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Dear Readers,
The Orange County Business Journal is pleased to present our 17th 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 50 nonprofit organizations, 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.

Thank you to our amazing team: Amy Sfreddo, the Philanthropy Publications Director; our philanthropy reporter, Kim Haman; Jami Derby for editing its content; and Rich Loyd, Martin Nilchian and Brette Miller for graphic design.

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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
Publisher & CEO

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Meet Five that Have Met The Coronavirus Challenge

Homeless-Focused Groups Continue to Serve

By KIM HAMAN

COVID-19 has caused turmoil in virtually every aspect of society and brought to the forefront the social imbalances that nonprofits have been fighting for years. As the coronavirus crisis stretches into its sixth month, Orange County nonprofits and the people they serve are in the battle of their lives, as hunger and the risk of homelessness grow to levels never seen before.

The Business Journal reached out to five notable area nonprofits that tackle homelessness, feed the hungry, and serve families in crisis to understand how their organizations have been managing in the face of such challenges, and the role the community can play to help them—and the people they serve—through these difficult times.

Participating nonprofits include:
- Orange's Illumination Foundation, which provides targeted, interdisciplinary services for the most vulnerable homeless adults and children in order to disrupt the cycle of homelessness.
- Share Ourselves (SOS), a nationally recognized health center providing high quality, comprehensive health services to the homeless and near-homeless in Orange County. The Costa Mesa-based group is one of 256 health centers nationally to be designated as a Healthcare for the Homeless provider.
- Grandma's House of Hope, a 24-month Transitional Housing Program in Santa Ana which provides a wide range of supportive services with the goal of self-sufficiency and compassionate and uplifting transitional care for women in crisis and hungry children in Orange County.
- Serving People in Need (SPIN), which provides healthy meals, shelter, medical care, legal aid, and other services for the causes of transitional and chronic homelessness.
- Tustin's Orange County Rescue Mission, which provides clothing, meals, shelter, medical care, legal aid and other services for the causes of transitional and chronic homelessness.

The following is a collection of their responses to five questions.

How did you and your team respond when the COVID-19 crisis initially began?

The Illumination Foundation was selected by the Orange County Health Agency to be the local service provider for Project Roomkey, a collaborative effort by the state and county to secure hotel and motel rooms for vulnerable people experiencing homelessness, providing a way for people who don’t have a home to stay inside and prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Illumination Foundation quickly opened six temporary sites and has served more than 1,500 people since March.

For Share Ourselves, the primary focus from day one was keeping their staff working. Christy Ward, CEO, explained that she didn’t want to reduce the essential services the team provided. “We did a comprehensive plan of what we could do, with our employees working from home,” Ward said. “We determined how we could shift some of our services to a virtual platform.”

In less than one month, Grandma’s House of Hope expanded its housing program to include a COVID-19 recovery home, quadrupled food distribution and implemented stringent health guidelines for the safety of their residents and participants.

When the crisis began, Serving People in Need (SPIN) was named as a designated Access Point in Orange County for homeless families. The coverage area includes Santa Ana, Fountain Valley, Huntington Beach, Newport Beach, Westminster and Tustin. Referred by police office liaisons, the 211 nonprofit and city services, SPIN is now seeing an average of 60 more people each month this year compared to last year. The increase led SPIN to bring on a full-time patient navigator, who acts as the first point of contact with the client, and un夙 what they need be it homeless prevention or diversion, rental assistance, food or job training.

On March 3, when the American public was just beginning to hear the first inklings that this mysterious new coronavirus that was decimating China and Europe might be impacting America the same way, the leadership at the Orange County Rescue Mission was discussing the sudden dearth of toilet paper and the increased price for hand sanitizer. The team thought it might be good to refill their supply of both. If the new disease didn’t make it to California, there would be a little extra of both in their storage room. They made a needs list for their business donors as well, a little extra insurance.

Both those decisions turned out to be prescient, given the run on both products that would happen shortly after.

What is the biggest challenge you faced due to the crisis?

With the influx of individuals and families in need of housing right away, the Illumination Foundation quickly had to hire enough frontline staff while still maintaining normal operations. In addition to the Roomkey clients, Illumination Foundation cares for more than 1,000 individuals and families every day.

Obtaining enough PPE was one of the first challenges SOS faced. The next was calming the anxiety of the clients they served.

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—Carl St. Clair, Music Director

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Edwards’ Charity Jumps 31% to $1.9M

By PETER J. BRENNAN

Edwards Lifesciences Corp. Chief Executive Mike Mussallem said he was inspired at a young age to give back by his older brother George, who was diagnosed with Down syndrome as a young child. “From my brother’s example and her tireless work on behalf of George and others like him, I learned the importance of compassion and helping others,” Mussallem, whose bedrock firm (NYSE: EW) is Orange County’s largest public company with a market cap of $32 billion, told the Business Journal. “And because of my brother’s huge heart and the love he brought our family, I have been inspired to focus my philanthropy on supporting individuals with special needs.”

The firm’s story is reflected in the Business Journal’s annual list of corporate donors. 

Edwards donated $1.9 million in 2019, a 31% jump from a year ago. It moved from No. 7 to No. 4 on this week’s list. That comes after a 50% increase in 2018. Overall, the Edwards Lifesciences Foundation last year donated $9.7 million, a 25% increase. The foundation’s assets climbed 8.5% to $77 million.

The only other firm with a higher growth rate than the maker of heart valves and other medical devices was the Mitsubishi Electric America Foundation, where donations climbed 205% to $115,448. The foundation has $24.6 million in assets, a 1.1% rise from the prior year.

The Mitsubishi Foundation supports entities such as Yorba Linda-based Dreams for Schools, which introduces middle school students, including those with disabilities, to coding, website and app development. It also supports Project Search that provides internships for young people with developmental disabilities to gain practical work experience when they finish high school. Graduates from the program are working on the front lines of the pandemic at hospitals like CHOC by filling vital roles stereilizing the facilities, keeping medical supplies stocked and transporting patients.

“There has never been a more critical time to support people with disabilities—they are incredibly vulnerable to economic displacement,” said Kevin Webb, senior director of the Mitsubishi Electric America Foundation. “The foundation increased our grant investments in organizations that are working to empower youth with disabilities, and we are working with our grantees as they adapt their training programs to a virtual environment.”

In OC, the 17 firms on the Business Journal’s annual list last year gave $22.6 million in cash and in-kind contributions, a 2.7% growth rate from 2018. That compares with a 2.2% decline in 2018 over the prior year.

Their assets climbed 4.1% to $2.8 billion, a sharp change from 2018 when they dropped 2.2%.

Foundations, along with a smattering of corporate givers, were ranked by their giving to local entities and charities, if they provided data or a 2019 Form 990, filed by U.S. charitable foundations and which includes financial information such as the group’s giving and total assets.

Corporate Foundations Boost OC Donations by 2.7%

Mobilized workforce: PacLife Foundation takes top marks again

Qualities of a leader: Good communication, quick thinking, a sense of humor

We had to create partnerships that would improve our ability to distribute enormous amounts of healthy food weekly,” Kreitner says. “In doing so, we quadrupled our food distribution. It has become an essential piece of the way we do business.”

The foundation has served 47,249 meals. A total of 15,683 people they serve—who are called “stuffers” and treasure and prayers that have come to know?”

What would you like Business Journal readers to know? “Our incredible staff has made the impossible possible,” says Paul Leon, Illumination Foundation’s CEO. “We opened up six sites in eight weeks when COVID-19 hit, all while running our normal operations. We have an unparalleled team of dedicated professionals who always put the needs of the homeless first.”

“As a community health center that serves people from all over the entire community through our six sites,” says SOS’s Bunca. “The nonprofit is “an expression of our community meeting the needs and caring for folks who are vulnerable in their daily lives—even more so with the pandemic.”

“We appreciate the tireless work of our dedicated staff and the generous gifts of time, talent and treasure and prayers that have come our way through donors, volunteers, faith communities and corporations during this unprecedented time,” says Grandma’s House of Hope’s Kreitner. “We can’t do this work alone and need the support of each and every one of you!”

You are impacting the lives of so many who have lost their jobs, homes, and in many cases, their hope.”

“We just don’t have affordable housing in Orange County,” says SPIN’s Wegener. “We have a huge and ever-growing homeless population. We need to do everything we can to keep people in housing, so our homeless popula- tion doesn’t expand. The challenge of meeting this need is extraordinary. Everyone needs to be on the boat, rowing an oar.”

“We’ve been trying to identify how long this will go on,” says OC Rescue Mission’s Palmer. “We are consistently looking at this. We go by what the CDC says, which is no more than 6 feet for 15 minutes, wear a mask. Epidemiologists say that if you wear a mask, it demiologists say that if you wear a mask, it would close. It was another prescient decision, given that everyone in our community needs to keep their distance learning and the organization has implemented a door-to-door delivery service for 45 at-risk families.

SPIN is a member of the Families Solutions Collaborative, a group of 21 agencies that exclusively serves families with children. In addition, SPIN is working with the Orange County Health Agency to deliver food and other necessities to homeless individuals temporarily living in hotels due to exposure to COVID-19. Early on in the coronavirus crisis, the Orange County Rescue Mission established a distance learning program in the event that local schools would close. It was another prescient decision, given that for the rest of the school year, and even into this one, the majority of schools have gone virtual.

Tangram Interiors, an interior design company, donated $50,000 in school furniture so kids could be homeschooled at the facility. Cox Communications helped with broadband to ensure the children — 61 in all, kindergarten through ninth grade — would be able to easily access their lessons. The OC Rescue Mission also has virus testing available through their partnership with the Hurt Family Clinics, which has an on-site presence at its Village of Hope. It shares the data it collects with a range of public health agencies, which in turn uses the information to understand more about the disease and the trends associated with it.

Notables

No. 2 Wells Fargo & Co. increased its OC giving 3.7% to $3.1 million. Companywide, the firm gave $454 million.

No. 8 The Allergan Foundation reported a 14% rise in local donations to $1.3 million. Its giving companywide increased at a faster pace, 22%, to $10 million. It topped the list, 17% to $31 million.

No. 9 Angels Baseball Foundation in Anaheim grew its giving 7% to $1.3 million. That follows 2018 when its giving rose 24%.

No. 11 Broadcom Foundation in New- port Beach increased its giving 21% to $762,500, which follows a 10% rise in 2018.
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**CORPORATE FOUNDATIONS/GIVING**

**RANKED BY CASH CONTRIBUTIONS TO OC ORGANIZATIONS**

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**Superheroes of the OC. Here’s to you.**

Here’s to the ones who connect our community and work together to improve the lives of people in need. Thank you to all nonprofits and volunteers in Orange County for your commitment and generosity. We share your passion for giving back.

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*Researched by Meghan Kliewer*
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Fastest Growing Private Companies

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Chance Theater’s Voice is Heard

Anaheim Arts Spot Launches New Campaign

By KIM HAMAN

Last year, the Chance Theater in Anaheim hosted a production of the award-winning musical "Ragtime." The well-reviewed performance ("a glorious, exhilarating production bursting with energy and ingenuity," wrote The Show Report) tells the story of the experience of very different people in the United States in the early 20th century: a Harlem musician, a matriarch of an upper-class family and a Jewish immigrant.

One of the songs is titled "Make Them Hear You," a passionate plea to a world going through a chaotic and critical time. Lyrics include:

"Make them hear you. And tell them, in our struggle, We were not the only ones."

The parallels to what the world is going through now are clear, says Casey Long, managing director of the Chance Theater.

"It’s one reason "Make Them Hear You" is the name of the Chance Theater’s fundraising campaign, designed to help support the storied theater through the changes wrought by the coronavirus."

Small Group, Big Influence

When the COVID-19 crisis shut the Chance Theater’s doors on March 13, it was in the midst of an extended run of the critically acclaimed musical "Fun Home."

A Wrinkle in Time was next on their schedule. They were anticipating another year of successful runs, as well as continued participation in local outdoor theater.

While they were dismayed by the turn of events, the leadership team at the theater was not exactly surprised. They said they had been watching the developing crisis in China and Europe closely and thought the U.S. might feel the impact of this mysterious new disease as well. Preparations, and a strong business operation, has always been a hallmark of the theater, led by Long, Executive Artistic Director Oanh Nguyen, and an involved board of directors, which counts numerous lawyers, bankers and other community leaders.

For 20 years, the group has prided itself in always running in the black; its pre-COVID-19 revenue was $1.2 million. The theater says it counted zero debt. Nearly 20,000 people attended the Chance Theater’s plays and musicals each year; another 10,000 if one were to count the people who came to their outdoor productions.

Taking a Chance

The impact of the Chance Theater has had in the last 20 years could have only been dreamed of in the late 1990s, when a group of artists who loved to perform and write came together to start a theater group. Long and Nguyen were there from the very start, both founding members.

"Local artists wanted a way to express themselves and connect with the community," Long said. "It was a way for people to share an experience, to create empathy and understanding with each other."

The group set up shop in a small space in a strip mall in Anaheim. In the beginning, Nguyen said, they wrote and performed in their own plays. The quality of the work proved impressive and as the Chance Theater’s reputation grew, their audience expanded.

"From the board to the resident artists, we all realized we are in this together. Everyone is trying to figure out how we’ll get through this," Long said.

When they realized early on that they wouldn’t be able to produce stories, they created the Chance Cyber Chat. Five pre-recorded shows were chosen for a virtual theater "tour," including "Hamilton."

"We’re 22 years in," Long said. "With continued support and community investment, we’ll be back."
YMCA Helps with Family, School Support

Child Care, Distance Learning for Employers

By KIM HAMANN

As school resumes, the majority of Orange County’s children will be starting via a distance and/or hybrid learning program. For many families, this scenario adds an extra element of stress to an already uncertain future. Telecommuting parents are daunted by the prospect of managing both their workload and the incessant questions of a second grader with math homework. For others, the challenge is ensuring that students have access to reliable technology. Distance learning may force some parents to make tough decisions, including quitting their jobs in order to focus on their families. For employers who rely on their workers to stay focused on the job at hand, distance learning has challenges. How can they support their employees while still ensuring the work gets done?

The local division of the YMCA just might be the solution they are looking for. “We understand the need companies may have for resources to support their employees to continue daily operations and increase effectiveness,” said Jeff McBride, president and chief executive of Tustin-based YMCA of Orange County (YMCAOC). “The changing landscape of our communities and education, distance learning, and lack of child care options can create a struggle for both companies and employees, but there are solutions—and we want them to know that if and when they need support and/or child care, we are here to help meet that need.”

To that end, YMCAOC is joining with local companies and schools including University of California-Irvine to be their employees’ main resource for child care needs, as well as a support system for distance learning. More than 40 YMCA facilities in OC—about half of its locations—have each been outfitted with new technology to bolster virtual and online learning, with Wi-Fi, Chromebooks and certified YMCAOC teachers at every site.

Learning from Experience

The inspiration for the employer program is an outgrowth of YMCAOC’s response to the coronavirus crisis. As the largest licensed child care provider in Orange County, YMCAOC served more than 5,000 children in 80 centers across the region prior to COVID-19. When the pandemic hit here in early March and the world seemingly shut down overnight, they were forced to close the majority of their locations, keeping just 26 open to serve essential workers. YMCAOC pivoted quickly to meet the shifting needs of the community. At one point, they opened a “pop-up” child care center in the DoubleTree hotel across from UC Irvine Medical Center in Orange to better accommodate front-line hospital staff. Rigorous safety protocols were established right away, including daily temperature checks, face coverings and intensified cleaning programs. When schools closed in mid-March and transitioned to distance learning, YMCAOC teachers and aids did all they could to support this new style of learning.

Employer Options

After several weeks of addressing the distance learning challenge, the team at YMCAOC began to consider how they could reach more people who needed support. They thought about the employees out there who were working from home, having to balance the needs of their employers with those of their children. “We asked ourselves, ‘how can we use what we learned this spring to benefit the workers whose children are distance learning?’” said Anna Romiti, vice president, marketing and communications, YMCAOC. “We decided to reach out to companies to let them know we’re here, and all what we can offer to their employees.”

The employer program mirrors the YMCAO’s regular child care and distance learning program. It offers full- or part-time options for children kindergarten through eighth grade. It also provides distance learning and homework support, enrichment activities, outdoor play, Science, Technology Engineering, Arts and Math (STEAM), morning and afternoon snacks and more. Families taking part in the program have a variety of options: they can choose just distance learning support, full- or part-time child care, or a combination, two to five days a week.

Company Flexibility

YMCAOC says it is flexible, to accommodate each company’s size and budget. Some employers fully subsidize the program, so families don’t need to pay at all. Others give their employees a stipend, which helps defray the employee costs for the YMCACO program. A few companies promote their affiliation with YMCAOC but don’t pay any portion of it, offering it instead as a resource that families can take advantage of on their own.

YMCAOC can also establish a pop-up center at an employer’s location, although currently there are no companies taking advantage of that option.

Health and safety are a top priority. “People are still worried and fearful—it’s understandable,” Romiti said. “We work closely with the Orange County healthcare agencies and we follow all the CDC guidelines. We’re very confident about our protocols.”

Just as important, she adds, is that YMCAOC is a safe place to be a “normal kid.” In addition to supporting distance learning, we’ve made sure to incorporate other activities like art clubs, books clubs, photography, physical education,” Romiti said. “We try to provide everything a child needs for a well-rounded experience.”

After several weeks of addressing the distance learning challenge, the team at YMCAOC began...
Produce Collaboration Raises Funds, Combats Food Insecurity

By KIM HAMAN

You open the box and the first thing you notice is the range of colors before you—rich greens, bright yellow, cheerful orange, deep purple, all interspersed with specs of soft white. Almost at the same time, you take in the vibrant smell of fresh—as in picked that day fresh—vegetables. You can’t wait to mix the two experiences together to create a delicious salad.

There is enough produce in the box for a week’s worth of healthy eating. It costs $30. These aren’t the veggies from the local farmer’s market, though. This is FarmBox, and it’s the key component of an innovative approach to addressing the hunger crisis affecting the most vulnerable in Orange County.

Partners in Produce

To understand how something as simple as a box of fresh vegetables may be a big part of the solution to food insecurity in Orange County, it’s important to understand the backstory.

It all started last summer. Shari Battle, senior VP and Orange County market manager for Bank of America, introduced Harald Herrmann, CEO of Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County, to Erik Cutter, founder of Alegría Fresh at an event highlighting Bank of America’s pilot project with Alegría Fresh.

