVES
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of Orange County
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Our Mission:

To inspire all girls to be strong, smart, and bold.

Our Vision:

To create parity for all girls in Orange County in education, career, and society.



PROTECTING ACCESS TO CARE

These aren't just numbers - they are children, families, seniors, and workers who will be forced to delay care, skip medications, and face deepening financial instability.

Community Health Initiative of Orange County helps low-income families, older adults, and underserved residents across Orange County access the affordable, quality healthcare and essential services they need to thrive.

As healthcare systems become increasingly complex, CHIOC serves as a vital lifeline — ensuring vulnerable residents do not fall through the cracks and can access care with dignity and confidence.



COMMUNITY HEALTH INITIATIVE OF ORANGE COUNTY

1 in 3 people in the OC could lose healthcare coverage by 2028*

2025 IMPACT

OUTREACH: Reached **401,444** individuals through outreach and digital communications

ENROLLMENT: Enrolled **3,759** individuals into healthcare and social service programs

RETENTION: Renewed coverage for **1,059** residents

UTILIZATION: Completed **9,824** care coordination services for **1,765** clients



*Source, Medi-Cal

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WE HOPE YOU WILL JOIN US IN SUPPORTING LOCAL RESIDENTS ON THEIR REMARKABLE JOURNEYS TO INDEPENDENCE

During our golden anniversary in 2027, we will celebrate their courage, confidence, self-reliance, and participation in community life. As always, our vision is to look beyond disabilities, focus on capabilities, and expand possibilities for all we serve.

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Championing independence for people with developmental disabilities for 50 years. And counting.



Home is Just the Beginning: Jamboree's Local Impact, Statewide Reach

For over three decades, Jamboree Housing has been at the forefront of affordable housing across California. With deep roots in Orange County, Jamboree is a nonprofit that not only builds quality housing but also creates opportunity — empowering thousands of individuals and families to thrive through stable homes, tailored resident services, and healthy, resilient neighborhoods.

What began as a bold vision in 1990 has grown into a statewide movement that has delivered more than 11,200 affordable homes in over 110+ communities, including 50 vibrant developments throughout Orange County. From formerly unhoused veterans and individuals living with chronic mental illness, to working families and aging adults on fixed incomes, Jamboree provides safe, quality, service-enriched housing for people from all walks of life.

Local Roots. Statewide Reach.

While Jamboree's impact spans the state, its heart remains in Orange County — home to its corporate headquarters and to many of its most innovative developments. In places like Anaheim, Irvine, and Santa Ana, Jamboree is not just building homes; it is creating communities of opportunity. Each development is designed with intention: walkable, sustainable, beautiful, and integrated with services tailored to the needs of residents. Finamore Place in Anaheim is a vibrant community hub that blends high-quality affordable housing with onsite services from partners like St. Jude Neighborhood Health Centers, Orange County Head Start, and Child Guidance Center — a model of how Jamboree builds strong communities through housing, health, and education.

From on-site afterschool programming that helps close the education gap for children, to counseling and job-readiness programs for transitional age youth and adults, Jamboree's resident services are a cornerstone of its model. In permanent supportive housing communities, residents overcoming homelessness receive comprehensive care coordination and behavioral health services — helping them achieve lasting stability and independence.

Giving Back and Moving Forward

Jamboree's work is fueled by generous supporters, public-private partnerships, and a shared belief that everyone deserves a place to call home. Contributions from individuals, foundations, and corporate partners help Jamboree go beyond



bricks and mortar — funding critical services and enhancing the quality of life for thousands each year.

Your investment in Jamboree can help in many ways: Making a one-time or recurring donation to support programs that promote housing stability, wellness, and economic mobility, sponsoring a resident event, contributing items to a holiday drive, including Jamboree in your will or estate, or recommend a grant from your donor advised fund. Every contribution, big or small, helps build a brighter future for those most in need. In addition, there are opportunities to leverage philanthropy in the construction of more housing communities.

Philanthropy in Action

With a reputation for innovation, financial stewardship, and deep community collaboration, Jamboree is a trusted leader in the affordable housing sector. As Orange County continues to grapple with housing challenges, Jamboree remains committed to scaling impact, shaping policy, and forging partnerships that bring real solutions to the table. Because at Jamboree, housing is more than shelter — it's the first step toward a thriving, inclusive community for all.

To learn more or support Jamboree's mission, visit www.jamboreehousing.org or contact our Vice President of Philanthropy, Carlos Leija, at cleija@jamboreehousing.com.



