Building a Future

Tim Bauer, executive director, development, Olive Crest; Tim Mustard, principal, TCA Architects; Bill Wilhelm, president, R.D. Olson Construction; Kerri Dunkelberger, executive director, Olive Crest; Steven Barnard, SVP, Merrill Lynch, trustee president emeritus, Olive Crest; Dave Furman, project manager, R.D. Olson Construction


Improvements include new flooring, appliances, water heater, air conditioning and other features to provide a more comfortable environment for the six young women living in the house. R.D. Olson Construction and TCA donated their time, materials and labor for the project.

The builder's relationship with Olive Crest began more than 15 years ago when it took the lead in building a multipurpose facility for families. It's continued to provide support to the nonprofit each year through holiday donations, back-to-school drives and the donation of amenities and supplies for residents to help Olive Crest further its mission of preventing child abuse, treating and educating at-risk children, and preserving families.

CEOs Fit to Give

Jim McAleen, president, CEO, Alzheimer's Orange County; Todd Vande Hei, president, co-founder, Stark Personal Fitness Center

Alzheimer's Orange County was among several Orange County-based nonprofit groups that received portions of more than $300,000 raised by the 2018 Stark Naked Challenge, founded by Todd Vande Hei, president and co-founder of Irvine-based Stark Personal Fitness Center.

Fourteen participants, including a number of Orange County business leaders, took part in the fundraiser, which pitteiled Orange County's fittest competitors against each other in a rigorous five-month fitness and nutrition competition. The contest concluded in August. The top fundraisers included Dastmalchi Chief Executive Alex Dastmalchi, who raised more than $20,000 for Innocence Project; Gen Next Chief Executive Michael Davidson, who raised more than $20,000 for Gen Next Foundation; and Advent Cos. Chief Executive Tyson Jacobsen, who raised $18,000 for Jamboree Housing.

Vande Hei personally raised nearly $24,000. "I wanted to find a cause that connected with my passion for health and wellness," he said. "There are 84,000 people with dementia in Orange County. What research we have on dementia tells us that diet and exercise are the two things that may delay the onset of dementia or slow its progression."

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Google's Irvine office assembled 20 wheelchairs for Free Wheelchair Mission, a nonprofit organization that's distributed more than a million wheelchairs in 93 countries since 2001. On Aug. 28, Orange County School of the Arts honored longtime supporters Henry and Susan Samueli for their $2 million donation to the Masterpiece in the Making Campaign with the naming of The Samueli Family Art & Science Center. For the third consecutive year, Goodwill of Orange County was awarded a $30,000 grant from Bank of America to further its work at the Tierney Center for Veteran Services, a comprehensive resource for local military veterans and their families.

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