Second Harvest serves more than 400,000 hungry children, seniors and families a month, and is one of OC’s largest philanthropic groups, with nearly $10 million in annual revenue. It provides food to hundreds of local charities and organizations who in turn distribute food to those in need at more than 350 locations in the county.

Alegría Fresh, based in Laguna Beach, is a pioneer in regenerative organic, zero-waste urban farming. The organization designs, owns and maintains an above-ground growing system called SoxxBoxx. The SoxxBoxx Gro System consists of an elevated tray containing rows of polypropylene “socks” filled with rich soil. Plants grow inside the socks within ideal conditions that retain water and keep cool temperatures even on hot days.

The successful results of this system were unveiled last summer, thanks in part to a $20,000 grant Bank of America provided to Solutions for Urban Agriculture, a non-profit organization that implements scalable agricultural systems.

Solutions for Urban Agriculture collaborated with Alegría Fresh, using their SoxxBoxx system, to create an above-ground microfarm at the Farm & Food Lab in the Orange County Great Park. The project is touted as Southern California’s first zero-waste urban regenerative organic farm.

The system is easy to replicate, requiring only open space and SoxxBoxx, according to its backers. Once Battle introduced Herrmann and Cutter, the two began to discuss how the system could help create a self-sufficient revenue cycle that would enable Second Harvest to provide more food to more people.

First of Kind Collaboration

Second Harvest and Alegría Fresh opted to create an urban farm in Second Harvest’s parking lot, using the SoxxBoxx Gro System. Bank of America provided a grant to Second Harvest Food Bank, as part of its pandemic relief commitment to local nonprofits, to build the Alegría SoxxBoxx Farm.

“We believe this is the freshest regenerative organic and nutrient-rich produce box in the marketplace,” Second Harvest said. The farm grows about 25 to 30 different types of vegetables, herbs and flowers, including red-stemmed Swiss chard, kale in an array of greens and purples, and edible marigolds.

The produce from Second Harvest’s micro-farm is available for purchase by the public. Fresh vegetables and produce are packed in boxes—the FarmBox—and also sold to the public. Each one contains approximately a week’s worth of fresh salad makings.

Customers can place orders on Second Harvest’s website for FarmBoxes that will include same-day harvested produce. Customers can purchase a single FarmBox or a subscription for a weekly FarmBox. Each FarmBox is $30 and can be delivered for an additional $8 or picked up on Fridays between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Social Enterprise Success

The affiliation between Second Harvest and Alegría Fresh is a successful example of a public/private partnership. The model can be replicated in any urban space across the country to ultimately provide food to those in need.

Second Harvest’s portion of revenue from the sale of Alegría Fresh produce will be used to purchase up to 385,000 pounds annually of farm-direct vegetables and fruit through the California Association of Food Banks’ Farm to Family program. That’s the equivalent of 320,833 meals, officials say.

Every dollar of profit generated by a FarmBox sale translates into 7 pounds of produce. “When people buy produce from Second Harvest, they can be assured that they are receiving Alegría Fresh’s delicious, pesticide-free, nutrient-dense produce,” Herrmann said. “They can also feel good knowing that for each FarmBox they order, Second Harvest will be able to purchase up to 75 pounds of food for the needy.”

Battle, whose introduction of Herrmann and Cutter initiated the whole program, added: “It’s exciting to see this work evolve so quickly. The current times have demonstrated the need for resilient and sustainable sources for both food and income. This collaboration with Alegría Fresh and Second Harvest is especially important as their vision and proof of concept becomes a replicable model.”

FarmBox to Table

FarmBox costs $30, counts a week’s worth of fresh produce.
Slated to open in 2021, the Heavenly Home Project will become Orange County’s first nonprofit end-of-life care home. Each resident will receive care in coordination with their medical hospice while the Heavenly Home will provide a loving place for those embarking on their final journey, as well as and round-the-clock care, ensuring that no patient ever dies alone.

An anonymous donor has provided a Million Dollar Match, where every dollar given will be matched, up to one million dollars, in order to build the Heavenly Home Endowment. Your gift will help guarantee sustainability for years to come where care can be accessed by all, regardless of finances. There are many naming opportunities available at the Heavenly Home, which will also be matched, giving you the opportunity to create a lasting legacy in our community.

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Masimo Focuses Philanthropy on Eliminating Preventable Patient Deaths, Helping Pandemic Relief Efforts, and Improving Access to Quality Healthcare Around the World

Patient Safety Movement Foundation
Each year, more than 200,000 patients die from preventable deaths in U.S. hospitals—the third leading cause of death behind heart disease and cancer. Globally, it is estimated that more than 4.8 million patients die preventable deaths across the world, more than tuberculosis, malaria, and HIV/AIDS combined.

For the past eight years, Masimo has been the presenting sponsor of the World Patient Safety, Science & Technology Summit, which is the annual meeting of the Patient Safety Movement Foundation (PSMF)—a nonprofit 501(c)(3) founded by The Masimo Foundation for Ethics, Innovation, and Competition in Healthcare. The Patient Safety Movement Foundation’s mission is to eliminate preventable patient deaths by 2030. To date, more than 4,793 hospitals across 48 countries have made a public commitment to reduce preventable patient deaths. As of March 2020, combined hospitals in the PSMF’s network reported 93,276 lives saved in 2019 and a cumulative total of 366,353 since the Movement launched in 2012.

In addition, more than 92 healthcare technology companies have signed the PSMF’s Open Data Pledge to make the data their products generate interoperable, so the patient data collected and displayed is accessible to patients and clinicians.

The Patient Safety Movement Foundation’s 2020 World Patient Safety, Science & Technology Summit was scheduled to take place March 5-7 but, out of an abundance of caution, was postponed due to the pandemic. Since it still remains unsafe to hold a physical event in 2020, the PSMF has launched the #uniteforsafecare campaign to raise awareness about medical errors. On September 17, 2020 the PSMF will host a free virtual event on YouTube Live to engage and inform the public. The program will feature speakers like President Clinton and the World Health Organization’s Director-General, Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, as well as patients and health workers who have been affected by unsafe care. Several entertainers, including Belinda Carlisle and Dariush Eghbali, have donated their time to entertain the public. Anyone can RSVP by visiting uniteforsafecare.org.

The Foundation has identified 18 patient safety challenges facing hospitals and developed 39 Actionable Patient Safety Solutions (APSS) which can be downloaded for free at patientsafetymovement.org/apss. These APSS can be used as a self-assessment tool to ensure that all hospitals are doing everything they can to improve patient safety and eliminate preventable patient deaths in their facilities.

Donation to the World Health Organization to Advance Global Health Masimo is donating to the United Nations Foundation on behalf of the World Health Organization (WHO), in support of its mandate to advance global health goals by keeping the world safe, promoting global health, and serving the most vulnerable communities globally—including efforts to overcome the COVID-19 pandemic. These goals align with Masimo’s mission to improve patient outcomes and reduce the cost of care around the world, as well as the PSMF’s goal of eliminating preventable patient deaths.

Masimo SafetyNet™ for Direct Relief
As part of our efforts to help with the pandemic, Masimo, working with FEMA, is donating Masimo SafetyNet devices to help caregivers combat COVID-19. Masimo collaborated with FEMA to identify Direct Relief, a medical relief charitable organization, to receive the donated products and distribute them among its network of community clinics to those with the greatest need and potential to benefit from Masimo SafetyNet. Masimo SafetyNet is a remote patient management solution that combines tetherless pulse oximetry, respiration rate, and continuous temperature measurement with a secure telehealth platform.

United for Oxygen Alliance
Lack of medical oxygen access contributed to deaths of more than 120,000 young children and thousands of pregnant women, globally, each year. It is estimated that in Ethiopia alone, each year 11,000 women die in pregnancy or during childbirth, 60,000 babies die in their first month, and 30,000 children die from pneumonia. Many of these deaths could be prevented by better access to medical oxygen and reliable pulse oximetry technology. In addition to being a founding member of the “Every Breath Counts” Coalition, dedicated to eliminating all pneumonia-related deaths, Masimo co-founded the United for Oxygen Alliance, a public-private partnership, to increase access to oxygen and pulse oximetry.

Smile Train
In higher-resource settings virtually all babies born with a cleft lip and/or palate have reconstructive surgery as it is relatively simple, inexpensive, and transformative. An estimated 70 percent of the world’s population, however, do not have access to safe and affordable anesthesia and surgical care, which affects an estimated 170,000 children born with clefts in lower-resource settings. Masimo has partnered with Smile Train, an international children’s charity, to ensure the safety of patients undergoing cleft surgery in developing countries. Working together, Smile Train and Masimo are equipping surgical programs in 15 countries in Asia, Africa, Central America, and the Middle East with pulse oximeters.

World Federation of Societies of Anaesthesiologists
In 2015, the Lancet Commission on Global Surgery reported that approximately 5 billion people—the majority of the world’s population—do not have access to safe, affordable anesthesia and surgical care, and estimated that 16.9 million die annually as a result. Masimo is now in the fourth year of a global impact partnership with the World Federation of Societies of Anaesthesiologists (WFSA), whose network of thousands of anesthesiologists spans more than 150 countries, to improve anesthesia training and safety in India through the jointly created “Safe Anaesthesia—ASA” action plan.

The Newborn Foundation and the BORN Project
Globally, about 3.3 million newborns die annually within the first months of life, due to neonatal infection, sepsis, pneumonia, and birth defects. The BORN (Birth Oximetry Routine for Newborns) Project, developed by the Newborn Foundation in partnership with Masimo as a joint commitment to the United Nations’ Every Woman Every Child initiative, aligns with public health initiatives to reduce newborn mortality from critical congenital heart disease (CCHD), pneumonia, and sepsis in pilot regions. Training and educational tools, combined with Masimo smart device-paired pulse oximeters, teach families about the benefits of screening and allow healthcare workers at every level to screen babies and interpret screening results, helping to increase the rate of timely diagnosis and referrals.

The Masimo Foundation for Ethics, Innovation and Competition in Healthcare
In addition to supporting the Patient Safety Movement Foundation, the Masimo Foundation has also made recent commitments to The Ibero-American Society of Neonatology (SIBEN), whose mission is to improve the neonatal care of ill newborns and their outcomes in Latin America through the education of nurses, MDs, and other healthcare workers involved in their care, as well as the Urban Health Media Project, dedicated to teaching urban high school students with diverse backgrounds and from under-resourced communities how to report, write, and broadcast multimedia stories about the health and social issues affecting their communities and the potential solutions.

Summary
Masimo is committed to saving lives. With its patient safety efforts and the challenging innovation projects it has taken on, the company remains focused on improving access to quality health care around the world. Masimo’s work over the past 25 years has already affected 2 billion people—and we hope to help many more.

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United Way Is Responding to Our Community’s Needs
Bridging the Gap for Orange County’s Most Vulnerable

Orange County United Way is working to ensure every student has the opportunity to graduate, every individual can live a healthier life, every family can achieve financial stability, and everyone has a safe place to call home.

Last year, we served 744,457 people in our county thanks to the dedication and commitment of the many visionary individuals, businesses, and valued volunteers who work alongside us.

This year, however, our community is confronting unaffordable crises as the pandemic overwhelms families. Job losses weigh on parents who are striving to keep their children healthy and help them learn. And as some of our most vulnerable neighbors have already lost their homes, others are at risk of homelessness.

Here’s how we’re bridging the gap for so many.

Ending Homelessness in Orange County

We helped 200 people experiencing homelessness find a place to call home through our WelcomeHomeOC program. Launched last year as part of our United to End Homelessness initiative, this program connects housing voucher holders with property owners and helps with holding fees, security deposits, and furniture. 100 people ended their homelessness in the first year of the program and, in the midst of the pandemic, 100 more have been housed in just the first 6 months of the second year.

In partnership with the Santa Ana Housing Authority, we were also the first in the nation to house all 75 OC foster youth who held Foster Youth to Independence vouchers, a new initiative by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for young adults who aged out of the foster care system and are experiencing homelessness.

The success we’ve seen in Orange County is remarkable. It’s exactly the kind of enthusiastic embrace of the FYI initiative we hoped for when HUD envisioned it.”

— Christopher Patterson, HUD’s National Lead for FYI & Regional Administrator for California, Arizona, Nevada, Hawaii, and US Pacific territories, and a former foster youth himself.

Immediate Pandemic Relief Across OC

With the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, we knew we had to quickly take action to best support Orange County.

We immediately created the Pandemic Relief Fund, virtually rallying the community to help our most vulnerable neighbors. Our initial relief efforts included the donation of a truckload of food.

We then launched the critical Homelessness Prevention Program to ensure families were able to remain housed and safe during the health crisis. So far, this program has supported nearly 5,000 OC families who were at risk of homelessness due to a change in income caused by the pandemic. They are given a $500 emergency debit card per household to help with rent, food, utilities, and other basic needs.

We’ve also been distributing personal protective equipment (PPE) and meals to support local homeless shelters and front-line workers.

New Ways to Help in a Virtual World

Empowering Student Success:

To help parents with young children continue working on their essential early literacy, we have been distributing books to children in need, providing access to a new book while schools and libraries are closed. We also launched the Read Aloud Story Time every Thursday on Facebook.

For high school students, we developed the Youth Career Connections Virtual Employability Academy to get them career- and college-ready in an increasingly virtual world. Speakers from companies like Google helped local high school students learn valuable professional skills in remote settings as they prepared their portfolios.

Building Financial Security for Families:

In this time of economic uncertainty, we kicked off our free UpSkillOC Virtual Career Coaching Workshops, open to all job-seekers, to empower residents on their career journey. We also launched a free Financial Literacy Workshop through our SpankPoint OC program, covering topics like being financially prepared for disasters, credit scores, and creating a savings plan.

For our OC Free Tax Prep program, we’ve made it virtual to help low-income families file their taxes for free and receive the Federal and California tax refunds and credits they are eligible for but typically go unclaimed. This can provide a critical boost to help pay for rent, food, and medical expenses during this difficult time.

Helping You Help Others:

We’re also making more virtual and remote volunteering opportunities available for those looking to donate their time or expertise during the pandemic.

The Road to Recovery

With the crises facing Orange County today, it’s more important than ever to support our community’s most vulnerable. We’re still in a battle that’s far from over, and the road to recovery will be a challenge.

We are leading the fight for equity in Orange County by doing everything we can to remove barriers, close gaps, and level the playing field for everyone who lives here. We will remain focused on sustaining our community impact programs while also delivering emergency relief efforts for as long as needed.

Whether it be through donating time, money, or simply lending a supporting voice, we ask that you join us in helping our students succeed, our struggling families find financial security, and our homeless neighbors find a place to call home.

Pandemic Relief Fund in Action

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Visit UnitedWayOC.org to continue supporting our efforts to improve lives in our community or to discover new ways to help.
UNITED TO IMPROVE LIVES IN OUR COMMUNITY

Orange County United Way is committed to leading the fight for equity by removing barriers, closing gaps, and leveling the playing field for everyone who lives here.

Join us in helping our students succeed, our struggling families gain financial security, and our homeless neighbors find a place to call home.

Learn More at UnitedWayOC.org
Our Community Can Change Everything

For 96 years, Goodwill of Orange County has been a part of the fabric of Orange County. For 96 years, we have been committed to changing lives, providing pathways to greater independence and pride, and creating a brighter future for Orange County.

Though much has changed this year, our mission remains. Goodwill helps people who are facing barriers find and keep jobs, which provides purpose, pride and dignity.

Today, that mission is more important than ever.

We are energized in our commitment to help Orange County get back to work. Though the landscape looks different in today’s world, we continue to envision a community where there is a job for everyone who wants one.

Helping Orange County Get Back to Work

Goodwill of Orange County is the local leader in workforce development and job placement services. We have nearly 100 years of experience matching the needs of Orange County employers with the skills you need.

We have hundreds of qualified, eager candidates ready to work, ready to help you reach your business goals.

Here are some of the many reasons why you should consider a Goodwill candidate for your next hire:

- Goodwill provides free job coaching and free on-the-job training to new hires to ensure standards are met
- There are generous tax incentives to partner with us
- Goodwill tracks high retention, low turnover and increased morale among the many companies who hire our program participants
- Studies prove that individuals with disabilities have better dependability and reliability than the typical job seeker
- It’s good for our community

By hiring from Goodwill of Orange County, you are giving individuals with disabilities and other barriers the opportunity to build a career, find purpose, pride and dignity, and reach their full potential.

For our Program Participants, employment in our community gives them much more than just a paycheck. For many, it’s the first time they are being seen for what they can do, not what they can’t. They are truly joyful to have a job, and joyful to get to do that job to the best of their abilities every day—and that kind of positivity can easily transfer to the rest of your team members!

More than 350 Orange County companies employed Goodwill-trained program participants in 2019, including Oakley, Hoag Hospital, Orange County Fire Authority, Balboa Bay Club, Ralph’s, Party City and the Fullerton Arboretum.

Let Goodwill of Orange County help you reach your business goals.

The Goods

Last year, Goodwill of Orange County served 27,641 local adults and children and provided 587,508 hours of job coaching.

Through the Tiemey Center for Veteran Services, our comprehensive support resource for veterans and their families, 6,121 veterans were served.

More than 2,6 million shopper transactions took place at our 24 local thrift stores and boutiques.

Through our robust donation operation, we successfully diverted 14.2 million pounds of goods from local landfills.

We remain accountable stewards of your financial donations and Goodwill purchases, and 94 cents of every dollar we spend goes directly into our programs and services.

We keep our administrative costs low and our desire to positively impact our community high.

“It takes a community coming together to make true, positive change. It takes philanthropy in all forms to make an impact” said Nicole Suydam, President and CEO of Goodwill of Orange County. “By hiring qualified workers, shopping from our stores, donating or making a financial gift, you are helping Orange County rebuild. We thank you for your continued support. Now let’s create a better and brighter Orange County for all!”

Join the Good

There are several ways for you to get in on the good:

- Hire Goodwill-trained program participants.
- Make a financial contribution to support our organization.
- Shop or donate at our local stores.
- Leave a legacy gift to ensure Goodwill’s mission continues.

Visit ocgoodwill.org to learn more or send us an email at communitydevelopment@ocgoodwill.org.
587,508 HOURS OF JOB COACHING

We are leaders in workforce development. We helped thousands of individuals prepare for the workforce, refine and advance their skills, and find and keep great jobs here in Orange County.

6,121 VETERANS SERVED

The Tierney Center for Veteran Services provided more than 6,000 veterans with support, job placement and emergency services.

