When we think of the phrase “the roof over your head,” words like home and shelter quickly come to mind. So it’s natural that when Charles Antis wanted to give back to the community, he used his Irvine-based company Antis Roofing & Waterproofing to do just that – literally. He has provided a roof over the heads of 60 families – donating roof installations for every house built in Orange County by Habitat for Humanity of Orange County since 2009. That’s more than $500,000 worth of roofs!

But Antis didn’t stop there. He has been figuratively “putting roofs over people’s heads” for many years, supporting life-changing work from a host of local nonprofits. Organizations such as Alzheimer’s Orange County (formerly Alzheimer’s Association, Orange County), Families Forward, Susan G. Komen Orange County and Pediatric Cancer Research Foundation are just a few of the organizations that have benefited from Antis’ philanthropy.

“When we recently announced our decision to become an independent nonprofit, we knew we could continue to count on Charles and Antis Roofing & Waterproofing to support the 84,000 Orange County residents affected by Alzheimer’s disease,” said Jim McAleer, CEO of Alzheimer’s Orange County. “Our 100 percent focus on Orange County, and Antis’ commitment to its local community, are more perfectly aligned than ever. We couldn’t be more proud to have a strong, local partner in the fight against this terrible disease.”

In fact, Antis has identified Alzheimer’s Orange County as a prime beneficiary of his company’s philanthropy this year. One reason is that Alzheimer’s has touched Antis’ family. He remembers the suffering his grandmother went through and this experience inspired him to be a bridge to the many local families affected by Alzheimer’s.

“We really appreciate the concentrated local focus of Alzheimer’s Orange County,” said Antis. “Local families in need are increasing in number each year – so it feels good when we can see exactly how our funds are being used to their best advantage.”

Since 1982, the local community has come to trust Alzheimer’s Orange County as a primary resource for those battling Alzheimer’s with no-cost services including a telephone hotline, family care consultations, caregiver support groups, early memory loss programs and education programs and workshops. That’s what matters most for Antis – it’s all about leaving a legacy of good in Orange County.

THE ANTIS “PHILANTHROPY SUITE”

In addition to supporting 40-plus local charities and international humanitarian efforts through fundraisers, financial contributions and volunteerism, Antis Roofing & Waterproofing has found a truly innovative method of extending its philanthropy even farther. Cooined the “philanthropy suite,” Antis dedicates his suite at the Honda Center to local nonprofits, rotating amongst organizations he supports, to allow board members, volunteers and staff to create or deepen relationships with potential donors, executives and community leaders. More than 30 nonprofits have benefited from Antis’ suite.