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Alzheimer's Orange County Celebrates a Night of Hope, Joy and Community at Annual Gala

IRVINE, CA, Dec. 2, 2025 — Alzheimer's Orange County (AlzOC) welcomed supporters, community partners and leaders from across the county to its annual gala on Saturday evening at VEA Newport Beach, bringing the community together for a night of celebration, connection and meaningful impact. This year's event, chaired by Rosemary and Rand Sperry, honored Kaiser Permanente, Ashleigh Aitken and Michael Penn for their service and commitment to families affected by dementia.

Guests enjoyed an elegant dinner program, live and silent auctions, but one of the most memorable moments of the evening came from a surprise twist on the classic show, *The Dating Game*. In a playful and educational segment, local Alzheimer's experts Dr. Dung Trinh of Healthy Brain Clinic, Dr. Joshua Grill of UCI MIND and Dr. Aaron R. Ritter of Hoag appeared as the game's "contestants." The trio answered humorous and insightful questions about brain health and Alzheimer's risk in a lively exchange with Alzheimer's Orange County President and CEO, Jim McAleer, who served as the host. The segment blended fun with awareness about the importance of cognitive wellness.

"We are profoundly grateful to everyone who attended and supported this event. Their generosity contributed to a memorable evening that enables us to do more in ensuring no one faces dementia alone," said McAleer.

100% of funds raised at the event will stay in Orange County to support local services including community education, a helpline, support groups, care consultations, an adult day health center and many more programs that help those living with dementia and those who care for them.

For more information about AlzOC or to learn how to support its mission, visit www.alzoc.org.

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About Alzheimer's Orange County

Alzheimer's Orange County provides programs and services that span the continuum care of Alzheimer's and related forms of dementia to Orange County, California residents living with Alzheimer's or dementia, including older adults and frail seniors, along with their families, caregivers, and the community. Alzheimer's Orange County began as an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization in 1982 with a primary mission of providing care and support for those impacted with dementia and their caregivers in Orange County. Alzheimer's is a devastating neurodegenerative illness that weakens the memory and other cognitive and emotional functions. For more information, call the helpline at 844-373-4400, or visit www.alzoc.org. Find Alzheimer's Orange County on [Facebook](#), [X](#), [Instagram](#), and [LinkedIn](#).