WORKING FOR A BETTER ORANGE COUNTY

27,641 PEOPLE SERVED

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2.6 million SHOPPER TRANSACTIONS AND 1.4 MILLION DONATIONS OF USED GOODS

As a social enterprise, our robust retail and donation operation with 24 local stores and shopgoodwill.com makes our mission possible.

For 96 years, Goodwill of Orange County has transformed lives through the power of work. That mission is now more meaningful than ever. Our workforce development programs our ready. Join us in this important work because together, our community can change everything.

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With an emphasis on personalized instruction, the university continues to train students to be career-ready for the day when the pandemic ends.

A film festival any student can attend from anywhere. Discussion rooms where classmates gather, master quizzes together and share remote high-fives. Anatomy software that vividly reveals the inner workings of the human body – and lets you return at any time to review before the big test.

Those were just a few of the scenes from Chapman University's spring and summer terms, delivered online after the university shifted to remote instruction in response to the coronavirus.

Many more moments like those are underway, as Chapman opens the semester with a remote reopening of campus this fall, to be followed by a mix of in-person, HyFlex and online instruction when state and regional health authorities determine it’s safe to do so.

Chapman Supporters Step Up

Chapman has been able to stay on track and enable its unique virtual programs because of generous contributions by businesses, community members and alumni from across the country to the CU Safely Back Fund.

"This outpouring of generosity truly demonstrates the depth of loyalty and dedication our entire community has for Chapman and the success of its students," said Chapman President Daniele C. Struppa.

Donations to the fund are used to help provide classroom technology that supports remote instruction. This summer alone the university invested some $2 million to enhance classroom and digital teaching tools. As essential workers, faculty were able to access the equipment to create on campus and master the tools they needed to prepare fall coursework.

Delivering Educational Excellence

"Today’s circumstances are difficult, but the resilience and dedication of our professors and technology support staff will provide our students a personalized education and rich learning experience," says Lawrence “LB” Brown, vice-provost for academic administration.

Chapman University chemistry professor Matthew Gartner, Ph.D., uses video software that automatically reverses his writing as he records a lecture. Students can view the lecture as many times as they need in advance of in-depth class discussions. Such software is among the many technologies Chapman faculty will deploy during remote instruction.

Chapman Opens Fall Semester with Expanded Remote Technology, Thanks to Donor Support

The spring semester already provides evidence of that commitment, as faculty rose to the challenge of shifting to remote instruction. In her leadership courses, faculty member Angel Miles Nash presented a rigorous program for students who created videos, websites, podcasts and engaging visuals through Adobe Spark. Accomplishing those tasks online extend well beyond the immediate task of learning course content, Nash says.

"These are skills in technology that they can use in their future jobs, especially with a lot of work being transformed to the remote setting now," she says.

In addition, a significant amount of the funds also going toward scholarships and assistance to students and their families affected by layoffs during the pandemic. Chapman increased its financial aid offerings by over $14 million for families in need.

Investing in Orange County’s Future

Investing in student success ultimately serves all of Orange County now and in the future. It equips the next generation of leaders, employees and innovators the county needs to grow its economy and high-tech industries. From engineers to business leaders, some 16,000 Chapman alumni stay in Orange County to build successful careers, becoming an extension of the economic engine Chapman provides in the region.

Chapman’s top employers include some of the nation’s most prominent businesses, such as Edwards Lifesciences, First American, Kaiser Permanente, Ingram Micro and Disney.

This growth in the community parallels Chapman’s rising reputation, exemplified by student selectivity, world-class faculty and expanding research programs. Chapman is now ranked as a top-tier institution, along with leading private and public research universities across the United States, from Princeton and Harvard to UCLA and UC Berkeley.

To learn more about ways Chapman is responding to the pandemic, making plans for remote or in-person instruction, or to support Chapman University through the CU Safely Back Fund, please visit chapman.edu/oc-economy.
HERE TO LEAD PASSIONATELY.

Exceptionally resolute. Chapman University inspires and equips our country’s next leaders. The pandemic has had a devastating effect around the world, but Chapman is focused on our mission to continue to set national trends. As we work to bring our faculty, staff and students back to our campuses, please consider supporting the CU Safely Back Fund today. Your Gift will help keep Orange County’s economy strong.

To learn more and to make a gift: Chapman.edu/oc-economy
Every Child Deserves a Forever Smile

“A child will be born with a birth defect.” These are some of the most frightening words an expecting parent could hear. When Jason’s parents found out that he would be born with cleft lip and palate, they immediately started looking for solutions to treat his cleft. They knew that their state insurance would help them cover only some of the costs, but they didn’t know if they would be able to afford his full treatment. Luckily, Jason’s mom found Healthy Smiles for Kids of Orange County and was able to enroll Jason in the Nasoalveolar Molding (NAM) program. Every week, Jason’s family would visit the Children’s Hospital of Orange County (CHOC) for his treatment. With the help of Healthy Smiles and the craniofacial team at CHOC, Jason now has his forever smile!

Cleft lip and palate occur in about one in every 700 live births worldwide (World Health Organization). Clefts occur when the tissue that makes up the upper lip or roof of the mouth does not join together during the first weeks of development. If left untreated, clefts can affect a child’s ability to eat and speak. According to the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention, not only do clefts affect the babies medically, but the experience growing up with a cleft can take an emotional toll on the child and the family. Seeing your child be capable of confidently doing simple things that they see other kids doing, like drinking from a straw, feeling independent and being proud of their smile, is incredibly life-changing.

Since 2016, Healthy Smiles for Kids of Orange County (Healthy Smiles) has been utilizing the NAM appliance to enhance the surgical results of cleft lip and palate repairs. This program is unique to the area, with some families traveling over an hour to CHOC each week because Healthy Smiles is among the few clinics that offer this transformative service. Over a course of three to five months, the parents of our babies work closely with a team of two specialty trained dentists, Dr. Richard Mungo and Dr. Norman Chen. The results are breathtaking.

Meet Jason’s doctor, Dr. Richard Mungo: Dr. Mungo is the definition of a Healthy Smiles’ superhero. He is a compassionate pediatric dentist and a tireless advocate for Healthy Smiles’ mission. Dr. Mungo has been practicing pediatric dentistry for over 35 years. He currently practices in Huntington Beach and formerly ran the USC Pediatric Dental Residency Program at Children’s Hospital in Los Angeles. He is the Chair of Pediatric Dentistry at CHOC Children’s Hospital and a founding board member of Healthy Smiles.

Dr. Mungo was instrumental in starting the Healthy Smiles’ NAM program at CHOC. He modestly insists that the biggest players of the cleft team are in fact, the parents. “Everyday Mom and Dad need to take the appliance tape off, wash the retainer, clean the cleft site then put the appliance back in the mouth and retape. We are only part of the team. The pediatric dentists, plastic surgeons, and dental assistants certainly provide outstanding care—but this treatment would not be successful if it wasn’t for the total love and dedication of the parents, the true stars of the team. It is moving to see the pride that the parents take in being an active part of the child’s treatment.”

This program is especially dear to Dr. Mungo’s heart because cleft lip and palates run in his family. He shares, “It is exceptionally rewarding to help families with a true understanding of the same challenges that my mother had with me, and that we had with our son, Vincent.” Dr. Mungo’s philosophy of care is to strive towards the highest quality of oral health care for the children of the community in a warm, culturally sensitive, and caring atmosphere while being fully attentive to patients’ needs. In true Healthy Smiles spirit, Dr. Mungo emphasizes “It’s all about the kids!”

Healthy Smiles for Kids of Orange County: As a community-based nonprofit organization, we are dedicated to improving the oral health of Orange County’s most vulnerable children: the very young, those with special healthcare needs, and those with government dental insurance. Since 2003, Healthy Smiles has served about 1 million children and families by offering collaborative programs directed at prevention, advocacy, outreach, education, and access to treatment. We are the only specialized pediatric dental safety net clinic in the county that offers Nasoalveolar Molding (NAM), general anesthesia, and other sedation services through our affiliation with CHOC Children’s Hospital and Herman Ostrow School of Dentistry of USC. Below is the impact of our programs in our community since 2003:

- **Garden Grove Clinic:** We provide personalized dental services at our main clinic in Garden Grove, CA for patients ages 0 to 18 who have Medi-Cal insurance. We are the only nonprofit organization that offers in-house sedation services at no cost to our families. (Approximately 120,000 encounters)

- **Telehealth/Teledentistry:** Healthy Smiles is committed to supporting the community by offering virtual dental visits for the whole family. This provides Medi-Cal patients access to our licensed dentists in real-time to address their oral health care needs, which can help prevent a clinic or emergency room visit. (Approximately 18,000 encounters)

- **Special Healthcare Needs:** Healthy Smiles provides comprehensive dental care to children at the CHOC operating room. This program ensures that children who have extensive dental needs comorbid by complex medical conditions receive anesthesia services in a state-of-the-art hospital facility. In 2019, we provided general anesthesia to 732 children at our Garden Grove Clinic and at CHOC.

- **Restorative Mobiles:** Healthy Smiles uses our four Smile Mobiles and Mini Clinic to provide restorative services in easily accessible school sites and community settings. A child’s school becomes their dental home where they receive preventive dental services. For children needing restorative care, Healthy Smiles provides services in our Smile Mobiles onsite. The results of this program have been incredible: 50% of children receiving restorative services on the mobile complete their treatment plans and are cavity free within two months. (Approximately 3,000 encounters)

- **Education:** We are committed to addressing the compelling needs of children with sustainable solutions that better their lives both immediately and long-term, through dental care and preventative health education. (Approximately 620,000 encounters)

To learn more about the Healthy Smiles for Kids of Orange County and how you can get involved, visit www.healthysmilesoc.org/donate or contact donate@healthysmilesloc.org.
Give a child like Jason this life-changing treatment.
Help cleft babies properly eat, breathe, and sleep as they prepare for surgery.

healthysmilesoc.org/donate

Healthy Smiles is affiliated with Children's Hospital of Orange County (CHOC) and Herman Ostrow School of Dentistry of USC.
HOAG HOSPITAL FOUNDATION

Philanthropy Brings Breakthrough Cancer Treatments to Orange County

Cancer research is accelerating at an increasingly rapid pace. As new discoveries move from the research bench to the patient’s bedside, generous donors enable Hoag Family Cancer Institute to offer these groundbreaking treatments directly to patients in our community.

BREAKTHROUGH CARE DELIVERED LOCALLY

Hoag Family Cancer Institute’s Developmental Therapeutics Program leverages Hoag’s unique oncology platform, bringing what is new and evolving in scientific laboratories to the clinical setting. Our focus is on early phase clinical trials (phase 1 and 2), in alliance with NanKwest and USC Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center. For many patients, especially those with advanced cancer, a novel approach tested through a clinical trial could offer new hope. Those types of clinical trials are more commonly accessible at large academic medical centers, which can be difficult for many patients to access. Hoag is the first and only community hospital in Orange County to offer cell therapy trials, early phase molecular imaging and therapeutic trials.

There are more than 81 trials currently open at Hoag Family Cancer Institute, with at least 75 in the pipeline. In many cases, Hoag is one of a small number of centers in the country where patients can access these emerging treatments.

DONORS MAKE IT POSSIBLE

Attracting and running phase I and II clinical trials is not easy. The ability to do so requires renowned clinical leaders like Burton Eisenberg, M.D., Grace E. Hoag Executive Medical Director Endowed Chair, and Daniel Von Hoff, M.D., F.A.C.P., Margaret Glavan Larkin Endowed Chair in Developmental Cancer Therapeutics, who have knowledge and proven track records in working with novel and developing drugs. It also requires an extensive clinical research infrastructure and team that includes specially trained research coordinators, molecular pathologists and research pharmacists. At Hoag, this is all made possible by donor support.

NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED, PATIENT-FOCUSED

Hoag Family Cancer Institute cares for more cancer patients than any other provider in Orange County and is proud to be recognized in the top 10% in the nation for cancer care, according to U.S. News & World Report. In partnership with our generous donors, Hoag Family Cancer Institute provides the most advanced cancer care with a personal and compassionate touch.

"Donor support is paramount to our mission of providing patients with the newest, most advanced cancer treatments available. Remaining on the leading edge of the latest science and research requires significant resources. Thanks to our generous donors, patients who come to Hoag Family Cancer Institute can rest assured that the care they are getting here is the best anywhere."

Burton Eisenberg, M.D.
Grace E. Hoag Executive Medical Director Endowed Chair,
Hoag Family Cancer Institute

For more information on how you can support advanced cancer care at Hoag, please contact Hoag Hospital Foundation at (949) 764-7217 or visit www.HoagPromise.org.
“Hoag was the only OC hospital with the Phase 1 clinical trial that saved my life.”

Thanks to philanthropic support, Hoag Family Cancer Institute has the largest Phase 1 clinical trials program in Orange County—and ranks in the top 10% of cancer programs nationwide. It was here that Deb became one of only 12 people in the world with advanced lung cancer to receive this new cancer therapy.

Watch Deb’s story at:
HoagPromise.org/StoriesofPromise
Within Orange County, and our nation, we face some of the greatest societal challenges of our time: homelessness; food insecurity; educational attainment; and health disparities. During the pandemic, COVID-19 has shined a light on the heavy, multi-layered impact upon our most vulnerable children from low-income communities due to the complications that distance learning and social distancing have raised.

The Wooden Floor is taking a long view on the potential impact that COVID-19 may have on student development in low-income communities because we make a 10-year commitment to our 475 students and their families, and our long-term vision is to break the cycle of poverty through generational change. We are one of the foremost creative youth development nonprofit organizations in the nation. Since 1983, The Wooden Floor has served over 95,000 youth, and our strategic solution to today’s greatest social challenges is to transform young people in low-income communities through the power of dance and access to higher education. Since 2005, 100% of our graduates have enrolled in higher education.

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As dire as all of these projections are for children, we know it takes a committed community coming together to ensure that students of Orange County have the resources they need to overcome these challenges. We believe The Wooden Floor’s youth development approach of using exploratory dance education that is strategically integrated with academics, college and career readiness, and family services is even more essential at a time like this to make a difference in the lives of the students we serve.

Recently, we have adapted our services delivery to a virtual environment with a focus on the whole child, with the following guiding themes: 1) connection; 2) technology; 3) creativity; 4) mental and physical wellness. Through the feedback we received from our students and families, we have determined that they feel and know that they are supported, they can navigate these challenging times better than others in their community, and they are equipped to help their children at home and at school.

The Wooden Floor’s goal is to create positive change that will last a lifetime for our students so they emerge as courageous and confident leaders. As an example, we reflected that our current Class of 2020 graduates began their journeys in 2010 during the difficult times of the Great Recession, and their parents looked then with a hopeful optimism for a brighter future for their children. During their time at The Wooden Floor, our students learned to be adaptive, co-create and ideate, collaborate, empathize, and trust. We are extremely proud as they step beyond their familiar surroundings of our community, and they are now prepared to head to colleges and universities across the nation including: Boston College, UCLA, USC, University of Washington, and Vanderbilt University to name a few, as well as other UCs, CSUs, and community colleges in California.

“*My time at The Wooden Floor has been nothing but memorable, never a time where I wanted to quit. On the other hand, I never wanted to leave, for it gave me everything anybody hopes for: love, support, opportunities, and courage to reach my goals.*” - Arly, The Wooden Floor Class of 2020 Graduate; Freshman, Chapman University, Biology with a pre-med track

As we look forward, while in the midst of these uncertain times, we balance the duality of that same hopeful optimism for the Class of 2030 who will be joining us as our new incoming class of students. Our students make a 10-year mental commitment to The Wooden Floor; therefore, we make a 10-year financial commitment to them and their journeys. We are emboldened to forge ahead by the fact that a loving community of supporters comprised of individuals, corporations, and foundation partners will continue to work tirelessly each and every year to ensure we move young people forward today and well into the future.

Join us at TheWoodenFloor.org to learn about the promise that we make to each of our students: from here you can step anywhere.
WE ARE CREATING
GENERATIONAL CHANGE THROUGH
THE POWER OF DANCE

Founded in 1983, The Wooden Floor is one of the foremost creative youth development nonprofit organizations in the country. We transform the lives of young people in low-income communities through the power of dance and access to higher education.

We give young people the tools and guidance to follow a path out of poverty by serving students in grades 3-12 after-school for up to 10 years with a comprehensive approach that is grounded in exploratory dance education which is strategically integrated with long-term mentoring relationships, academic services, college and career readiness, and family support services.

In Orange County and through national licensed partners, our long-term approach fosters the confidence and gifts within each child to innovate, communicate, and collaborate – skills necessary for success in school and in life.

100 percent of students who graduate from The Wooden Floor immediately enroll in colleges and universities across the nation.

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

JOIN US TO MOVE MORE YOUNG PEOPLE FORWARD.
Find out more at TheWoodenFloor.org
The Leonard Cancer Institute At Mission Hospital – Funded By Philanthropy

On November 7, 2019, Mission Hospital dedicated the new Judi and Bill Leonard Institute for Cancer Prevention, Treatment and Wellness. While Mission Hospital has been providing cancer care for nearly 50 years, south Orange County has never been home to such a comprehensive cancer center where a complete array of oncology services is available at a single location.

With the opening of the Leonard Cancer Institute, a full range of world-class cancer services – driven by the latest scientific, genetic, and surgical advancements – are available to you and your family and friends, close to home.

Despite the challenges posed by the recent outbreak of COVID-19, the institute remains open. We are screening all patients, physicians, and staff entering the institute for any sign of infection from the COVID-19 virus. We are also providing a wide range of services remotely so that patients can be confident that they can have all necessary treatments at minimal risk.

Key services are operating above expectations, with the radiation oncology department treating more patients in the first four months of this year than in all of 2019.

We are grateful to members of our community for making this achievement possible.

To date, Mission Hospital Foundation has raised 90 percent of its $35 million goal to launch and fully equip the Leonard Cancer Institute. We invite your continuing support and the investment of others whom you know.

We could never have come this far, nor move ahead so ambitiously, without the support of friends like you.

Thank you for helping us engage our community to provide the best in personalized care, offering hope, health and a sacred embrace.

To learn how you can support the Leonard Cancer Institute, visit mission4health.com/givetocancer or contact the Mission Hospital Foundation directly at (949) 364-7783 or missionfoundation@stjoe.org.
Valiant Women of Mission Hospital
THINK PINK Breast Health Wall of Honor

The Valiant Women Wall of Honor has a different look this year. Our mission remains the same — to provide breast health services for all. During these ever-changing times, Valiant Women is creating a letter-writing campaign to support those who have experienced breast cancer. From October 1-31, 2020, the community can create a message to celebrate and honor a loved one.

