



PHILANTHROPY

By Kim Haman



Walk This Way

► Noel Burcelis, executive director, Orange County Ronald McDonald House; Fred and Fran Hill, OC McDonald's operators; Thomas R. Sherlock, co-founder, principal, Talonvest Capital; Chiquibaby, Tele-mundo host, OC Walk for Kids MC; Mike Scioscia, Angels manager

More than 2,500 volunteers from the Orange County community laced up their shoes in support of critically ill children and their families at this year's Orange County **Ronald McDonald House Walk for Kids**.

This year's walk took place at the Honda Center and featured family-friendly carnival games, activities, Kids Zones, food, music and more.

The walk raised \$298,000 to support families who must travel outside their communities to access medical treatment for their critically ill children at local hospitals. **Talonvest Capital** was the top donor, its team members raising \$38,000.

Proceeds support the Orange County Ronald McDonald House, which last year provided a second home to more than 800 families.

Giving Close to Heart

► Michael Fimin, co-founder, Netwrix and his daughter, Amanda

Irvine-based **Netwrix Corp.** donated \$165,000 this month to several Orange County nonprofit organizations, among them the **Surfrider Foundation** and the **Laguna Ocean Foundation**.

"Being a surfer and beach goer myself, I understand the great importance of protecting our coastal ecosystems and I am thrilled that Netwrix now supports this great cause," said Netwrix co-founder **Michael Fimin**.

Another portion of the donations was earmarked for organizations that focus on enhancing the education and well-being of children in underserved communities, including the **Bright Horizons Foundation** and several local schools.

"I truly believe that there is one thing in this life that matters more than anything else: our children," Fimin said. "They represent our future. The future of our local communities in particular. And we can change the future by investing more into their education and happiness."



Lucky and Lively

► Donald Verleur, CEO, Olive Crest; Lucas Baerg, CFO, AutoAlert

Olive Crest saluted the Wearin' of the Green at its St. Patrick's Day Celebration for a sold-out crowd of 435 on March 17 at the Hilton Waterfront Beach Resort in Huntington Beach. The event netted more than \$125,000 to support children and families of Olive Crest programs.

The affair featured music by Irish band Cillian's Bridge, Irish dancers, whiskey sampling, silent and live auctions and a sit-down dinner.

Olive Crest recognized **Applied Medical** in Rancho Santa Margarita with its Champion for the Children Award. The medical device company has given \$99,114 in donations since 2011 to support children and families of the nonprofit organization.



Thanks for the Memories

► Charles Antis, CEO, founder, Antis Roofing & Waterproofing; Michelle Hatch, district sales manager, Hyundai Motor America; Dennis Kuhl, chairman, Angels Baseball; Wylie Aitken, founding partner, Aitken Aitken Cohn and his wife, Bette



Alzheimer's Orange County's sold-out fundraising gala, headlined by title sponsors **Julia** and **George Argyros**, was a smashing success, raising more than \$550,000 for the organization, a record-breaking amount in the event's 19-year run.

The gala, held on March 24 at Balboa Bay Resort in Newport Beach, was themed **Broadway Memories: Backstage**. In addition to the Argyroses, sponsors included the **Iacocca Family Foundation**, **Bette** and **Wylie Aitken**, **Antis Roofing & Waterproofing**, **Assured In-Home Care**, **Irvine Cottage**, **Kaiser Permanente Orange County**, **Vista Gardens Memory Care**, **Squar Milner Financial Service** and **Ingram Micro**.

Gala proceeds were generated through sponsorships, underwriting, ticket sales, donations and silent, live and fund-a-need auctions. Money raised will go toward care, support and research efforts in Orange County.

Bits & Pieces

Bank of America is partnering with the nonprofit groups **Pathways of Hope**, **Working Wardrobes** and **South County Outreach** to provide financial literacy classes to help Orange County's most vulnerable residents find a path to financial independence, including topics like repairing credit and creating a budget. ... Restaurateur **Zov Karamardian** received the Community Epicenter Award from the OC chapter of the **Alzheimer's Association** on April 13. ... Santa Ana-based nonprofit **MOMS Orange County** received an \$87,072 grant from the **HealthCare Foundation for Orange County** to support MOMS' program of monthly home visits to help mothers and their families have healthy babies; the organization will work with **Hoag Memorial Hospital Presbyterian** to implement the program.

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