MORE THAN HOUSING



- ▶ We deliver high quality affordable housing and services that transform lives and strengthen communities.
- ▶ We create stability, dignity, and a foundation for success for the individuals and families who live in our communities.
- ▶ With over 11,000 affordable homes created, Jamboree has transformed the lives of more than 24,000 working families, seniors, veterans, and formerly homeless families.

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As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, donations to Jamboree are tax deductible. Tax ID# 33-0413518.



A Decade of Graduates, A Future Full of Possibility

This year, Samueli Academy celebrated a milestone more than a decade in the making: the Class of 2025 became our 10th graduating class and the first to experience the full Samueli Academy journey beginning in seventh grade.

When Samueli Academy opened its doors in 2013, Susan Samueli, Sandi Jackson and Orangewood Foundation shared a vision to create a life-changing educational experience that would prepare students for college, career and life. Fourteen



years later, that vision continues to grow. With a 100% graduation rate, 92% of graduates continuing to college and 85% persisting through college, our students are building a strong foundation for lifelong success.

Adding 7th and 8th grade gave us the opportunity to reach students earlier, providing more time to build academic foundations, leadership skills and a sense of belonging. Students have the opportunity to explore engineering and design while discovering their interests and strengths.

But preparing students for the future is about more than academics. Through Samueli Academy's Work-Based Learning program, students are introduced to careers and professional environments, connecting what they learn in the classroom to the world beyond it.

As we look ahead, we are proud of how Samueli Academy has evolved and excited for what comes next. Our goal is not simply to graduate students, but to develop confident, capable young people who understand their potential and are prepared to contribute to their communities.



IGNITING POTENTIAL. INSPIRING FUTURES.

Samueli Academy is more than a school—it's a place where students discover their passions, build confidence, and prepare for what's next. Through hands-on learning, career pathways, internships, arts, athletics, and personalized support, students gain the skills to succeed in college, careers, and life. Every student has the opportunity to find their spark and ignite their future.

Come tour Samueli Academy and discover how you can help ignite the passion and potential within every student.

Contact Alex Vrabeck: avrabeck@samueliacademy.org



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Celebrating Those Who Make Orange County Stronger

To Orange County's Nonprofit Community—Thank You.

Every day, nonprofit organizations across Orange County bring hope, opportunity, and compassion to countless individuals and families. Your dedication strengthens our communities, inspires generosity, and improves the lives of those you serve.

We are grateful for your unwavering commitment and the meaningful difference you make through your leadership, service, and generosity.

It is an honor to recognize and applaud the remarkable organizations, volunteers, and supporters whose efforts continue to make Orange County a better place to live, work, and thrive.

With sincere appreciation,
Emile & Dina Haddad



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THE IMPACT *You* MADE POSSIBLE
UNITY IN THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST



Our Help in Numbers
FY 2026

- 854,918**
Individuals received food/diapers
- 34,104**
Calls to CCOC for services
- 58,737**
Individuals received direct/indirect education from CalFresh Healthy Living

- 8,579**
New Hope Counseling Services sessions/Peer to Peer calls
- 3,888**
Individuals received Citizenship Services

Total Individuals Served & Service Interactions:

960,226



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A day of connection, inspiration, and collective impact.

As we continue building on over 20 years of philanthropic leadership, the OC Grantmakers Annual Summit will spotlight powerful stories, foster collaboration, and help shape a more responsive and equitable future for our region.

Together, we will explore taking meaningful action, amplifying impact, and cultivating joy in our work and partnerships.

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ELEPHANT COOPERATION | 10 YEARS

A Decade of Cooperating to Coexist

This year, Elephant Cooperation celebrates 10 years of protecting elephants, restoring habitats, and supporting the communities that share their landscapes.

Founded in 2016 by entrepreneur and philanthropist Scott Struthers, Elephant Cooperation was built around a simple belief: protecting elephants requires cooperation. Conservation takes local communities, organizations, governments, rangers, researchers, and supporters working toward a shared future where people and wildlife can thrive.

Over the past decade, Elephant Cooperation has supported conservation efforts across Africa, helping protect critical habitat, strengthen ranger and anti-poaching programs, reduce human-elephant conflict, expand access to clean water, support schools and children, and create sustainable opportunities for communities living alongside wildlife.

At the center of this work is a simple guiding principle: Cooperate to Coexist.