To participate and learn more, join us at mission4health.com/wallof荣耀.

Thank you for being a part of our mission to improve breast health for all.

Thank You

Mission Hospital thanks our community for their support of our hospital and our caregivers amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. You generously provided more than $352,000 in financial contributions and hundreds of in-kind donations of personal protective equipment, meals for our caregivers, and messages of support.

We are here for you and thank you for being here for us!

#MissionHeroes #MissionFamily
Together, We Can Meet This Moment

If there was a skill considered most valuable in 2020, it would be resilience. Resilience mixed with ingenuity and a serving of patience topped with a generous scoop of empathy. Yes, this would be the recipe for social and emotional skills that we, our children and our world need to face the challenges set before us this past year.

Think Together knows resilience.

As the state’s largest provider of expanded learning programs, Think Together works with over 200,000 students in K-12 schools to provide academic enrichment and teach social emotional skills to our youth in our mission to change the odds for kids. When COVID-19 hit our communities, we used our own skillset to meet their needs.

In March, when schools abruptly closed their campuses, Think Together quickly deployed laptops and developed over 700 distance learning lessons. Think Together staff conducted wellness checks, translation services and worked in their communities to ensure the safety and well-being of students. Our origin site, the Shalimar Learning Center in Costa Mesa, pivoted into a social services safety net, providing food, goods and funds needed during this crisis.

Understanding more needed to be done, Think Together’s school improvement affiliate, Orenda Education, pivoted to create the TLC school model that embraces the moment to support teaching excellence and equity in districts while providing a geographically neutral and fluid strategy to accommodate any re-entry schedule and respond to disruptions that may come during the school year.

But no one misses seeing the faces of students more than we do.

In California, afterschool programs serve more than 400,000 children and youth who are eligible for free or reduced-cost meals. Nine out of 10 children who attend afterschool programs are students of color, 64% are socioeconomically disadvantaged and 25% are experiencing homelessness.

For many of us whose lives are committed to serving at-promise children through afterschool and expanded learning programs, we care deeply about providing human-to-human connections, academic support and social-emotional skills needed to succeed.

Think Together’s mission is to change the odds for these kids, and amid the challenges set before us, we’ve double downed on our promise.

To help provide teachers the professional development needed in a dynamic learning environment, Think Together and Orenda Education launched an innovative new program with Orange Unified School District.

Despite the challenges, 2020 has been an incredible year of achievement for Think Together. We’ve broadened our impact by more than 49% and increased our footprint, launching new regional offices in Downtown LA, Southeast LA (serving Bellflower, Compton and Lynwood), and our newest office in Palm Springs which will serve 1,600 more students.

We have the capacity to serve more than 200,000 students in K-12 schools with distance learning support and paraprofessional assistance. But we can’t do it alone. Our program operations rely on a mix of state and federal grants through our school partners, matched with private and corporate philanthropic support to make our impact. These programs are a lifeline for California families who attend Think Together programs for academic and social emotional learning support.

We have the opportunity to seize the disruption caused by our current crisis to redesign a school that is both excellent and equitable for all kids.

Let’s change the odds, together.

For more information visit www.thinktogether.org
OUR STUDENTS NEED US.
WE NEED YOU.

HELP US MEET THIS MOMENT
When our students couldn’t meet us, we met them – by providing laptops and lessons, emotional wellness checks, food, fun and more. But there is still so much that needs to be done, and we can’t do it without partners like you.

LEARN MORE AT:
THINKTOGETHER.ORG/GIVE
Still in the Eye of the Storm

CRISIS PLAN
The demand for food assistance in Orange County has been staggering. Second Harvest Food Bank predicted the increased demand for food and responded with a COVID-19 crisis plan in early March to meet the challenge of feeding thousands of newly unemployed and underemployed people and their families. We streamlined operations with a food box model to provide millions more pounds of food to our Partner Network—houses of worship, schools, after school programs, senior centers, homeless shelters, soup kitchens, and transitional housing facilities—who distribute the food to people in need at hundreds of locations in every city in the county.

Then on 15 consecutive Saturday mornings we distributed over 2 million pounds of food to over 187,000 people in cars that serpentinized through long lines at our Pop Up Drive Thru food distribution in partnership with the City of Anaheim, the Honda Center and the Ducks organization.

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Every day throughout the crisis, we’ve witnessed the best of humanity. Our work wouldn’t have been possible without the generous support of the Orange County community, which allowed us to meet the unprecedented need. Unfortunately, we’re still in the eye of the storm.

PERFECT STORM
We’re facing the headwinds of a perfect storm of continued high double-digit unemployment, interrupted supplemental federal and state support, and skyrocketing food costs, leading us to project a significant shortfall in our ability to provide enough food between October and March.

HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT
Unemployment remains at alarming levels and while we anticipate a gradual reduction, we project that Orange County unemployment will stand at 14% at year’s end.

Projected Unemployment
- *EDD Unemployment +4% *
  - 4%
    -Filed but not receiving benefits
    - Underemployed due to modified work schedule
    - Dropped out of unemployment filing
    - Made no claim or not filing at all

For those without jobs, there is little hope of finding work anytime soon. These newly vulnerable residents now face an uncertain future. From interrupted stimulus support, to job scarcity, to rapidly increasing food prices, to ending unemployment benefits beginning in December, the coming months for these OC families looks very grim.

FOOD COSTS
The cost of food has increased dramatically. Over the past months the cost of staple items has risen as much as 80% and our current operating funds will be rapidly depleted as a result. In order to meet forecasted demand through March, we anticipate having to purchase up to an additional 147 truckloads of food at a cost of $43 million.

FOOD CLIFF
We are fast approaching a food cliff. Skyrocketing food costs caused by supply chain interruptions, and increased demand from national hunger relief organizations due to COVID-19 have doubled bulk food prices. Add this to the increasing need for food in Orange County over the next few months and it’s clear that without additional community support our ability to feed all those who will be counting on us will be greatly impacted. Please help us bridge to the other side of this crisis.

"THERE IS NO WAY OUT BUT THROUGH."

*The Second Harvest forecast is based on projected unemployment, revenue, food donations, and costs of food.

For more information about how you can help, email Claudia Keller at claudia.keller@feedoc.org or call 949-653-2900.
In the early months of 2020, our world was turned upside down by COVID-19.

Although the pandemic has changed life as we know it, one thing remains the same: children—and their parents—are still counting on us to help them get better. Our commitment to heal children is continually supported by philanthropy, which helps us provide the latest treatments to vulnerable patients, resources to struggling families, and support for our frontline caregivers.

Despite challenges caused by COVID-19, CHOC and our community of supporters have swiftly mobilized a broad range of new resources and systems to boldly face this global health crisis.

Leading a Rapid Response
Before the coronavirus became a global emergency, CHOC created a COVID-19 response command center, which is focused on proactively monitoring the care environment and meeting the changing needs of children and families. Spearheaded by senior leadership and specialized taskforces, CHOC’s command center determines comprehensive strategies to stay ahead of COVID-19.

One of the command center’s first accomplishments was the establishment of outdoor evaluation centers, an endeavor supported by our longtime partner, Hyundai Hope on Wheels. These drive-through centers allow us to test children for COVID-19 and produce same-day results, helping clear children for critical elective surgeries.

We also recognized early on that parents may be reluctant to take their children to wellness checks and specialist visits despite being vital to their health. That is why CHOC made these visits convenient and safe through our greatly expanded telehealth appointments. Before the pandemic, we had anticipated a total of 500 telehealth appointments every day. Additionally, we perform contact tracing for all infectious diseases—daily, we test all patients admitted to our hospitals for COVID-19 and screen their families for COVID-19—protecting everyone on our campuses and their household.

Ensuring Children’s Well-Being Through Community Education and Mental Health Care
Just as the pandemic engendered grief, fear and ambiguity, CHOC responded by sharing resources, dispelling misinformation, expanding care and providing perspective. We recognize the anxiety and stress that families continue to face in the midst of this health crisis, which is why education and mental health care have become two of our major focus areas.

The situation surrounding mental health was dire for many young people before the current pandemic. Health professionals continue to be worried by the isolation and disruption caused by COVID-19, which is only exacerbating mental health issues. To counteract these growing problems, we expanded mental health services in a number of ways. Our Chereese Mari Laulhere Mental Health Inpatient Center has recently reached record census levels due in large part to an influx of patients from local pediatric inpatient psychiatric units that now solely treat adults with COVID-19. And our experts have curated helpful resources on some of the most common pediatric mental health topics, including anxiety, depression and suicide prevention.

Through our extensive efforts, we ensure that CHOC is a safe place for care during COVID-19, encouraging parents not to delay care for their children out of fear. We have communicated this message far and wide across multiple channels in order to avoid the negative health outcomes that arise from postponing the treatment of mental, emotional or health conditions. By providing ongoing education to families and helping address their misgivings about accessing care during this crisis, we are fostering their well-being and the overall health of our community’s children.

Facilitating the delivery of medications to patients’ homes, a free hotline for parents who have questions about COVID-19, and transportation for low-income households. Additionally, with the temporary shutdown of our local Ronald McDonald House, CHOC has stepped in to provide housing assistance for families with the greatest needs. And together with the Clavis Foundation, we have provided tremendous financial relief to families that have been overcome by the burdens created by this pandemic.

We would also like to share just a few of the COVID-19 safety measures we have enacted to protect our patients, families and staff. We are dedicated to following the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s COVID-19 protection guidelines and maintaining an adequate supply of personal protective equipment. Our clinicians must pass daily health screenings before starting work. We also test all patients admitted to our hospitals for COVID-19 and screen their families daily. Additionally, we perform contact tracing for all infectious diseases—including COVID-19—protecting everyone on our campuses and their household members.

Everything we have done in response to COVID-19 is so children can have healthier futures. And we stand by our promise to never turn a child away due to their family’s inability to pay. That is why we are so grateful to our valued community of donors for facing this crisis with us and supporting our relentless commitment to children’s health. You never fail to inspire us, and we will never take your partnership for granted.
Peace of mind is only a phone call away.

Concerned about your child’s health? Our free 24/7 Helpline provides the important health information you need right now. Pediatric Nurses are available anytime day or night to answer questions and calm those concerns that are keeping you awake at night.

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Despite these challenging times, we can all be grateful for the unity, strength and generosity of our incredible community. Philanthropy ensures CHOC can heal our young patients while supporting those who care for them in the safest environment possible.

To learn about our COVID-19 response efforts or to donate, please visit choc.org/kindness
Top Philanthropists Announced for 35th Annual National Philanthropy Day Orange County

Orange County top philanthropists, business leaders and individuals will be honored at the 35th annual National Philanthropy Day Awards Program and Celebration, an interactive virtual event, on Thursday, November 19, 2020.

National Philanthropy Day Virtual Awards: Noon - 1:00p.m.

Produced by the Orange County Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals, National Philanthropy Day has become the most prominent philanthropic recognition event in Orange County, with more than 1,000 honorees since its inception in 1986. Orange County Business Journal is the presenting Sponsor. Public Media Group of Southern California is the Platinum Broadcast Media Sponsor and the Orange County Register is the Community Media Sponsor.

To purchase tickets to the event or learn more about sponsorship opportunities, please visit www.npdoc.org.

About National Philanthropy Day
National Philanthropy Day Orange County honors those who have demonstrated philanthropy and enhanced their communities and the world. Each year, more than 130 Association of Fundraising Professionals chapters throughout the U.S., Mexico and Canada honor the philanthropic efforts of individuals, businesses and groups. Net proceeds of the event support the ethical advancement of philanthropy in the community by the Orange County Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals. www.npdoc.org

2020 National Philanthropy Day Outstanding Honorees

Outstanding Philanthropist | Nella Webster O’Grady

Observing elderly customers victimized by poor financial decisions prompted Nella Webster O’Grady to join the trust industry, serving in senior management at U.S. Trust, Wilmington Trust, First American Trust, Palo Capital, and, currently, at Miracle Mile Advisors. Throughout her career, Nella has given her time and talents to Girl Scouts of Orange County (board member/trustee of investment trust), Mission Plasticos, WHW, QC United Way (founder/past chair, Women’s Philanthropy Fund and Toqueville Society), and Board of Counselors, Chapman’s Argyros School of Business. Awards include United Way’s Philanthropist of the Year, Orange County Business Journal’s Women in Business Award, and with husband Kevin, Mission Plasticos’ Corporate Humanitarian Award.

Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser | Ilona Martin

Following a successful career in fashion manufacturing for a 300-employee factory in Costa Mesa, Ilona Martin’s life changed direction after Hoag Hospital saved her life from ovarian cancer and volunteering became a passion. She co-chaired the Hoag Summer Fest, was 552 Club president and raised major funds for Hoag Promise Campaign. She continues to fundraise for Hoag and made a charitable bequest to nursing scholarships. She also supports Laguna Playhouse (emeritus board member) and Laguna College of Art and Design, where she took her first art class in 1984 (she’s an accomplished impressionist artist) and is a board member and past gala co-chair.

Outstanding Founder | Laurie Zagon/A& Art & Creativity for Healing

Laurie Zagon, M.F.A., artist, author and former professor of art, has for more than 40 years facilitated Art & Creativity for Healing workshops. Using her method of Art4Healing®, she has helped tens of thousands of children and adults process stress, illness, grief and fear in hospitals and nonprofit community organizations throughout Southern California and the U.S. Laurie founded Art & Creativity for Healing in Orange County in 2000 and thus far has trained and certified (through her partnership with Brandman University-Chapman University System) more than 250 facilitators in the Art4Healing® method and facilitated workshops for more than 85,000 children, teens and adults.

Outstanding Philanthropic Group | OCCares

The mission of OCCares (Our Community Cares) is to grow compassionate, philanthropic social entrepreneurs through Project Y, a high school club-based, student-driven youth social entrepreneurship program with curriculum supplemented by UC Irvine and Pepperdine University. The nonprofit was founded in 2013 by Katherine Ahn Wallace, a full-time dentist who serves as board chair. Wallace says OCCares partners with individuals and organizations who work with them in bringing solutions to issues such as poverty and social injustice. OCCares continually hosts fundraisers for needy nonprofits and, at the same time, provides volunteer opportunities for the students to fulfill service-learning requirements at their schools.

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Outstanding Youth | Karina Tarsadia

Sixteen-year-old Karina Tarsadia is an Orange County native and Sage Hill High School sophomore. After having the opportunity to take service trips through her family’s Tarsadia Foundation to India, Cambodia and Africa, the poverty and an incredible community spirit she observed inspired her to create the Backpack Project to give back locally. In 2019, Karina’s efforts, along with nonprofit partners, helped provide 5,500 backpacks with school supplies, groceries, haircuts and food to low-income families. This fall, due to COVID-19, Karina and her team have shifted plans to work directly with partners and schools to ensure that students are set up for success, with plans to distribute 15,000 backpacks.

Outstanding Corporation or Business, Large (500+ employees) | loanDepot

Founded in 2010 by CEO Anthony Hsieh, loanDepot is one of the nation’s largest mortgage lenders, funding more than $248 billion since inception and delivering the American dream of homeownership to more than 27,000 customers each month. loanDepot is committed to serving communities across the nation. Since inception, loanDepot has donated millions of dollars and volunteer hours to charities nationwide. Locally, Second Harvest Food Bank, the Boys and Girls Club, Free Wheelchair Mission, Working Wardrobes and United Cerebral Palsy of Orange County have all been recipients of the company’s community outreach efforts. In 2020, the company also donated $1 million to support those directly impacted by COVID-19.

Outstanding Corporation or Business, Mid-Size (51-499 employees) | FivePoint Holdings, LLC

FivePoint partners with organizations that share common beliefs. Recognizing the value of education to narrow the gap between social classes and elevate society, FivePoint recently donated $1 million to Irvine Public Schools Foundation. It also supports USC’s Ross Minority Program and funded a program to define “Sustainable Communities” to find a balance between environmental justice and social equity. FivePoint also partners with the City of Hope and others to advance health care delivery to our communities. In addition, the company donated 2.5 million face masks to stem the tide of COVID-19 and is bringing 50,000 clean burning cookstoves to Africa as part of an effort to combat climate change.

Outstanding Corporation or Business, Small (1-50 employees) | Advance Beauty College

Advance Beauty College ranks among the top beauty colleges in the United States with campuses in Garden Grove and Laguna Hills. More than 40,000 graduates have gone through the college’s innovative program in its 33-year history with award-winning training that includes educators who speak English, Farsi, Spanish and Vietnamese. Many graduates have become business owners and industry leaders themselves. Fighting COVID-19, the college spearheaded a national campaign - Nailing It For America - with volunteers coordinating delivery of 1.2 million desperately needed personal protective equipment (PPEs) and 55,000 restaurant meals worth $30 million to healthcare workers and front-line heroes in 150 U.S. locations.

Emile Haddad, Chairman and CEO
FivePoint Holdings, LLC

Tâm Nguyễn, President
Advance Beauty College

Anthony Hsieh
St. Jude Memorial Foundation

St. Jude Medical Center Grateful For Generous Community Support

On behalf of all the caregivers and patients of St. Jude Medical Center, the St. Jude Memorial Foundation would like to express its immense appreciation for the community’s outpouring of support during the COVID-19 pandemic. Generous contributions have provided much-needed benefit to the patients we serve, as well as the physicians and caregivers who have demonstrated unflagging compassion, expertise and perseverance to provide the best possible care amidst this unprecedented public health crisis.

The community’s generosity offers immediate relief and support to caregivers during this challenging time. In addition to food and supplies gifted by the community, donations are creating wonderful opportunities for caregiver assistance and appreciation, such as comfort items and a safe place to sleep or shower after a shift.

Donations also enabled the purchase of 60 high-efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filters, which are being used to clean the air in COVID-19 screening and treatment areas. By capturing microscopic airborne particles, these filters help protect patients while also reducing risk to hospital caregivers entering the room.

“We are immensely grateful to our donors, whose partnership is helping safeguard the health of our patients, physicians, nurses and other caregivers. Your gifts will save and protect lives. We owe you a debt of gratitude.” – Troy Gideon, MBA, BSN; executive director, Clinical Excellence

With the community’s continued support, St. Jude Medical Center can remain at the forefront of COVID-19 treatment and recovery efforts and protect the health of all who entrust us with their care.

