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## Status Update: MOMS OC seeks donations to support families this holiday



MOMS Orange County is looking for supporters for its annual Adopt-A-Family holiday program, which helps struggling families. (iStockphoto)

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Are you feeling the giving spirit this year?

If so, MOMS Orange County is looking for supporters for its annual Adopt-A-Family holiday program, which helps struggling families.

Due to the high number of requests for assistance this year, the Santa Ana-based nonprofit said it needs donors willing to provide gift cards for their families, all of which have at least one child under the age of 2.

Donors can be individuals, families or even businesses. For more details or to select a family, go to [roonga.com/MOMSOC](https://roonga.com/MOMSOC).

MOMS OC helps families by providing health coordination, education and access to community services.

For general information on the nonprofit, go to [momsorangecounty.org](https://momsorangecounty.org).

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LA Chargers player Derwin James, left, helped dish up hearty meals served at Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Orange Coast's annual Thanksgiving Dinner at the club. (Courtesy of Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Orange Coast)

### **Holiday cheer at Boys & Girls Club**

LA Chargers player Derwin James helped dish up hearty meals served at Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Orange Coast's annual "Thanksgiving Dinner at the Club."

More than 150 low-income Orange County families got a hot Thanksgiving dinner at the Santa Ana Clubhouse.

The nonprofit also delivered 200-plus packaged meals to families in Orange and Costa Mesa.

So far, the Club has distributed nearly 300,000 meals to community members in need this year.









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A family dances during the Make-A-Wish gala held Nov. 5 at the Disneyland Hotel. The event raised \$600,000 for critically ill children in the area. (Courtesy of Make-A-Wish Orange County and the Inland Empire)

## Gala raises \$600,000 for Make-a-Wish kids

Make-A-Wish Orange County and the Inland Empire raised more than \$600,000 at its “Journey Into Wishes” gala held Nov. 5 at the Disneyland Hotel.

The money raised will support the local chapter.

Angels Baseball, a longtime supporter of the Make-A-Wish chapter, was honored with the Ambassador of Hope Award. Over the years the organization has granted 26 wishes for kids and their families.



KFI radio talk show host Bill Handel interviews Anaheim White House restaurant owner Bruno Serato on-air about Serato's charity, Caterina's Club. (File photo, JOSHUA SUDOCK, THE ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER)

## Bradford White gives to Caterina's Club

The Anaheim division of Bradford White Corp., a maker of water heaters, boilers and storage tanks, has given \$5,000 to KFI-AM's annual PastaThon, which raises money the Anaheim-based Caterina's Club.

Caterina's Club provides hot meals, affordable housing assistance and job training to homeless and low-income families throughout Southern California.

KFI's PastaThon continues through the holiday season. Find out more at [KFI PastaThon](#).



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Two different campaigns helped raise the money.

The Smile for Special Needs campaign asked patients at certain dental practices to donate money in exchange for discounted services. The second was the Stroll for Special Needs 5K event at which Smile Generation employees and supporters across the country "strolled" (or ran, walked, etc.) to raise funds for the cause.

For more information, go to [pdsfoundation.org](http://pdsfoundation.org)



Lutheran Social Services of Southern California raised \$305,000 at its first Color of Hope gala held Nov. 11 at the Marriott at Cal State Fullerton. Seen here are LSSSC CEO LaSharnda Beckwith with the nonprofit's Corporate/Lifetime Achievement Awardees Audrey and William Dahlgren and board chair Terry Paulson. (Courtesy of Lutheran Social Services of Southern California)

### **Color of Hope raises \$305,000**

Lutheran Social Services of Southern California raised \$305,000 at its first Color of Hope gala held Nov. 11 at the Marriott at Cal State Fullerton.

LSSSC, a social ministry organization with the Lutheran Services of America, is licensed in six counties. The organization provides a food pantry, housing counseling, peer training programs and victim assistance to those who have experienced domestic or other forms of violence.





Seen here are, left to right, Jim McAleer, Massy Farzine, Karen Jordan, Linda and Burton Young at the Alzheimer's Orange County's Cheers to 40 Years gala. (Courtesy of Alzheimer's Orange County)

### AlzOC gala raises \$700,000

Alzheimer's Orange County's Cheers to 40 Years gala raised \$700,000 to fund programs and services for the 84,000 local Orange County residents affected by Alzheimer's or other forms of dementia.

Honorees at the event included Irvine Clinical Research (Community Partner); John Kelley (Philanthropy Partner) and the the Frome Family Foundation (Legacy Partner).

For more information, visit [alzoc.org](http://alzoc.org).

### Architecture firm moves HQ to bigger digs in Irvine

CRB has moved its Orange County office to a larger location at 200 Commerce, Suite 150, in Irvine.

The engineering, architecture, construction, and consulting firm focuses on the the life sciences and food and beverage industries,

The company's 30 employees work with a range of biopharma manufacturing clients, ranging from startups to established companies that contribute to Orange County's life sciences hub.

### Scholarships available

The Dragon Kim Foundation has launched the 2023 Dragon Kim Fellowship program that awards community service grants to motivated teens to create and manage programs that will positively impact their communities.

Applications are open now through January 9. For more information and to apply, go to [dragonkimfoundation.org](http://dragonkimfoundation.org)

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