In 2026, Elephant Cooperation will celebrate this collective impact at its 10th Anniversary Anti-Gala on Saturday, October 17 in San Clemente. Inspired by A Midsummer Night's Dream, the evening will bring together conservation, storytelling, entertainment, auctions, and opportunities to directly support projects in Africa.

Ten years is an important milestone, but it is also the beginning of Elephant Cooperation's next chapter.

JOIN US | OCTOBER 17, 2026

10th Anniversary Anti-Gala - San Clemente, California
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SONANCE CARES | SAN CLEMENTE

A Day of Fun. A Day of Giving.

At Sonance Cares, giving back is about more than making a donation. It is about bringing people together, building meaningful relationships, and creating experiences that make giving feel personal.

That spirit comes to life at Day for the Kids, returning to San Clemente on Sunday, October 18. Following the success of last year's carnival, families will once again come together for a day filled with carnival rides, delicious food, kid-friendly activities, and plenty of fun.

Funds raised through Day for the Kids will go back into organizations that support kids and families right here in Southern Orange County, helping strengthen the community we call home.

Day for the Kids reflects the larger mission of Sonance Cares: inspire people to GIVE WELL by connecting them with causes they care about and showing that philanthropy can be joyful, engaging, and shared.

San Clemente is home to Sonance, our employees, our families, and many of the organizations we are proud to support. Day for the Kids is one more way to bring that community together while helping local children and families.

Come ride, play, eat, laugh, and give back with us.

JOIN US | OCTOBER 18, 2026

Day for the Kids - 309 Calle de Los Molinos, San Clemente
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CELEBRATING
10 YEARS OF ELEPHANT COOPERATION

ELEPHANT COOPERATION ANTI-GALA

2026

A Midsummer Night's Dream



SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 17, 2026
5:00 PM – 11:00 PM



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An enchanted evening honoring a decade
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KID-FRIENDLY
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Thank you for supporting local kids! ❤️





When Food Is Dependable, Families Can Focus on the Future

For many Orange County families, one unexpected expense can change everything. A rent increase, car repair, medical bill or reduction in work hours can quickly put a household budget under pressure. And groceries are often one of the few expenses that can be cut or skipped.

Today, 1 in 8 individuals and 1 in 6 children in Orange County face food insecurity. Behind those numbers are people of all ages and circumstances – children, college students, working families and seniors – who may not know where their next meal will come from.

Reliable access to nutritious food gives families one less thing to worry about when life becomes unpredictable. It helps children learn, adults work and seniors maintain their health and independence.

Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County and its Partner Network are working every day to keep nutritious food within reach throughout our community. But addressing food insecurity takes all of us.

September Is Hunger Action Month

We're calling on our community to take action and make a tangible difference. It's an opportunity to help those facing food insecurity access healthy, nutritious food. Here are impactful ways you can help nourish Orange County:

1. Donate. Funds help Second Harvest allocate resources where they are most needed.

2. Volunteer. Sign up for a volunteer opportunity at Harvest Solutions Farm (a partnership with University of California South Coast Research & Extension Center and Solutions for Urban Agriculture), our Distribution Center or Founders Farm.

3. Host a Virtual Food Drive. Rally your community to contribute from the convenience of your computer or mobile device.

4. Advocate for Your Community. Food banks play a critical role in addressing food insecurity, but Second Harvest can't do it alone. Learn more about Second Harvest's Government & Community Engagement Program.

5. Take a Tour. Sign up for a behind-the-scenes tour of Second Harvest's 108,000-square-foot Distribution Center.

This Hunger Action Month, every action matters. Together we can help ensure dependable access to nutritious food today and create stronger days ahead for Orange County.



Scan the QR code or visit feedOC.org/HAM to learn more.



**DEPENDABLE
FOOD TODAY.
STRONGER
DAYS AHEAD.**



**IN ORANGE COUNTY, 1 IN 8
INDIVIDUALS AND 1 IN 6 CHILDREN
FACE FOOD INSECURITY.**

More than half of them don't qualify for CalFresh benefits (food stamps; known nationally as SNAP), caught just above the income cutoff but with nowhere else to turn. When life gets unpredictable, food must be more dependable.

With nearly 300 partners, Second Harvest is feeding 453,271* individuals each month on average and that number is expected to rise. Through it all, we're committed to sourcing, growing and distributing nutritious food for our community.

Help keep nutritious food within reach.

Donate. Volunteer. Take a tour. Advocate. feedOC.org.