To learn how you can support St. Jude Medical Center during this time, please visit sjudemедicalcenter.org/foundation or contact the Foundation directly at (714) 992-3033 or SJMF@stjoe.org.
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A piece as unique as its wearer, this meticulously crafted Carbonium Paraiba Cuff is stunningly beautiful. A spellbinding 67-carat Paraiba brings its star power to this piece with over 15 carats of marquise-shaped and round brilliant collection VS diamonds working in harmony to add the perfect touch of sparkle – an impeccable example of Lugano’s artistry and craftsmanship.

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Forever enchanting, this dazzling Black Diamond Marquise Necklace makes a bold statement with a show-stopping 35-and-a-half carat marquise cut black diamond delicately adorned black carbonium barrels, rose cut, briolette, round brilliant collection VS and black diamond beads set in 18k white gold. A timeless treasure that is stunning at any time of day.

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Black Magic

That old black magic is on full display with this artfully crafted Sapphire and Carbonium Ring. The wearable work of art celebrates the superior craftsmanship Lugano is known for, with a magnificent sapphire of over six carats regally taking center stage.
Finding Hope in Orange County
IRVINE MAN IS GRATEFUL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CANCER CARE CLOSE TO HOME

"City of Hope is like a second family to me that I lean on for support. As long as I'm able, I will do whatever I can to support City of Hope, and I just want everybody else to feel the same motivation and drive to support them that I do."

-Steve Hild

Steve Hild, a wealth advisor with Morgan Stanley, loves being on the water. For years, he and his wife, Pam, enjoyed every chance to go waterskiing or swimming in the blue Pacific. However, he's particularly fond of sailing and the freedom he feels while on the ocean. It's no surprise that he uses a sailing metaphor to describe his cancer treatment and his doctor at City of Hope.

"I look at my cancer as being a journey," says Steve, an Irvine resident who has helped raise more than $7 million for City of Hope for the last six years through his involvement in the Let's Be Frank About Cancer committee and gala. "The way that I try to explain Dr. Pal to friends of mine or to family is he's my captain. He can't control the seas, but what he can do is adjust the sails. We know where we want to be and we know the basic course, but we're going to have a few obstacles in there. He's there to adjust the sails, if you will, or adjust the treatment."

The journey to City of Hope
Steve's cancer journey began in September 2015 when a routine prostate-specific antigen (PSA) test showed an extremely elevated result. He was referred to City of Hope by a friend, Frank Di Bella, who was successfully treated for bladder cancer by internationally renowned medical oncologist Sumanta Pal, M.D.

Dr. Pal soon confirmed that Steve had stage 4 prostate cancer. "I guess the only thing I remember is it just felt like a punch to the gut," he recalls. "I don't really remember much after that. On the way home, Pam said, 'We'll be okay. We've got Dr. Pal on our side.'"

Steve started aggressive chemotherapy and radiation, and the early results were promising. Steve learned that the cancer had spread into his bones and lymph nodes that were pressing on his spinal cord. Dr. Pal started him on radiation to pinpoint the cancer cells, and Steve also participated in a clinical trial that unfortunately caused him debilitating pain. Since then, he has gone back on a more aggressive regimen of chemotherapy combined with hormone therapy and radiation to keep his cancer in check.

City of Hope comes to Orange County
Steve says he is grateful that City of Hope expanded to Orange County earlier this year. He now sees Dr. Pal at City of Hope Newport Beach, which eliminated his long commute to City of Hope in Duarte.

"Probably the happiest day of my life – except for the day when my wife said, 'I do,' - was when City of Hope in Newport Beach opened, because I was getting tired of driving to Duarte every time for treatment," he explains. "When you just get done with a round of chemo, all you want to do is just get home and get in bed. The idea of having to sit there in a car for another hour to 90 minutes is frustrating."

That desire for care closer to home is shared by many patients in Orange County. Each year, about 3,200 Orange County residents travel outside the area for advanced cancer care.

City of Hope Newport Beach is the first phase of a larger vision to develop a network of cancer care and world-class cancer center in the region, filling a community need that has gone unrealized until now. The center, on 11 acres at FirePoint Gateway in Irvine, will bring highly specialized care, clinical trials, precision medicine and early detection closer to home. City of Hope also plans to open Orange County’s only hospital dedicated exclusively to treating and curing cancer at the Irvine site in 2025.

This new era of cancer care in Orange County means that patients will no longer have to travel far from home to receive leading-edge treatment.

"I've been fortunate that I've been given a few more years, and I hope it's going to continue," he says. "I'm thankful for each day, and I want City of Hope to always be there for me. It's like a second family that I lean on for support. As long as I'm able, I will do whatever I can to support City of Hope, and I just want everybody else to feel the same motivation and drive to support them that I do."
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The future of cancer care is here — in Orange County. We’re bringing our pioneering research, lifesaving treatments and compassionate care closer to home. Make your appointment at our Newport Beach location today.

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COMPREHENSIVE CANCER CARE CAMPUS COMING SOON TO IRVINE
CAL STATE FULLERTON LAUNCHES “IT TAKES A TITAN” CAMPAIGN

Cal State Fullerton delivers on the promise of higher education.

As a national leader in providing quality education and equitable access and opportunity to underrepresented students, CSUF is the catalyst for Titan-sized transformations, inspiring students' paths, launching careers and improving lives – both on campus and in the community.

The support students find at Cal State Fullerton – the mentors and student success resources – is life-changing:

Titan of the Tides
First-generation student Evelyn Bond '16 (B.S. biological science-marine biology), dreamed of becoming a marine researcher but battled a lack of self-confidence. Through CSUF’s Southern California Ecosystems Research Program, she thrived academically and learned to present research at national conferences and publish findings in scientific journals.

"Cal State Fullerton changed my life," she says. "My faculty mentors helped me become who I am today, and I'm a better, driven researcher. I will always appreciate their belief in me when I didn't believe in myself." Bond is now pursuing a graduate degree and hopes to start a nonprofit to help other underrepresented students earn science degrees.

Titan of the Airwaves
Another first-generation Titan, Eric Resendiz '17 (B.A. communications-journalism), found CSUF's Latino Communications Institute – a program designed to develop culturally competent communications professionals – made the difference for him.

Resendiz explains, "My parents taught me how to 'luchar'. LCI taught me how to 'luchar in the professional world’ – to overcome obstacles and be ready." Now as a community reporter at ABC7 Los Angeles, the No. 1 station in the second-largest media market in the U.S., Resendiz is achieving his broadcasting dreams while mentoring the next generation of Titan journalists.

Titan of Rescue
Computer science major Bryan Ruet developed a unique, cloud-based dispatching software product for emergency response but wasn't sure how to bring it to market.

CSUF's entrepreneurship resources – the entrepreneur-in-residence program, Center for Entrepreneurship and Startup Incubator – put him on the path to success, making his dream of improving public safety a reality.

Ruet now has a team of advisers helping him grow his company, 10-8 Systems. His software is used in 48 states for disaster response, and it saved more than 600 lives in Hurricane Dorian.

Before the pandemic, CSUF faced the daunting challenge of continuing to meet student needs sufficiently in the midst of declining state funding, a surging student population and aging campus infrastructure. Now the situation is even more dire.

Titans – the future of our community and nation – deserve better.

That is why the university launched its first-ever comprehensive philanthropic campaign, "It Takes a Titan" in March 2020. The $200 million initiative prioritizes investments in academic innovation, student empowerment, campus transformation and community enrichment.

Longtime university supporters Lee and the late Nicholas Begovich led the way with a $10 million bequest to benefit gravitational-wave engineering and computer science faculty and student research. Their generosity inspires all Titans – faculty, staff, alumni, students and friends in the community – to make a difference in the lives of students.

What does it take to elevate the potential of Cal State Fullerton students and the future of Orange County?

It takes a Titan – a Titan like you.

To learn more or support the campaign, visit campaign.fullerton.edu.
Eric Ceballos and Nicholas Saltarelli are revved up about mechanical engineering. As members of Cal State Fullerton's Titan Racing team, they're building a car to race in the annual Formula SAE competition. **Pushing the limits of engineering** and speed means the two have pushed themselves — finding new ways to problem-solve and discovering the depths of their grit — skills that will drive their success in the engineering workforce. Learn more about Eric and Nicholas’ story at [campaign.fullerton.edu/zoom](http://campaign.fullerton.edu/zoom).
A New Vision for a Just and Equitable Orange County is Taking Shape

On June 19, 2020, as Orange County and the world continued to respond to the deaths of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor and Ahmaud Arbery, Orange County Community Foundation (OCCF) Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Tammy Tumbling, decided it was time to take an important step towards equity for African Americans. In celebration of Juneteenth, with $25,000 of her own resources, she launched the African American Alliance Fund at OCCF to raise awareness about systemic racism and support programs that advance African Americans in Orange County and surrounding communities.

The Fund will support programs designed to improve outcomes in the areas of education, health, human services, economic development and civic engagement.

Meet the Founder, Tammy Tumbling
Tammy Tumbling has embodied strength and resilience all her life. Prior to OCCF, Tumbling served at the Music Center of Los Angeles, The United Way of Greater Los Angeles and most recently as an executive at Southern California Edison. She has not only built an impressive professional resume, but a life that shows what determination and courage can do. She became a mom at age 17, entered her senior year of high school 10 days after delivering her son and traveled three hours to school on public transit. She lost her best friend and greatest champion at age 19 when her mother died suddenly from a massive stroke, assumed the guardianship of her three younger siblings and worked three jobs while earning her business degree from Cal State Dominguez Hills and later her master’s in public administration.

During her journey, Tumbling encountered the barriers of systemic racism. The cards were stacked against her and her siblings, but she also had the support of friends and allies who believed in her personally and professionally. Tumbling gratefully acknowledges those allies and the nonprofit organizations that assisted her and her family in pursuing their education and careers.

On Juneteenth, Tumbling began her own legacy as an advocate and philanthropist; founding the African American Alliance Fund to forge racial equity in Orange County and neighboring communities.

The Fund in Action: Supporting Census Outreach
Now, just a few short months after the Fund’s launch, Tumbling and the OCCF team are taking action and driving change. The first opportunity? Support local efforts to obtain an accurate and complete count of Orange County’s African American community in the 2020 Census.

The Fund is accelerating support to the G.R.E.E.N. (Gathering Resources to Educate and Empower through Networking) Foundation to advance this mission-critical work—to ensure that African American citizens complete the Census and understand its role in securing funding for healthcare, education, job training, public transportation and more.

Originally founded more than 20 years ago to close health disparities in cancer care for Black patients, the G.R.E.E.N. Foundation has pivoted amid the movement for social justice and fair representation toward Census outreach.

Funding from the African American Alliance Fund will support the G.R.E.E.N. Foundation’s outreach efforts through phone banking, trainings and education on the role the Census has played in shaping the nation and its crucial importance going forward. To do so, the G.R.E.E.N. Foundation is providing support through Zoom meetings to promote civic engagement and encourage diversity in advocacy. Outreach messaging is capitalizing on this moment in time, a tipping point to emphasize to African Americans that completing the Census is a chance to show that their presence in our community matters.

Additionally, the group’s outreach has been a boost at a time when the COVID-19 pandemic has created additional economic and social burdens for so many individuals, families and local businesses. Uniting around the Census is serving as another way to connect residents of Black communities with local business owners, churches and other organizations to come together in support of each other.

An Outpouring of Community Support
Since its launch, the Fund has garnered nearly $125,000 in contributions. More importantly, the Fund has drawn support from individuals of every socio-economic background, community-based organizations and even corporations, including Deloitte, Southern California Edison and Cordoba Corporation. With contributions ranging from $20 to $25,000, supporters are giving from the heart and from a grassroots level.

As our community rallies behind the Fund, it is already fulfilling a vision to help bridge people of different backgrounds to a common cause.

As Tumbling says, “This is an opportunity to be part of the solution. This is about humanity—and choosing to do the right thing—and that crosses color lines and breaks down barriers.”

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Right now, we can all take a lesson from Tammy Tumbling’s book of strength and resilience, and fully embrace this opportunity to create real and sustainable change. To support the African American Alliance Fund and learn more about its impact in the community, visit oc-cf.org/AAAFund.
The G.R.E.E.N Foundation hosts workshops, builds community partnerships, and promotes civic engagement to educate and empower Orange County’s Black community.

TURNING THE TABLES ON RACIAL INEQUITY IS IN ALL OUR HANDS

The African American Alliance Fund is the vision of OCCF Executive Vice President and COO Tammy Tumbling, who founded the Fund on June 19, 2020 in celebration of Juneteenth. Inspired by her own personal experiences, the Fund will create a bridge to African American communities in Orange County and beyond through philanthropy and engagement. The Fund will support programs in the areas of education, health, human services, economic development, and civic engagement.

The best part is, we can all be a part of the solution—and together, build bridges to opportunity.

Make an impact in our work for racial justice and equity and invest in the promise and potential of our diverse communities. Call us today at 949.553.4202 or visit oc-cf.org/AAAFund.
The Storm Ahead
Responding to COVID-19 spike of child abuse

Sheltering in place is not always the safest place for our kids. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we find ourselves in a moment of time none of us ever imagined.

As new Olive Crest parents, Jeff and Rachel got a call to care for two siblings, 4-year old Carla and 2-year old Alton, for a couple of weeks. When they took in the children, they never imagined that a pandemic was about to hit their world and that a couple of weeks would become five. The children had been dropped off by the siblings’ mother because she couldn’t care for them and struggled with addiction. When Jeff and Rachel learned about the siblings, they felt compelled to help. “Our hearts are for kids who are in a tough spot,” Jeff said.

The trauma Carla and Alton had endured kept them up all hours of the night. Rachel said, “We were willing to give up sleep to provide a safe and consistently loving environment for the children.” Through constant love and structured days, Carla and Alton began to relax and adapt.

It was hard during the corona virus pandemic for Jeff and Rachel to take on this challenge. Thankfully, they received hard-to-find essentials like milk, diapers, and wipes because of the generosity of Olive Crest community supporters.

At the end of April, Carla, and Alton were delivered into the care of their aunt, who was able to give them a safe and stable home. “We were very happy to step in and let them be little and not worry,” Rachel said. “It was a blessing for us to be able to do that for them.” Rachel and Jeff’s four children also rose to the challenge. “They worked hard to love Carla and Alton,” Rachel said. “I’m really thankful for them.”

The stability and love that Jeff and Rachel gave to Carla and Alton by bringing them into their home made the transition easier to their Aunt’s home. It also helped heal the wounds of the trauma, let them be children and set them on the best course to stop the cycle of child abuse and become healthy and productive.

Since 1973 Olive Crest has served neglected and abused children and we have seen more than 150,000 children’s lives reclaimed and restored. Our mission is being stretched like never before to serve children and families. In response to this pandemic, Olive Crest has significantly expanded its emergency services and programs to meet the new needs. Our case workers, counselors and staff remain active on the front lines of our COVID-19 emergency response.

When a family is in crisis – whether it’s the impact of illness, a sudden job loss or other life event due to a difficult time like the current pandemic, the chances that the children will be abused or neglected increases. Families need help coping. That is why Olive Crest works so hard to strengthen families. We wrap around families working through crises and help them navigate through struggles.

We cannot meet this need alone. We need our friends to help us fund our emergency response actions. Olive Crest has already incurred unplanned expenses and anticipate sending more than $500,000 to keep our children and families safe during this pandemic. Visit www.OliveCrest.org/covidresponse to read the Olive Crest Emergency Response report or call 800.550.2445 and donate to help children and families in need today!

They need you now more than ever!

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We have seen more than 150,000 children’s lives reclaimed and restored through the healing power of a loving family. So many of you have joined us already in our fight to stop child abuse. We want to thank these donors who have helped us during COVID-19:


What you do today matters
How do you fight the fatigue that is setting in during this pandemic? Your exhaustion is warranted. Your frustration is justified. Challenges we had imagined to be temporary are existing far longer than any of us expected. Aside from our individual struggles, in many ways, this pandemic has also magnified gaps in our societal structures that we had not imagined tackling this year. We are facing record unemployment, inequity in access to stabilizing resources, and millions without a safety net are becoming increasingly more vulnerable. This was not how any of us saw 2020 going.

While everything feels overwhelming, we must be reminded of the small steps and actions that we each can make to confront our exhaustion and lead to change. As we work the front lines battling COVID-19, we can assure you, at many times it has been a trying and taxing environment. Adjusting and pivoting our daily lives and work environments has obviously been a challenging hurdle. But at the same time, the increasing need to improve and expand COVID testing in Orange County while ensuring we are still able to serve our patients in a safe and healthy environment has been our core motivation over the past few months.

So what is the key ingredient? Resiliency. Willful and intentional. For 50 years, Share Our Selves (SOS) has diligently served Orange County’s most vulnerable. Our mission: we are servants who provide care and assistance to those in need and act as advocates for systemic change. From our origins as a grassroots social justice organization to our present as a dynamic community health center with locations throughout OC, our mission has remained steadfast. But our history, as well as our future, is tethered to the collective engagement of our community. We’ve seen the momentum and results that come from passionate people coming together.

There might not be a more crucial time than now to consider how we work together to tackle the pressing issues growing in our community. The unemployment rate in Orange County was at 13.9% in June, up from 2.9% at that same time last year. According to Share Our Selves CEO, Christy Ward, “The needs in our community are growing as we see an increase in unemployment and increasing numbers for not only our direct healthcare services, but in the number of families who have come to our food pantry.”

Since 1970, SOS has provided Whole Person Care that today includes medical, dental, behavioral health and social services, including personalized case management, emergency relief, a food pantry, and homeless services. SOS has been at the forefront of addressing these issues in Orange County for decades. In 2019, SOS served over 15,200 patients, improving well-being and advancing health equity in OC. Overcoming hunger, homelessness, social injustice, and inequity in access to care will not be solved by any one entity alone. It will require a movement.

That being said, how exhausting does it sound to ‘care’? Fatigue exists in a place that has passed both anger and hope, residing where we feel weary from trying. So what is the benefit of not giving in? It’s not necessarily about believing in the need for change. The majority of us have the same shared values and the desire to see our community healthy and thriving. But conscious and intentional engagement is something different. Lifting ourselves up off the sidelines is not always easy. Making the internal decision to actively participate in “being the change” in society can be difficult when the challenges seem insurmountable. But small, deliberate actions do in fact lead to tangible change. Participation in change is a choice. That decision to care and act on our convictions invigorates us in the face of exhaustion and motivates us to keep pushing forward. And if you choose to join us in our mission, it has the potential to be genuinely fulfilling. Maybe even more so than you intended. Being pro-active in creating solutions becomes infectious. We have the choice to either be owned by our fatigue or trade it in for inspiration.

