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Alzheimer's Orange County Raises More Than $560,000 at 'Back to the 80s Gala'

IRVINE, Calif., Nov. 18, 2026 - Alzheimer's Orange County (AlzOC) turned back the clock and raised more than $560,000 at its annual "Back to the 80s Gala" on Saturday, Nov. 14, at VEA Newport Beach. Proceeds will provide care, support and resources for Orange County residents living with Alzheimer's disease or related dementias and their care partners.

The evening brought the Orange County community together for a cocktail reception, dinner, a live auction alongside a silent auction and lively '80s-style entertainment, all in support of a meaningful cause.

For more than 40 years, AlzOC has provided critical, life-changing programs and services to Orange County residents affected by Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia. As an independent nonprofit, AlzOC exists to serve Orange County, which is why 100% of proceeds stay right here at home. Funds raised at the gala will help AlzOC serve the more than 164,000 people in Orange County living with memory loss and their families.

Board member Charlene Jessup and Judd Jessup served as this year's gala co-chairs. AlzOC honored Beverly Newton with its Lifetime Service Award and recognized Angels Baseball, an AlzOC partner since 2012, as its Corporate Partner. AlzOC also celebrated the Andonian family, owners of Discount Tire & Service Centers and longtime AlzOC supporters, as its Philanthropy Partner.

"Saturday night was a celebration, but more than that, it was our community showing up for the thousands of Orange County families living with memory loss," said AlzOC President and CEO Jim McAleer. "Every dollar raised stays right here at home, supporting the programs and services families rely on every day. We are deeply grateful to our honorees, our co-chairs, our sponsors and every guest who made this night possible."

To learn more about AlzOC programs and services, or 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.