*Duplicated. Those seeking food assistance often visit a pantry more than once per month.

STRONG COMMUNITIES ARE BUILT ON STRONG FAMILIES

Across Orange County, thousands of children, families, and individuals are navigating life's most difficult moments, from homelessness and abuse to violence, trauma, and mental health challenges.

At Waymakers, we provide more than services. We offer a pathway to safety, healing, and lasting stability. By empowering people to overcome crisis and build brighter futures, we are creating stronger families and healthier communities for generations to come.



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Reflecting and supporting the communities we serve



50+ Years
Serving Orange County

HOW WAYMAKERS CHANGES LIVES



SHELTERING CHILDREN
When trauma turns a child's world upside down, we provide far more than shelter. We create a safe place to heal, rebuild trust, and discover the hope and stability every child deserves.



SUPPORTING VICTIMS
When violence leaves lives shattered, we provide immediate safety, compassionate support, and a path forward. We help survivors heal and regain their strength to move forward with hope.



COUNSELING FAMILIES
When challenges strain relationships and trust, our counseling services help parents and children reconnect, communicate effectively, and heal. By strengthening family bonds, we create lasting stability and improve outcomes for future generations.



RESOLVING CONFLICTS
When conflict threatens to become crisis, we step in with solution focused mediation and support. We help individuals and families find understanding, prevent violence, and build healthier relationships and long-term community well-being.



EDUCATING COMMUNITIES
When individuals have the knowledge and support to make healthy choices, entire communities grow stronger. Through prevention education and early intervention, we build resilience, reduce substance misuse, and create safer, more vibrant communities.



TRANSFORMING LIVES STRENGTHENING FAMILIES BUILDING SAFER COMMUNITIES

For more than 50 years, Waymakers has been helping children, families, survivors, and communities overcome life's greatest challenges and build brighter futures.

We invite you to join us. Your partnership fuels life-changing programs that provide safety, healing, prevention, and hope for those who need it most.

Together, we can transform lives and strengthen the future of Orange County.

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When people have great places to work, they do great work. That's how we shape tomorrow.

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"Partnering with Groundswell has been transformative. The education they delivered equipped our team with practical, accessible tools to navigate difficult conversations with confidence and compassion."



Since the training, we've seen measurable improvements in team dynamics among participants. Staff report feeling better supported and more capable of addressing challenging situations in ways that strengthen rather than strain relationships. This has been particularly valuable in our complex healthcare environment where effective communication is essential to patient care and staff wellbeing.

What sets Groundswell apart is their commitment to sustainable change. Facilitators provided not just excellent instruction, but truly easy-to-implement tools that staff could apply immediately. The ongoing support they've offered beyond the initial training has been instrumental in helping our team integrate these practices into daily work.

Groundswell's approach is both evidence-informed and deeply practical—exactly what organizations need to build healthier, more resilient teams."

Megan Beckerle
Executive Director of Cross Continuum Care Coordination
Rady Children's Hospital

When people have great places to work, they do great work. That's how Groundswell shapes tomorrow.

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At **Project Youth OC**, we empower young people with the tools, guidance and opportunities to make positive choices and build a future they believe in, while partnering with families and the community to strengthen the support that surrounds them.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

100%

of participants
identified their
career field

96%

of participants
did not
recidivate

83%

of participants
decreased their
substance use

WHEN A COMMUNITY STANDS BEHIND YOUTH, THE PATH CHANGES.

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Building a Healthier Orange County

Coalition of Orange County Community Health Centers

The Coalition of Orange County Community Health Center's (Coalition OC) mission is to unite health centers and partners to amplify their collective voice and strengthen their capacity to ensure every person has access to high-quality care.

As a membership organization of non-profit community health organizations, we expand our impact through members that include Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) and FQHC Look-Alikes, free clinics, and mobile units.

Together, our member health centers serve 339,690 patients each year through 847,000 primary care visits.

Orange County community health centers provide primary medical, dental, vision, mental and behavioral health, and social services, including food and financial assistance and other basic needs support.

Trusted community care providers, our centers serve everyone regardless of ability to pay, reduce costly emergency room visits and provide a vital public health safety net.



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COALITION MEMBERS:

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To our incredible sponsors, supporters, and attendees, your generosity and belief in our mission made Hot Summer Nights 2026 our most impactful year yet.