While we have a history of working with local leaders and thousands of volunteers every year to fulfill our mission, our current environment requires something unique. To catalyze this moment, we have launched our RESTORE OC Movement. Our goal is to create opportunities for individuals, local businesses, students, political leaders, corporate partners, friends and families to play an active role in the restoration of Orange County. We believe that everyone is capable of making a difference, but too often, many feel disconnected from the avenues to do so. This inclusive initiative is intended to provide the education, tools, opportunities, and resources that empower members of our community to make a tangible impact on the lives of those most affected by COVID-19.

We want to meet you. We want to show you more of what we are about. We want to share how our services and programs make a difference in the lives of the vulnerable. We want to build collaborative partnerships.

• **Volunteer:** For those who wish to give of their time, we will plug you in. SOS relies on the participation of volunteers to support our operations since our inception. From targeted, skills-based volunteer positions, to weekly shifts in our Food Pantry, to assisting with our seasonal programs, there are opportunities to volunteer in a safe, low-COVID environment. Whether as an individual, community service group, or as a corporate team, you have an avenue to participate.

• **Engage:** For those who can’t be physically present, we’ve adopted digital tools that promote peer-to-peer engagement. You are able to creatively engage your family, peers, and co-workers in strategic and creative ways to increase awareness, education, and funding.

• **Give:** And for those who have the capacity to give financially during these trying times, your support is critical. Your generosity is an investment. You would be funding vital and services in your community that results in a direct impact. So how do we combat fatigue during this pandemic? Resiliency. Hope. Action. We admit, this is not necessarily easy. You have to acknowledge the realities of our community and determine if change is worth fighting for. You have to part ways with cynicism and embrace the possibility that systemic change is possible. You have to believe that you are capable of more than you imagine. You have to be willing to take that first step. For over 50 years, we have believed in the power of transformative change. Being part of the solution allows for self-transformation while we collectively provide access to resources and care. **Together, we can RESTORE OC.**

**ABOUT SHARE OUR SELVES:** We are a community health center with locations throughout Orange County. We emphasize care for the whole person through comprehensive services including medical and dental care, behavioral health, social services, homeless assistance, a food pantry, and seasonal outreach programs. www.shareourselves.org

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The Sage Hill Difference

Sage Hill School offers a dynamic, college-preparatory curriculum for grades 9-12 designed to inspire independent, creative and critical thinking. An average class size of 14 enables our students to nurture relationships with motivated peers and our world-class, dedicated faculty. Outside the classroom, students participate in athletics, explore artistic abilities and engage in the world beyond campus through service to the community, internships and educational travel.

Sage Hill's beautiful facilities, including the 30,000-square-foot arts Studio at Sage Hill, 13,000 square-foot Lisa Argyros and Family Science Center and newly renovated Johnson Family Library, allow space for innovative and collaborative education that is tailored to the needs of each student.

In the 2020-2021 school year, students plan to make use of the expansive campus with socially distanced classrooms, designated spaces for socially distanced dining and studying, and rigorous health and safety protocols. While in-person learning is Sage Hill's preferred modality – and the campus will be able to welcome ALL enrolled students for socially distanced instruction each day – the School has invested in state-of-the-art academic technology and professional training in cutting-edge distance learning practices for all faculty, so that families may opt to continue distance learning even after classes resume on campus this semester.

Whether meeting in person or at a distance, Sage Hill School is committed to creating a learning environment that promotes the physical, social, and emotional safety and wellness of our students. The faculty at Sage Hill School challenge each student to participate as a vital member of the learning community, while also ensuring the student's authentic self shines through.

Who our students are:
- Our diverse community celebrates individuality and encourages students to become their best selves during their four years of high school.
- Total school enrollment is approximately 540 students in grades 9-12.
- Our student body attended more than 150 public, private and parochial middle schools.
- Students come from more than 50 different cities.

Academics:
- Average class size: 14 students.
- More than 30 AP, accelerated and post-AP courses offered.

College Counseling:
- Sage Hill's student-to-counselor ratio of 35:1 is the lowest in Orange County and enables counselors to truly know their students.
- Starting in the ninth grade, Sage Hill's student-centered college counseling process is focused on helping each student find the best college fit based on their academic profile, aspirations, talents and interests.

Arts:
- 30,000 square foot state-of-the-art Studio includes a digital art lab, ceramics and visual arts studios and dedicated instrumental, choral and dance rooms, plus a Black Box Theater.

Athletics:
- 21 interscholastic sports totaling 41 teams at all levels of competition. Athletic facilities include Mondo™ turf football, soccer and lacrosse field, track, gymnasium, baseball field, and newly built tennis and aquatics complex.
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Bob Orozco has taught more than 13,000 exercise classes at the YMCA of Orange County. He even has a room named after him; the Bob Orozco Group Exercise Room. After four decades of service at the Laguna Niguel Family YMCA, he is set to retire at the age of 90.

Orozco’s involvement with the Y started well before his move to Orange County. At the age of eight and at the end of the Great Depression. Orozco was gifted the “Worthy Boy” scholarship from an anonymous donor, opening the doors to his local YMCA in Pennsylvania. From there his love for the Y grew, and as he moved around the states his involvement with the Y continued. Orozco served in the Navy and earned a degree in physical education, always returning to his local area YMCA and eventually becoming the Director of Physical Education at the Crown Valley Park Center YMCA location. In 1984, Orozco moved to Laguna Niguel to help establish the facility, growing membership and developing physical education programs.

Most recently, Orozco has been leading a 6 a.m. workout class for an aging population. The goal is to keep older adults moving to extend their lifespans and give them a more active lifestyle. From fingers to toes, Orozco just wants to see movement from participants to the best of their ability. It’s more than simple movement, though, as aging adults find social benefits from the classes as well, giving them a sense of community, reducing loneliness and improving overall health. According to the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, studies show that adults in this age group who adopt a physically active lifestyle can significantly improve their longevity and independence while reducing major health risks. Even a moderate amount of physical activity, such as walking daily, can result in substantial health benefits, and reduce the risk of falling.

Orozco goes beyond the classroom in serving his YMCA exercise students. While he may have the voice of a drill sergeant in class, he has a heart of gold when caring for his community, even providing rides to class for those who need help getting to the facility. Orozco always has his eye on the community, and if someone is absent from class he makes sure to check on them to confirm that they are okay.

“I learned life [at the Y] and as a result of it, as I grew older, I felt I wanted to give back for what I received. They are my family and I’m there to help and teach and guide. All of that has motivated me all this time,” says Orozco.

“Bob has an incredible way of making every person he meets feel seen. He brings joy to people and joy to the Y,” said Jeff McBride, CEO of YMCA of Orange County. “Bob is the type of person who goes above and beyond for his students, and commitment like his is what makes the Y a leader in strengthening communities. His work ethic epitomizes what the Y is all about. We’re more than a fitness facility; we’re about making connections and building a healthy spirit, mind and body. We are so thankful for his service and wish him a wonderful and well-deserved retirement.”

Friends, colleagues, and workout partners past and present posted messages on social media to show their love and admiration:

“The Silver Sneakers class will really miss you. You gave us all so much encouragement.”

“You are a true example of living a life of service to others.”

Orozco will still be attending classes at the Y, but will be there to enjoy his time as a member and as part of the community, and will leave the teaching up to the next leader.

At the YMCA of Orange County, we will continue to do our part to help build a better future for our community.

Our programs and services are open to everyone. No matter a person’s circumstances, background, age, race, economic status, income, special needs, or otherwise, they are welcome to access and benefit from our programs and services. 100% of donations support our financial assistance program or subsidized programs for marginalized populations.

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When 2020 began, Alzheimer’s Orange County’s (AzOC) Adult Day Centers served over 200 people each day, 45 support groups met regularly and thrived and in person educational programs served over 25,000 people per year. The amazing gift to AzOC of Irvine Cottages, 12 Senior Care residences, was about to come true. If the first two months were a forecast of the future, it appeared that it would be a year of rapid growth, allowing the organization to reach more frail seniors in various new and innovative ways.

Enter COVID-19. What started as “two weeks to slow the spread” instead catapulted AzOC into a totally different realm of operation. For an organization that serves frail seniors and caregivers, including two Adult Day Centers and a Memory Care Assisted Living, AzOC’s remote work would have to be vastly different from other companies. The people served by the organization are the most vulnerable to COVID-19 so despite the federal and state orders to shelter in place, AzOC had to find a way safely serve this vulnerable population.

Within two weeks of quarantine, AzOC had made arrangements to support several area food banks, helped create pop up food programs, supported several senior home food delivery programs and provided meals to thousands of food insecure seniors. The agency allowed staff to serve as volunteers for any senior program, while still maintaining full pay. These massive shifts in programming were just the start.

AzOC’s Helpline has proven to be as important as ever. With nearly a two-fold increase in calls to the Helpline, calls have also increased in intensity. Many care partners face incredibly challenging circumstances caring for loved ones at home, without the usual support of Adult Day Centers. AzOC’s Helpline provides resources and a personal touch, providing emotional support every day.

Prior to March 2020, on any normal day, you might expect to find the downstairs room that Alzheimer’s Orange County uses for their educational classes to be filled with tables, chairs and a friendly staff member. But for many, there hasn’t been a “normal” day in 2020 in quite some time. The necessity for physical distancing turned AzOC’s delivery model on its head, making way for a new model of delivering support and education.

By late March, AzOC had moved 100% of it’s educational offerings online. What was initially expected to decrease attendance has actually had the opposite effect. With more people at home, attendance has skyrocketed. Nearly 1,000 participants attend English education programs monthly. Educational offerings in foreign languages such as Vietnamese, Korean, and Spanish are expanding weekly, including a Spanish AzOC Facebook page, which debuted in August. Additionally, over a dozen support groups now meet monthly or bi-weekly basis.

The organization has been able to bring some much-needed fun into the online space through the Connect2Culture (C2C) programming. Typically, this programming is held in-person, and persons with dementia and a care partner come and enjoy concerts, dances, sing-alongs, and other field trips. AzOC has hosted virtual “C2C at Home” events since March, including a Memories in the Making® art session, concerts, sing-alongs, and Brain Dance, a movement and memory program done in concert with Segerstrom Center for the Performing Arts.

The AzOC Outreach & Advocacy team was among the first to get to work within the community, despite the risk of COVID-19. Masked up, the team scoured Orange County and beyond to find supplies that were in demand, and yet these resources to those that were the most in need. The team participated in delivering thousands of face masks to healthcare professionals and community members throughout Orange County. The team put together kits of essentials, including face masks, hand sanitizer, toilet paper, and gloves, which were provided to anyone that needed them. Homeless shelters, medical offices and clinics, provider offices, hospitals, senior service organizations and care homes were some of the places that the team distributed care kits and facemasks. In total, AzOC distributed 50,000 face masks, 15,000 disposable gloves, 500 hygiene supply kits, 1,000 disposable gowns and 1,000 hand sanitizers since the pandemic began. The agency continues to supply those in need with masks and sanitizer.

“The gift of masks has created opportunities for wonderful human connection. One of the highlights of this experience has been seeing how our team, and those we are helping have come together as a community to help one another,” said Patty Barnett-Mouton, VP of Outreach & Advocacy.

“Whether it’s sewing masks or volunteering to sort & package or deliver to communities around Orange County, we know our efforts have played a huge part in making our community safer during this pandemic.”

One of the groups donating cloth masks is Sewers of South Orange County coordinated by Louise Herbert of San Clemente. Each week these marvelous sewing ladies make 200 masks of different colors and designs, sewn with love. The masks made delivery of essential meals safer and contributed to the opportunity for isolated seniors to have human interaction with the volunteer drivers.

The Adult Day Health Centers provide essential day support to hundreds of Orange County seniors and their caregivers and continue to provide services to participants during COVID-19. When Acacia and South County Adult Day Services closed their doors in March, AzOC adapted to ensure participants and families continue to receive support. Over 3,000 meals have been delivered to participants and their caregivers. Every week, staff delivers activity kits to participants’ homes so that they can spend their time indoors in meaningful ways. Social workers and RN’s connect at least weekly with participants, providing health information, support and ensuring that they are connected with all available resources.

Finding ways to adapt some of the In-person services we offer and continue to support our community has been challenging, but also extremely rewarding. AzOC has grown its caregiver audience online, provides critical support directly to vulnerable older adults, and has discovered new ways to aid our community and partners in the fight against COVID-19.

We made a conscious choice when quarantine began to stop active fundraising and to focus on services to the community, our families and donors. The time has come to ask for your support so that we can continue these vital services. The pandemic has changed how AzOC serves, not its commitment to help. For more information, visit www.azoc.org.
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Philanthropy Brings Happiness

By Jeffrey M. Verdon, Managing Partner, Jeffrey M. Verdon Law Group, LLP

Generosity and philanthropy create happiness according to Harvard professor, Michael Norton. In his TEDx Talk, “How to Buy Happiness”, Dr. Norton expands on the research which supports the notion that spending money on others makes people happier than spending it on themselves. But there are a variety of best practices to do so in philanthropy.

These days, a Donor Advised Fund (DAF) has become one of the simplest and most efficient ways for affluent individuals to participate in those positive feelings that come from philanthropy. DAFs have advantages over Private Foundations (PF).

A DAF is easy and low cost to create and then “plugs into” the sponsoring organization, generally a public charity qualified under IRC Sec. 501(c)(3). Under the rules of the DAF, the board of directors must include members of the supporting organization to provide oversight. However, the founder of the DAF may control the decisions regarding operations and donations.

With the PF, the founder has full control over the operations and donations but is subject to more heavily regulated guidelines. A PF must file an IRS Form 990-PF every year and comply with state annual organizational filing requirements, which includes a list of assets, contributors, and grantees. With a DAF, there are no state or federal annual filing requirements, and donors can retain their anonymity.

The rules require the PF to make an annual distribution of at least 5% of the previous year’s net assets. There is no minimum distribution required of DAFs.

Just about any type of asset class may be contributed to the PF and the DAF, such as cash and cash equivalents, publicly traded securities, and mutual funds. Non-liquid assets like art, antiques, and real property are generally not allowed to be received by the DAF. While any type of asset can be liquidated before deposit into a DAF, this may incur fees and taxable gains.

Both PF and DAF contributions escape estate and gift tax as both are exempt as charitable donations. There are income tax differences though. The income tax deduction limit for securities held for more than 12 months to a PF is 20%, and to a DAF, it’s 30%, with the same respective limits on other kinds of donated property. The total annual contribution limit to a PF is 30% of a donor’s adjusted gross income (AGI), while it is 60% for a DAF. If the charitable deductions exceed these annual limits, the deductions may be carried over for 5 years.

Affluent families and successful business owners are increasingly becoming “happier” by getting more involved with philanthropy. The DAF is the more favored medium due to the requirement that donations do not have to be made annually, there is flexibility and low cost in formation and operations, and the donor can remain private.

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“In our recent analysis of our outcomes and impact on the community, it’s provided further validation of our work within the community. We have always known that we are changing lives, but this will drive conversations about prevention vs intervention, and about being proactive instead of reactive when addressing child homelessness. Edwards Lifesciences have been strong and steady supporters in our community, and there is such incredible power behind their commitment to not only give back, but to make us better.”

- Dr. Tracy Carmichael

Investing in our youth experiencing homelessness today saves Orange County 14 million by 2030.

We know that Orange County invests close to $300M a year in services for homelessness, mostly focused on chronically homeless adults. With support from skills-based volunteers at Edwards Lifesciences, we analyzed program records and published data to estimate the societal value generated when a youth graduates high school and enters college or a career that allows them to be financially independent as adults; thus, breaking the cycle of generational homelessness.

Findings confirm that we are not only changing the lives of youth experiencing homelessness in Orange County, but also contributing to the economic strength and vitality of the community.

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PACIFIC SYMPHONY
Transforming Lives Through Music

By John Forsyte, president and CEO, Pacific Symphony and John Evans, Board chair, Pacific Symphony

WHY DO WE TURN TO MUSIC IN TIMES OF CRISIS? “Communities around the world have turned to music during the coronavirus crisis,” writes the World Economic Forum based in Geneva. “It can help maintain a sense of community. Today, music is the most consumed form of culture. People listen to music to regulate their mood, to achieve self-awareness and as an expression of personal and collective identity and social relatedness.”

Last March, the pandemic may have put a halt to Pacific Symphony’s ability to perform live music, but it could not deter the organization’s creativity and engagement with the Orange County community. Pacific Symphony musicians recorded over 100 concerts from their living rooms for our “Quarantine Clips” series. Members and alumni of Pacific Symphony Youth Ensembles also contributed video recordings from their homes.

Pacific Symphony’s virtual concerts have been viewed by audiences in all 50 states and over 50 countries around the world. The orchestra’s online audience has grown since mid-March, increasing two-and-a-half times for a robust 4.6 million social media impressions.

Our education and community engagement team migrated all programs online and re-imagined each program in a digital context, with some highlights including:

- The award-winning “arts-X-press” summer camp program was rebranded as AXP@Home, with almost 100 middle-school students experiencing the magic of the arts over Zoom through interactive classes, workshops and performance experiences.
- Students in the three Pacific Symphony youth ensembles continued their learning in Zoom sessions with composers and conductors.
- Santa Ana Strings, in partnership with Boys and Girls Club of Santa Ana and New Hope Presbyterian Church, provided violin lessons over Zoom, and over 60 pre-recorded lessons, to students in 2nd through 6th grades.
- Over 14,000 students in Class Act, Pacific Symphony’s Elementary School Partnership program, received customized video content including lessons, assemblies and concerts direct to their homes.

In addition to serving existing program constituents the education and community engagement team launched a “Music and Arts Learning” portal on PacificSymphony.org to offer valuable resources for teachers, parents, students and lifelong learners in Orange County and beyond.

A COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY
Carl St.Clair, who celebrated his 30th season as Pacific Symphony’s music director this past year, recently said, “Our endeavor is to become an artistic beacon of achievement and integrity in Orange County, and to allow people to realize that we are an orchestra that has committed to our community—and we reflect our community’s love through classical music.”

ENDURING LEADERSHIP, EXCITING OUTCOMES
Under the distinguished leadership of Music Director Carl St.Clair for more than 30 years, Pacific Symphony has grown with Orange County. St.Clair’s unbridled innovation is largely why the small orchestra that began in 1978 was recently recognized among the top 26 orchestras in North America by the League of American Orchestras. And Principal Pops Conductor Richard Kaufman also celebrates 30 years of providing entertaining Pops concerts. By advancing artistic and educational programs, we are outpacing larger, more established orchestras in elevating the quality of life for all residents:

- Serving as Orange County’s Global Arts Ambassador
- Orchestrating Opera’s Renaissance
- Garnering International Recognition
- Headlining National television Broadcasts
- Partnering with Prominent Soloists

NURTURING THE NEXT GENERATION AND BEYOND
So many wonderful things happen when kids discover music. They build confidence, discover new forms of expression and unleash creativity. Pacific Symphony is widely regarded as a global leader for the sheer scope of engagement activities we provide. Engaging with music has proven positive cognitive benefits for children and adults alike, contributing to improved academic outcomes and keeping minds of all ages healthy.

The Symphony’s flagship education and community engagement program, Class Act, began 25 years ago. This unique and meaningful partnership between school communities and Pacific Symphony has inspired dozens of programs that reach across the county. Through countless partnerships, Symphony musicians create musical curiosity for citizens of all ages. Through educational programs in the classroom to community engagement at senior centers and the concert hall stage, Pacific Symphony is playing a vital role in shaping the future of our community.

PACIFIC SYMPHONY’S VISION FOR THE FUTURE
With the Orange County community’s support, the Symphony will continue to redefine the role of the American orchestra by further enhancing the cultural landscape of our county. Building on a solid foundation of learning and innovation, Pacific Symphony looks forward to working with its gifted musicians to best serve our community by:

- Continuing to re-imagine established program for digital and remote delivery
- Seeking out new opportunities to serve our community through new initiatives
- Continuing to strive to be flexible, innovative and to engage as many community members as possible in the transformative power of music.

Post-pandemic, we look forward to infusing the glorious and memorable experiences of live music and learning into the consciousness of the diverse audiences we serve.

John Forsyte
John Forsyte has led Pacific Symphony as President and CEO since 1998. It is now the largest orchestral institution formed in the U.S. in the last 50 years. Pacific Symphony made its debut at Carnegie Hall in April 2018 as one of two orchestras invited to perform for a year-long celebration of composer Philip Glass’ 80th birthday. In May 2018, it made its first tour of China, visiting five major cities. The following month, the Symphony made its first national television appearance on Great Performances. During Forsyte’s tenure, the Symphony has greatly expanded its community outreach with programs such as arts-X-press and Heartstrings, and he has expanded its school partnership program from seven to 32 schools.

John Evans
Pacific Symphony Board Chairman John Evans began his Wells Fargo Bank career in 1969 after graduating from the University of Utah. He was appointed regional manager of South/Central/Eastern Europe, then transferred to Iran to open the Middle East as managing representative. Later he managed European Continental corporate banking headquartered in Brussels. In 1980 Evans was appointed corporate banking manager of the bank’s Utah affiliate in Salt Lake City. He returned to Southern California in 1986 to manage Wells Fargo Business Banking’s Orange County Airport office. In 1991 he was appointed SVP and regional managing director of The Private Bank for Wells Fargo in Newport Beach.
At Edwards, we are humbled by the generosity of our Orange County neighbors, as we have worked together to support the community around us and beyond during this time of tremendous need.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, our commitment to giving back has remained steadfast. To continue to meet the needs of our charitable partners, we pivoted and adapted our giving strategy to help those in immediate need. Our foundation issued over $1 million in emergency community grants to partner organizations serving on the frontlines of COVID-19 and is providing safety net services such as financial assistance for food, medication and rent to communities where our employees live and work.

Our dedication to our communities during the global pandemic has no borders, as the work we do supports those globally. In partnership with MAP International, we donated our latest innovations in critical care patient monitoring technologies to hospitals in the Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico. The donation also included 600 kits assembled by employee volunteers that contained medical and hygiene products to support patients.

Here on our Irvine campus, employees have remained engaged in supporting local communities and non-profits in various ways, from donating more than 450 books for Washington Elementary School in Santa Ana, to hand-sewing masks for local non-profits. At a time when our café was serving fewer meals due to employees working remotely, our café staff switched gears to serve neighbors by donating more than 20,000 meals to local nonprofits, Illumination Foundation and Mercy House.

We are inspired that our giving culture has remained a constant during this unprecedented time. We are beyond grateful for the altruism of our employees, as their interest in supporting and learning from our non-profit partners continued virtually.

To impact our community at an even grander scale, Edwards Foundation has also committed to tripling employee giving for the remainder of 2020.

Edwards Lifesciences, based in Irvine, Calif., is the global leader of patient-focused medical innovations for structural heart disease and critical care monitoring. We are driven by a passion for patients, dedicated to improving and enhancing lives through partnerships with clinicians and stakeholders across the global healthcare landscape. Edwards’ commitment to charitable giving and participation in philanthropic causes is one of the defining elements of its culture. Since 2004, the company and Edwards Lifesciences Foundation have gifted almost $90 million to non-profit organizations around the world supporting underserved patients and strengthening communities where its employees live and work. Support for these causes includes foundation grants, donations of Edwards technologies for humanitarian patient care, and pursuit of 100% of employee involvement in charitable activities. Learn more at Edwards.com/corporategiving.

Edwards Lifesciences Foundation is proud to support our Orange County community

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It has been a year like no other. 2020 has brought our community, our country, and our world monumental challenges, the likes of which we have never seen.

During this time, it is vital that young girls develop the courage, confidence, and resiliency to overcome obstacles and persevere. With the challenges and turmoil our society faces today, never before has it been more important to invest in girls’ leadership. Studies consistently show that one of the most effective ways to boost a nation’s economic output, enhance productivity, and improve the overall vibrancy of society is to invest in the leadership capabilities of girls and women.

We must have the best and brightest men and women at the table to innovate and problem solve. But women are underrepresented in many fields vital to our nation’s growth and prosperity. Changing these statistics starts with giving girls exposure to a wide range of experiences that inspire them to develop lifelong leadership skills.

Today’s Girl Scouts offers unique experiences that span critical areas, like STEM, Life Skills, Entrepreneurship, Civic Engagement, Camping, and the Outdoors. Through their Girl Scout experiences, girls from 5 to 18 develop critical thinking, goal setting, decision-making, financial literacy, and so much more! And through its All Girl Initiative, Girl Scouts of Orange County is focused on expanding the ways girls are able to participate in Girl Scouts, so every girl from every social, cultural, economic, and developmental sphere can experience the life-changing benefits Girl Scouts provides.

We need this generation of girls to be the trailblazers our community, our nation, and our world so desperately need. We need Girl Scouts!

The life-changing programs and experiences Girl Scouts provide cost money. That’s why the organization is kicking off its new Promise Circle of Giving at Voice for Girls 2020, a free virtual event for all on September 18 that is focused on creating diverse workplaces that fuel female ambition. Reserve your free ticket at girlsoutsoc.org/vfg.

Girl Scouts of Orange County’s Promise Circle is an opportunity to join a community of donors who demonstrate their commitment to a better tomorrow by investing in girls through an annual gift at one of several levels in the circle. When you join as a founding member, you pave the way for our future female leaders — talented, passionate, and courageous girls, poised and ready to make our world a better place — for the long term.

For more information about Girl Scouts of Orange County’s new Promise Circle of Giving and accompanying benefits, visit girlsoutsoc.org/promise or contact Barbara Powers at (949) 525-8775 or bpowers@girlscoutsoc.org.

Thank you for investing in girls, who will change the world.
Girls Inc. of Orange County

Our Mission
Inspiring all girls to be strong, smart & bold

Our Vision
Empowered girls in an equitable society

Girls Inc. of Orange County provides year-round, virtual and in-person holistic, compensatory, and intentional programming focusing on STEM, financial literacy, sound body image, healthy relationships, and college and career readiness.

In this year of uncertainty, school closures, and lost learning, Girls Inc. of Orange County continues to offer support and academic intervention, to girls who need it now more than ever.

We’ve pivoted to offering virtual programs that include synchronous and asynchronous learning, leveraging online platforms and tools. Today, we are proud to say that we are able to serve even more girls across Orange County through our virtual outreach programs, and we are committed to continuing to evolve our programs and approach to reach and positively impact girls in the OC community. We believe that OC girls can!

We’d love for you to join us in inspiring girls to be strong, smart & bold. As a volunteer, you can make a difference in the lives of our girls, lending your personal and professional expertise as a virtual career panel participant, serving as a mentor, or by participating in supply drives for our college bound girls.

For more information on our programs or how to get involved please visit: www.girlsinc-oc.org or call (714) 597-8600.

Andreï's Conscious Cuisine & Cocktails

Boasting one of the best terrace dining experiences in Irvine, Andreï's Conscious Cuisine & Cocktails is the perfect setting to enjoy a chilled cocktail, sumptuous small plate or one of Chef Porfirio Gomez’s tantalizing entrées. Inspired by all corners of the world, Gomez sources ingredients from local farms and ranches to invent dishes that delight the senses and provide a creative spin on California cuisine. Andreï’s Culinary Adventures is the restaurant’s newest initiative to infuse the spirit of travel into delicious, weekly specials as a way to explore the world through its flavors, while holidays abroad are on hold. Weekly “Adventures” will be announced on Andreï’s website and social media. Gourmet take-out packages for 2 to 8 people are also available.

Andreï’s was established in memory of the owner Natalia Ostensen’s brother and in order to pay forward his legacy of kindness, 100% of the restaurant’s net proceeds are donated to the Andreï Foundation (www.andreifoundation.com).

Andreï’s is located at 2607 Main Street in Irvine at the corner of Jamboree and Main, with convenient access to the 405 and 5 Freeways. The restaurant is open to the public Tuesday through Friday 11:00am to 9pm and Saturdays from 3pm to 9pm and can be reached at (949) 387-8887 and www.andreisrestaurant.com.
The Coronavirus pandemic has put a strain on most young adults. While many are lucky enough to have families to turn to and a place to call home, COVID-19 poses a special risk to community and foster youth who are vulnerable to homelessness and sex trafficking and who lack a stable support system to lean on.

The pandemic has been exceptionally difficult for young adults as they transition into adulthood. While a young person's path to independence can be a tumultuous time, Covid-19 has caused additional roadblocks, impacting their growth and future:

- More than 25% have been laid off
- 40% have had their wages reduced and are at risk of being forced to move out of their homes
- 28% reportedly having a food crisis

Orangewood Foundation has been able to step up and provide support to these young adults. Our staff members encourage and guide the youth to realize their goals and successfully navigate the transition into a financially self-sufficient, healthy adulthood.

By helping these young adults identify their own strengths, attributes, and internal capabilities, we empower them to overcome their challenges and continue working toward their dreams.

Additionally, Orangewood has provided the following services to aid youth whenever challenges arise:

- Health & Wellness - Mental Health Services, Emergency Services, Meals, & Laundry
- Housing - Transitional Housing, Financial Assistance, & Referrals to Affordable Housing
- Life Skills & Employment - Workshops, Job Referrals, & Peer Mentoring
- Education - Scholarships & Educational Support

Ultimately, we encourage our youth to look beyond today, and nurture a vision for the future that extends beyond Orangewood services, but our doors are always open to reconnect with them wherever life may take them or any time they need a little support or encouragement.

Recently, Orangewood Foundation was able to provide a lifeline to a former foster youth coping with Covid-19 hardships. As an independent contractor caring for family suffering from the Coronavirus, Angel was not able to receive healthcare benefits he desperately needed. He turned to Orangewood -

“I have taken the time to lean on whom I have always counted on - Orangewood Foundation. Time after time, Orangewood has shown me that they might not be an individual but through their sense of community, they've given me permanency and the comfort to reach out and ask for things that I need to continue to strive for a better future.”

For more information about the services we provide or how you can help, please visit: www.orangewoodfoundation.org
"When I arrived at La Mesa Shelter, I finally felt safe and protected. I had been living out of my car for over a month and was desperate to get off the streets. I felt so welcomed, and it was comforting to be welcomed by the other women as the new resident. I was happy and especially grateful for the security and cleanliness of the building. I owe Illumination Foundation so much." —Leslie

Mission
At Illumination Foundation, we believe that every person has an intrinsic right to home, health, and dignity. Our mission is to provide targeted, interdisciplinary services for the most vulnerable homeless clients in order to disrupt the cycle of homelessness in Southern California.

Who We Serve
We provide a comprehensive safety net of client-centered services for the most vulnerable individuals, families, and children in Orange, Los Angeles, and San Bernardino counties. Illumination Foundation goes beyond just housing people who are experiencing homelessness—from street to home, we provide a full continuum of care and resources to bring people the support they need.

Why Our Comprehensive Model Works
As individuals and families experiencing homelessness transition from place to place, maintaining continuity in any aspect of their lives is almost impossible, especially when it comes to accessing health care, mental health, and substance use services. The combination of these factors makes it challenging to disrupt the cycle of homelessness and illustrates why Illumination Foundation’s comprehensive approach is critical to addressing homelessness—and why it has been so successful.

Our clients’ greatest challenge is overcoming barriers in order to move through the continuum of care. At Illumination Foundation, we embed medical and behavioral health professionals in all service settings, including shelters, recuperative care, family emergency shelters, and micro-communities. When our clients move from one setting to another—from recuperative care to a micro-community for example—we continue to envelop them with wrap-around services that meet their needs and provide them the tools and resources to move toward self-sufficiency.

Our Response to COVID-19
Illumination Foundation is on the frontlines to ensure we protect the safety and health of our clients, employees, and community throughout this public health crisis. The focus of this effort is shelter and prevention, utilizing safe social distancing protocols to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 within the homeless population and take the burden off hospitals and the public health system. During the COVID-19 pandemic, we opened six additional temporary sites in eight weeks. To date, we have served more than 1,500 clients in these six sites.

Current Programs and Services
Our current programs and services include shelters, recuperative care, housing, behavioral health and substance use counseling, and a children and families program.

Illumination Foundation is proud of the care we provide to the clients we serve. Every person has their own story, and no two stories are alike. It is the ability to meet people where they are and compassionately help them progress to a better place mentally and physically that defines who we are.

To help someone today, please contact us at (949) 273-0555 or visit our website at www.ifhomeless.org.
There is no need to reiterate how this year is unlike any other, nor how the Covid-19 pandemic has impacted fundraising for non-profits worldwide. We’d rather focus on the incredibly inspirational stories coming out of Hope Builders, an Orange County-based non-profit that moves young adults from poverty to prosperity.

This year is Hope Builders’ 25th Anniversary and plans for their annual Light Up A Life gala, held in September, were already underway in early March. For over two decades, this event has raised 20% of the annual funds needed to provide hundreds of disadvantaged young adults in Orange County the mentorship, life skills and job skills training that meet the needs of employers. Like most other large public events, Hope Builders’ plans came to a grinding halt in mid-March.

The disappointment of canceling their annual gala was compounded by the fact that it was also their 25th Anniversary celebration. Tim Blett, Hope Builders’ Board Chair as well as CEO and Partner, eMaxx Partners and long-time visionary Entrepreneur, asked the Board of Directors to consider making a significant, strategic shift in their fundraising efforts. This shift would require a move from a one-night in-person gala to a 25-day digital campaign.

This campaign was designed to tell Hope Builders’ story of 25 years of success and make the case for the need for what the agency does has never been greater. 25 Days for Building Hope launched August 14th and includes 25 days of engaging video content— delivered via emails, social posts, and Zoom events— that tell the story of Hope Builders’ past, present and future. “The shift from an in-person event to a 100% digital campaign took an enormous amount of effort to pull off during the pandemic,” said Blett. “But, Hope Builders set out to build donors’ confidence that the agency will emerge from this crisis stronger and even better equipped to prepare young adults for a career in the workplace.”

25 Days For Building Hope will culminate on Labor Day, September 7th. Shawna Smith, Hope Builders Executive Director, says, “Hope Builders is a workforce development agency, making Labor Day the perfect end date to our 25-day celebration. This campaign celebrates the community that has helped us connect more than 6,000 Orange County young adults to careers.”

Sister Eileen McNerney, CSJ, founder of Hope Builders and current Board Member, reminisces over the last 25 years and the positive impact these young people have made in their communities, stating, “We could never have come this far without the ongoing support of our major donors, like the Behr Paint Company, eMaxx Partners, Guaranty Chevrolet, JPMorgan Chase, the Palmer Family Foundation and Ortiz Enterprises. I look forward to continuing to work with them to build more hope in Orange County.”

To learn more about Hope Builders “25 Days For Building Hope”, visit: https://25daysbuildinghope.org/

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25 Days for Building Hope
Hope Builders is incredibly grateful to all the individuals, businesses and foundations that have made 25 DAYS FOR BUILDING HOPE a tremendous success! Today, we would like to especially thank our event sponsors, as of August 27th, for their generous contributions:

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Delivering Our Mission During the Coronavirus Outbreak

Disasters don’t stop during a pandemic and neither does the work of the American Red Cross of Orange County. Coronavirus hasn’t prevented us from continuing to serve our communities – but it has meant we’ve adapted how we serve them.

**BLOOD SERVICES:** The Red Cross is testing blood, platelet and plasma donations for COVID-19 antibodies. The test may indicate if the donor’s immune system has produced antibodies to this coronavirus, regardless of whether they developed symptoms. Each Red Cross blood drive and donation center follows the highest standards of safety and infection control, and additional precautions – including temperature checks, social distancing and face coverings for donors and staff – have been implemented to help protect the health of all those in attendance. Donors are asked to schedule an appointment prior to arriving at the drive and are required to wear a face covering or mask while at the drive, in alignment with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention public guidance. In coordination with the FDA and blood industry partners, we are collecting convalescent plasma from individuals who are fully recovered from COVID-19 to help with treatment for the most seriously ill patients.

**DISASTER RELIEF:** We’ve created new protocols to help keep everyone safe in this environment. During this pandemic, while the nation is practicing social distancing, we’re now providing some disaster relief virtually, including mental health support and financial assistance. Depending on the circumstances of a disaster, the Red Cross will either prioritize individual hotel rooms or open more shelters that can support fewer people than normal. Additionally, the Red Cross Virtual Family Assistance Center provides integrated condolence care to support grieving families who have lost someone to COVID-19.

**SERVICE TO THE ARMED FORCES:** Most of our services are now virtual, including “Get to Know Us Before You Need Us” pre-deployment briefings and our COVID-19-specific Resiliency Program course. We are distributing face masks to military and veteran hospitals and installations. We continue to answer emergency calls 24/7.