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A LEGACY BEYOND BUSINESS



Albert and Miaad Bushala believe philanthropy is not simply about writing checks—it is about opening doors, creating opportunities, and teaching the next generation that success has greater meaning when it is shared. As parents and entrepreneurs, they have built their family's real estate investment, development, and operations business over nearly 30 years with a people-first philosophy shaped by gratitude, hard work, and service. Their commitment to giving began when their children were young, when annual birthday fundraisers supported their elementary and high schools during budget cuts—teaching the family that even a small act of generosity can inspire meaningful change.

Since then, the Bushalas have focused their philanthropy on the institutions that have helped shape their children and community: the Orange County School of the Arts, UC Berkeley, Chapman University, the GRAMMY Museum, and more. Their support has included student scholarships, music education, collaborative campus spaces, career development, and parent engagement, all guided by the belief that education is not confined to a classroom—it is built through mentorship, collaboration, creative expression, real-world experience and the confidence to pursue meaningful ideas.

The Bank, an upcoming creative and event space in downtown Fullerton, represents the Bushala family's next chapter of community investment—envisioned as a place where artists, students, nonprofits, and community organizations can connect, collaborate, and create opportunity. For Albert and Miaad, the greatest legacy is not what their family has built, but what their children and future generations will be inspired to give back.



ALBERT AND MIAAD
BUSHALA FAMILY



Thank You

ORANGE COUNTY BUSINESS JOURNAL



We are honored to have received the Orange County Business Journal's 2026 Family-Owned Business Award for Small Business.

This recognition reflects the values that have guided our family: hard work, community, and creating opportunities for future generations.

We are proud to support organizations that strengthen education, the arts, and our community, including Orange County School of the Arts, UC Berkeley, Chapman University, the GRAMMY Museum, and others.

Thank you to the Orange County Business Journal for recognizing and celebrating the people and businesses who help Orange County continue to grow and thrive. We are grateful to be part of a community that values giving back and investing in future generations.



ALBERT AND MIAAD
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Sixteen years ago, Anthony Purcell's life changed in an instant. A dive into the ocean left him paralyzed from the neck down and his family facing a reality thousands of Americans encounter after a spinal cord injury (SCI).

When Anthony's mother, Micki Purcell, discovered how little insurance covered the intensive rehabilitation needed for meaningful recovery, they founded Walking With Anthony with a bold mission: to forever change the recovery outcome of SCI. Today, WWA provides critical funding for specialized rehabilitation, adaptive equipment, mental health support and other resources that help SCI survivors reclaim greater independence.

**INSURANCE STOPS. WE DON'T.
BECAUSE RECOVERY CAN'T WAIT.**

With first-year SCI costs exceeding **\$1 Million**, access to the right resources can be life-changing. Since 2010, WWA has helped hundreds of individuals and families access care that would otherwise be financially out of reach.

**OUR BIGGEST NIGHT.
OUR BIGGEST GOAL YET.**

On **October 16, 2026**, WWA returns to Balboa Bay Resort for its signature Stand Up For A Cause event, bringing together Orange County's business and philanthropic community for an unforgettable night in support of SCI recovery.

Every ticket, table, donation, auction bid, and partnership helps create greater possibilities for SCI survivors and their families.

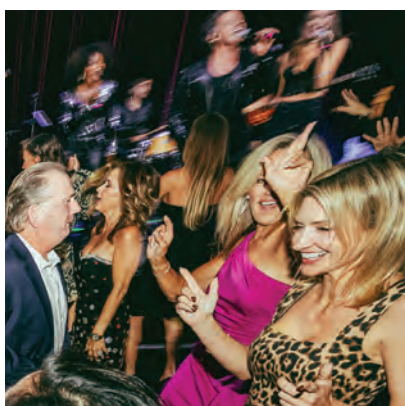
2025: \$700k+ Raised
400+ Guests
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50 SCI Survivors Supported
2026 GOAL: \$1.5 Million

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The Staar Treatment to
Serve a Nonprofit

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Orange County companies consistently show up for their communities. Employers send their teams to food banks, schools and community events because they genuinely want to help.

At Beyond Blindness, we see that commitment each time a corporate group walks through our doors. Employees arrive early, ask thoughtful questions and want their service to matter. But meaningful volunteerism begins with a different question—not simply whether a company cares, but whether its effort addresses what the nonprofit needs.