**INTERNATIONAL SERVICES:** International Red Cross and Red Crescent teams are responding to and containing the spread of the virus through community-based health and hygiene promotion, access to basic services and other mitigation activities. Along with funding, the American Red Cross is contributing data and technical expertise to the global Red Cross and Red Crescent network’s fight against the coronavirus.

**TRAINING SERVICES:** The Red Cross continues to offer lifesaving training courses, where permitted, with social distancing approaches and following current public health guidance. Online options, including the new “Returning to Work during COVID-19” and “Psychological First Aid during COVID-19” courses are also available.

Help the Red Cross deliver its mission in Orange County and nationwide. Sign up to volunteer with the Red Cross by visiting redcross.org/volunteer. If you are healthy and well, please make an appointment to donate blood in the days and weeks to come. To make a financial donation or for more information on how you can support the Red Cross, visit redcross.org.
Poverty is an Unacceptable Reality… This is Where It Ends

Community Action Partnership Orange County (CAP OC) was born out of the War on Poverty in the 1960s, and the movement to eradicate poverty among the nation’s low-income, vulnerable populations is now being challenged like no other time in our history.

Throughout our network of staff, volunteers and community partners, a passion for advocacy runs high. We work for social justice, diversity, education, youth development, family stability, financial empowerment, food security, affordable housing and to solve poverty. Solving poverty: This is the key to our healthy, productive, socially just community, and this is why CAP OC recently adopted the phrase, “This is Where Poverty Ends.” We embraced it because we truly believe it. The programs and services under the CAP OC umbrella… such as the OC Food Bank; Family Resource Centers offering counseling, financial empowerment workshops and career readiness; the Diaper Bank; Energy and Environmental Services and our advocacy for racial equity… allow us to impact the root causes of poverty. We do this by stabilizing those with immediate needs for survival, sustaining their path forward and empowering them to live healthy, productive lives. Now, we are working with greater urgency than ever.

CAP OC’S IMPACT DURING COVID-19

A public health crisis hitting the low-income population particularly hard, a devastating recession, a powerful social justice movement tied to long standing racial inequity and Orange County’s high cost of living are expanding the needs of the already vast audience we serve. We have stepped up in many ways:

- OC Food Bank – Met a 412 percent increase in demand compared to last year (April – June)
- Emergency Rental Assistance – More than $100,000 provided to households in need
- Financial Empowerment – 84 families participated in our Wells Fargo Family Stabilization program
- Financial Stability – In partnership with the United Way Pandemic Fund, qualifying families received emergency cash grants (between $250-$500) and participated in Financial Empowerment workshops
- Utility Assistance – From April through June, 1,396 utility assistance applications were processed, resulting in $481,686 in gas and electric bills paid on behalf of those in need
- Family Support & Empowerment – Our online Healthy Marriage and Families Workshops teach couples to communicate effectively during trying times

With COVID-19 lingering, we know the need will continue to grow. Our quest to create a future in which poverty ceases to exist is far from over, so we keep looking ahead. Soon, our annual Hope for the Holidays initiative will take flight. From October – December, we bring a little hope and magic to the lives of families and individuals with programs such as Adopt-a-Family, our Turkey Drive, Food Toy Drives. Let’s rally around our fellow citizens and neighbors, embrace their needs and open doors for transformations to occur.

It will take all of us to end poverty.

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FOR MORE THAN 50 YEARS, COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP OF ORANGE COUNTY HAS BEEN A TRUSTED RESOURCE FOR HELPING PEOPLE FIND THEIR WAY OUT OF POVERTY.

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Sandy Segerstrom Daniels, Managing Partner of South Coast Plaza and C.J. Segerstrom & Sons, founded Festival of Children Foundation (FOCF) in 2003 in response to the need in her native Orange County for charities to collaborate and fundraise for a greater collective impact. Since then, FOCF has created a network of 480 charities across America which are diverse in mission, thought, geography, and size, but share a common goal - to improve the lives of children. Today, FOCF’s network of member charities impact about 50% of our nation’s kids.

Partnerships in the business community have made it possible for FOCF to offer free programs that assist in maintaining well-funded, well-marketed, and efficient charities. Together, we have helped charities find success, translating directly into their ability to help children. Designated funding covers 100% of the administrative expenses, allowing support from our partners to be invested directly into programs to maximize their impact. Our programs have:

- Raised $4.5 million for innovative programs and cultivated new donors for the long-term sustainability of charities.
- Delivered 3,690 hours of continued education to build skill-sets that are vital for non-profit executives to become adept at meeting the challenges of an evolving fundraising landscape.
- Brought charities to the attention of 36 million of people, educating the public about the important work they are doing, conducting donor outreach, recruiting volunteers and seeking collaborative opportunities with likeminded organizations and individuals.

Now, as COVID-19 is changing the landscape for charities, FOCF is responding with emergency programs to offer added support:

- A COVID-19 Crisis Page was launched to bring immediate relief from the public to charities impacted by the pandemic.
- $840,000 of cutting-edge fundraising software licenses has been distributed as charities are becoming more reliant on online fundraising.
- Weekly Q&As hosted by Justin Wheeler, CEO of Funraise, are helping charities get the most current insight on topics such as: transitioning to digital fundraising, and understanding how the CARES act applies to non-profits.
- “Let’s Pony Up for the Kids,” a national fundraising effort in July, helped fund some of the greatest needs of children’s charities affected by the economic crisis of COVID-19.

In an effort led by Sandy and Festival of Children Foundation, the United States Senate declared September as National Child Awareness Month (NCAM) for the 13th consecutive year with the passing of S.Res. 678 on August 6, 2020. NCAM’s purpose is to bring our focus back to our children — the one resource that guarantees greatness in the future.

September has been a time when the community gathered at South Coast Plaza for the annual Festival of Children® to connect and learn about the charities serving Orange County. While this will not be possible during this pandemic, the charities need the community’s support now more than ever. So, in response to this unprecedented crisis, this year’s Festival of Children® will be celebrated online. Join Festival of Children Foundation this September at festivalofchildren.org and let’s “Pony Up for the Kids”!

For more information, contact Cassady Taylor, Executive Director of Marketing & Public Relations ctaylor@festivalofchildren.org.

Like all 19-year-olds, we are celebrating virtually this year.

Every September, for the last 18 years, we’ve gathered folks young and old together at South Coast Plaza for the annual Festival of Children®. Here people learn firsthand about the incredible organizations in Southern California working to improve the lives of kids.

This year, these kids’ organizations need our help more than ever. So we are making this year’s theme “Let’s Pony Up for the Kids” and we are asking each of you to join us at our Virtual Festival where we hope to make a bigger impact than ever before!

To learn about all of the amazing organizations and to make your donation, visit us at the Virtual Festival at FestivalOfChildren.org/PonyUp.
There are thousands of at-risk people living in pockets of poverty throughout Orange County, in jeopardy of not having food to eat or safe shelter in life-threatening situations. But even if you live here, you may not know this.

Orange County is a Tale of Two Cities, best known to outsiders and tourists for our glamorous lifestyles and oceanfront resorts, in close proximity to what many consider the best of California.

But what you don’t see is are the invisible people, tucked away under freeway offramps and along train tracks, far from private toll roads where we can zip from San Clemente to Beverly Hills without noticing the struggling cities in between.

The tale we rarely hear is of the 35,000 invisible hearts that beat in the shadows with no place to call home. Or the quiet groans of the empty stomachs of over 450,000 children who go to bed hungry at night.

These pockets of poverty co-exist, alongside major commercial and tourist destinations, neighbors to the glittering lights and exciting sounds of places that may never be experienced by those who virtually live next door.

Je’net Kreitner, founder & CEO of Grandma’s House of Hope, personally understands the disparity of our community. A professionally trained opera singer and accomplished actor, she took on the lead role of an abused streetwise prostitute in a production called “Homeless, A Street Opera.” Memories of her own childhood abuse began to resurface, and flashbacks of herself being molested and trafficked by her father, sent her spiraling.

Three years later, she was homeless herself, having been drawn into a dark world of trauma induced PTSD, domestic violence and self-medication. She was abandoned by her abuser in Anaheim and spent her first night of real homelessness huddled in a phone booth across from Disneyland with her 6-year-old son. For months, she bounced from motel to motel, hopeless, homeless, and struggling to survive.

Then one day, an angel entered her life. He brought with him the gift of unconditional love and time to heal. His faith in her gave Je’net the strength she needed to land back on her feet, and lead her to a higher purpose.

Ten years later, Je’net started a non-profit called Grandma’s House of Hope – her vision casting a wide net to help others like herself who struggled to overcome trauma and find hope. Now Grandma’s House consists of 17 housing locations for both men and women who are experiencing homelessness. Our hunger program, Nana’s Kidz has provided over 3 million meals to hungry OC children. And HopeWorks! Education and Enrichment Center provides after school programming for at risk kids in low income housing, giving them individualized care and resources to improve their quality of life.

Our two cities have collided during the COVID-19 pandemic. We can no longer look the other way. The needs of our invisible community which have skyrocketed. We need your help!

Join us in making a meaningful contribution to your community. Our Platinum Seal on Guidestar will give you peace of mind knowing your financial investment is directly improving the quality of life for those living in pockets of poverty throughout Orange County.

To learn how you can “Empower the Invisible Populations of Orange County,” please go to www.grandmashouseofhope.org.
These are words that staff at Meals on Wheels Orange County have heard thousands of times since March. As the largest nonprofit provider of nutrition and support services to older adults in Orange County with over 50 years of experience, the organization knows a thing or two about local seniors struggling with hunger and isolation.

Providing a million meals annually to over 10,000 clients through a network of 600+ volunteers and 23 local partnering senior centers, their core services combat malnutrition, isolation, and loss of independence. In normal times, they provide heart-healthy, diabetic-friendly meals and case management services to homebound seniors, as well as lunches that foster personal connections at local senior centers through their Lunch Cafés.

But the COVID-19 outbreak has posed a particularly severe threat to older adults and dramatically disrupted the way the nonprofit normally operates. With all older adults suddenly vulnerable, demand for assistance has exploded. Paired with stay-at-home orders and the closure of senior centers, thousands were suddenly in need while trying to remain healthy and safe.

Meals on Wheels Orange County worked relentlessly to develop an answer, retooling the hot Lunch Café meals into a new Grab & Go meal solution. Seniors—or friends or family members—now pick up the meals curbside from local senior centers. Additionally, the need for traditional home-delivered meals has continued to climb. Through donations from community members, the organization is committed to using all available resources to meet pandemic-induced hardships head-on, helping those who have nowhere else to turn.

And because our most vulnerable neighbors are still at risk and in need of nutrition, every four weeks, Meals on Wheels Orange County now serves the same number of meals they would usually provide in six months.

New clients Norma & Ronald recently shared: “We appreciate the meals that are coming to our home. Overnight everything changed, and these are so good to have. We are new to the program—never thought we’d need it. The meals are well planned, nutritious and taste good. And the delivery is very safe.” It’s clear that Meals on Wheels Orange County provides so much more than just a meal.

You are invited to attend a unique, uplifting free virtual event from the comfort of your home on Sunday, October 11, from 6:30pm – 7:15pm. Meals on Wheels Orange County will premiere their new short documentary, Step Up to the Plate: Our Community in Action, to celebrate Orange County’s response to the needs of your senior neighbors. Register today online at www.MealsOnWheelsOC.org.

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Meals on Wheels provides meals to older adults age 60+ curbside at their local senior center. Thousands of seniors continue to seek help during the ongoing pandemic.
WTLC is an organization dedicated to helping survivors of domestic violence and human trafficking heal from situations of abuse and exploitation. Our vision is to end the cycle of violence—we are committed to creating long-term change in our community, building a society that protects every person’s health, safety, and autonomy.

The most visible component of this work is Intervention. When you think of a Domestic Violence organization, this is the type of work that probably comes to mind—our emergency shelter, our 24/7 helpline, our counseling services, our legal advocacy. This is the individual-level work that Advocates do to help survivors heal, find stabilization, and grow after experiencing the trauma of an abusive home.

Equally important—but often much less well-recognized—are our Prevention efforts. This is the work we do to prevent future violence from occurring at all. Intervention is critical to survivors who have experienced abuse—but what if it wasn’t ever necessary in the first place? What if we could create an environment where that violence never took place, where people had the resources to maintain healthy relationships, and the trauma of abuse could be avoided entirely?

That’s the goal of Prevention. Currently, WTLC’s efforts in this area focus on educating the community on domestic violence, human trafficking, and related abuse. We provide trainings to local schools, businesses, and organizations on topics such as healthy relationships, safe workplace environments, and embracing healthy masculinity. We hold workshops that empower survivors to recognize red flags and protect themselves in future relationships. We hold trainings for community members to become certified Domestic Violence Counselors.

This year, we are beginning the exciting work of expanding our Prevention programming to include people who have demonstrated abusive behaviors in their relationships, helping these individuals acknowledge the harm they have caused, identify and change ongoing abusive behaviors, and make a commitment to preventing harm in the future.

Many people balk at the idea of inviting individuals who have caused harm into our programs. These individuals are labeled abusers, and are often considered irredeemable, incapable of change and deserving of shame and ostracization.

However, if we intend to create change in our society, we need to recognize that people themselves are capable of change. Our work with survivors of abuse centers on the belief that those in our programs have the power to change their lives for the better. This new Prevention program simply extends that same belief to those who have caused harm.

Someone who has acted abusively in the past is not inherently a bad person, but they might find it difficult to learn and change if resources are withheld from them because society considers them beyond redemption. By introducing safe and accessible services to those who are ready to begin the hard work of digging deep and making change, WTLC is taking an important step towards ending the cycle of violence in our community.

If you have questions about this program or are interested in receiving help addressing your own harmful behaviors, please call our 24/7 helpline at 877-531-5522.
In Orange County, every day five women are diagnosed with breast cancer and one woman dies from the disease. For me, those statistics became a reality when that one woman was my mom. At age 36, my mom was diagnosed with stage 4 breast cancer. Her breast cancer ultimately metastasized to her liver and after four long years of fighting, she lost her battle. I was seven years old and the youngest of my two brothers had just started kindergarten.

My dad was my mom’s primary caregiver and was left with three children and medical debt that amounted to what it would have cost to put us through college. After struggling with severe depression and alcoholism, we ultimately lost my dad to liver failure. Not only did breast cancer take my mom, but it took her caregiver with it. This left me with a new life’s purpose: to work toward a day where we never lose another mom to breast cancer again.

When choosing my career, I knew I needed to fight breast cancer. Without question, I knew if anyone had a shot at ending this unacceptable disease, it’d be Susan G. Komen. The combination of science, education, and direct help to those facing breast cancer from Komen programs has helped lead to a 40% decline in mortality from 1989-2016 nationwide. The progress made in treatments, access to care, and education over the past 28 years is because of people like you.

Passionate people like me are working in dedicated companies like yours to advocate and empower Komen Orange County to continue bringing invaluable breast health resources to people who need them most. Because of you, Komen empowers patients with personalized breast health information, improves access to high-quality care, offers treatment assistance and patient support, advocates for strong public policy, and funds innovative research.

We need You. OC women with breast cancer need You. Please join with your employees who are breast health advocates and help Komen continue funding access to quality screenings and healthcare for those in need by partnering with Komen Orange County.

While the COVID-19 pandemic has created new challenges, the fight against breast cancer is NOT cancelled. Encourage the women in your life to get regular mammograms and support them through the next steps – whatever they may be. You do have the power to save a life.

We’ve come a long way, but breast cancer still isn’t finished. In 1998, 90% of metastatic breast cancer patients died within 2 to 3 years of diagnosis. Today, about 25% of stage 4 breast cancer patients live past 5 years.

My name is Susannah Torok, Development Coordinator. Contact me at storok@komenoc.org if you and your company are interested in being a part of our corporate partnership program. I look forward to hearing from you! You can learn more about what we have upcoming at komenoc.org.

Together, we will create a world without breast cancer.

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The Fight Against Breast Cancer Is Not Cancelled
Sometimes you don’t know the weight of a statistic until it touches your life
The Anaheim Family YMCA is a cause-driven organization that is for youth development, for healthy living and for social responsibility. That’s because a strong community can only be achieved when we invest in our kids, our health and our neighbors. To bring about meaningful change, individuals need ongoing support, encouragement and connections to others — all of which the Y provides in abundance.

The Anaheim Family YMCA impacts over 7,000 families in more than 50 locations by: Promoting Learning; Keeping Kids Safe; Improving Health; and connecting people to positive Values. The Y has served over 2,400 families providing over $1.1 million in financial assistance.

Our doors may have been closed, but the Y hasn’t stopped serving the community. We’ve been hard at work providing emergency services to families, frontline workers and our neighbors in need.

The Anaheim Family YMCA pivoted immediately when the Covid crisis started. With the help of many community partners, the Y has been going out into the communities to serve over 15,000 free meals a day to families and residents. We recently reached the one million mark in serving healthy meals to our Anaheim neighborhoods and we could not have done this without the support of our local community partners. “You’re doing a big thing in the community…,” said a YMCA Food Program Participant; “…the Y is really helping out with serving all these meals.”

We’ve also focused on virtual support and partnered with our school districts to help distribute Chromebooks and preschool supply care packages to our students, launched virtual tutoring lessons and provided social services resources to help students with their distance learning work & activities.

We’ve offered swim lessons and sports & performing arts classes with smaller class sizes this summer so kids can still have fun and be active while staying safe.

Moving forward, the way we’ll interact with each other will be different; but at the Y, you’ll always be able to connect with people, improve your health and wellness, nurture your children’s potential and help strengthen our community. While we can’t predict how long the COVID-19 crisis will last, or whether it will be necessary to close programs again in the future, we are committed to doing whatever is necessary to ensure everyone’s safety. We’re following guidance from health experts and local officials to determine the safest way to serve everyone in our community. We will continue to engage and serve all people where they are, including through virtual offerings and outreach services for those who continue to practice physical/social distancing and those who need special support during these challenging times.

The Y isn’t a building. It’s people from all backgrounds and walks of life who come together to improve their lives, nurture their families and strengthen their community, together. The Y is a place for anyone who needs us. We provide over 2,400 families a year with financial assistance helping shape the future of youth throughout Anaheim, Stanton, La Palma, and Cypress communities. But we can’t do it alone. Donate to the ANAHEIM FAMILY YMCA today.

To learn more about the Anaheim Family YMCA, visit www.anaheimymca.org.

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