Volunteers experience a single afternoon; nonprofits manage the entire arc around it. Before a group arrives, staff may spend hours designing the activity, gathering supplies and rearranging schedules. After the visit, someone must clean up, reorganize the space and get back to the work that was paused to make the volunteer experience possible. A service day can feel meaningful to everyone involved while costing the nonprofit more staff time than it saves. Make no mistake: That isn't a failure of generosity. It's a mismatch between good intentions and operational reality.

Staar Surgical learned this through its long-standing partnership with Beyond Blindness.

Early volunteer days followed a familiar pattern: schedule a group, assign a project and hope it helped. Over time, Staar shifted from asking what employees could do on a given Friday to asking what Beyond Blindness truly needed. That simple change transformed the partnership.

The Results

One result came from an unexpected place on the organizational chart. Several Staar manufacturing employees speak Chinese, Japanese or Vietnamese as a first language. When Beyond Blindness needed translated brochures to reach more families, Staar connected the nonprofit with employees who could contribute their language expertise without leaving the worksite for a traditional service day. Beyond Blindness received high-quality translations without hiring an outside vendor, and more employees gained a meaningful way to participate.

A second solution addressed a different constraint. Staar created simple assembly projects, such as gluing or sorting small parts, that manufacturing employees could complete during lunch in their breakroom. The needed work still got done, while Beyond Blindness avoided staging materials on site, hosting a

group and managing cleanup. Employees also contributed without spending time traveling to and from the nonprofit.

The third example ran in the opposite direction. During a recent holiday season, Beyond Blindness brought Braille typewriters into Staar's offices and taught employees to type simple messages. The Staar team used the typewriters to create custom Braille gift tags for an online wish-list drive, giving corporate volunteers a uniquely direct, tactile connection to the families receiving the gifts. It's one of the clearest examples we have of a partnership that runs in both directions.

Even Modest Grants Help

None of this works without funding. Volunteer hours are valuable, but even modest financial support—a small grant for materials or staffing, for example—allows a nonprofit to absorb the work without diverting resources from the families it serves. Pairing service with funding turns a well-intentioned gesture into sustainable support.

The effects of this alignment extend beyond the nonprofit.

When a partnership responds to real needs rather than centering on a single annual event, employees can see the difference their contributions make. At Staar, ongoing engagement with Beyond Blindness, together with the company's matching-gift program, has prompted employees to ask when the next opportunity is coming. Volunteering becomes more than a once-a-year gesture; it becomes part of *how a company operates*. The benefit to Beyond Blindness came first, and the benefit to Staar followed from getting that first part right.

This is skilled volunteering: using a company's existing expertise, systems and talent to solve a nonprofit's real bottlenecks. The goal is not to find a project that fills a set number of volunteer hours; it is to identify the constraint and match it with the resource best suited to remove it. Sometimes that resource is language expertise, sometimes operational capacity and

sometimes direct funding.

For business leaders considering their next community partnership, we encourage you to ask this one question as the very first step: "What is actually slowing this nonprofit organization down, and what resources, expertise, or funding do we have that could solve it?" A partnership built from that question will do more than feel good for an afternoon, it can create lasting change throughout Orange County.



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(L to R): Staar Surgical team members Paige Farley, Adolfo Guerrero and Maria Delos Reyes volunteering during Beyond Blindness' annual Spooktacular event at Pretend City Children's Museum

Could Your Business Be the Beginning of Someone's Career?



Think back to your first job.

Maybe it was where you discovered something you were good at. Maybe someone took the time to teach you something that stayed with you. Maybe it was simply the first place you began to see what might be possible.

For some young people, the path from school to a career is straightforward. For others, it can be harder to find, and even harder to navigate alone.

Across Orange County, young people ages 16-24 who are out of school and not working or enrolled in a secondary education program may lack a traditional school-to-career path, professional connections or someone to help them take that first step.

Sometimes, the difference isn't determination. It's opportunity.

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For more than 35 years, Working Wardrobes has helped people overcome barriers to gainful employment. What began in 1990 as a one-day wardrobing event has grown into a comprehensive workforce development organization, connecting people to the tools, training and support they need to build confidence and create lasting change.

Now, that mission is reaching a younger generation through the Rebuilding Careers Program for out-of-school youth. Participants gain career exploration, workforce readiness training and paid work experience through Working Wardrobes' Social Enterprise, giving them the chance to discover their strengths, develop workplace professionalism and earn real, resume-building experience.

Because you can't always know what you're capable of until someone gives you the chance to try.

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- Serve as a mentor, mock interviewer or career speaker.
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