



PHILANTHROPY

By Kim Haman

Giving Never Tasted So Good

► **Joost de Vries**, VP, sales and service, Karma Automotive LLC; **Rick Reiss**, managing director, Montage Laguna Beach

More than 500 “foodies” gathered at **Montage Laguna Beach** on May 15 for the city’s premier culinary event for a cause, Laguna Beach Taste of the Nation for No Kid Hungry. The annual tasting event, which featured top chefs, sommeliers and bartenders, raised nearly \$200,000 to support No Kid Hungry’s work to end childhood hunger in America.

Local sponsors included **Epstein Becker Green**, **Karma Automotive**, **Montage Laguna Beach**, **Southern CA Gas Co.**, **BREAD Artisan**, **Tito’s Handmade Vodka**, **Orange Coast Magazine** and **S.Pellegrino Natural Sparkling Water**.

Second Harvest Orange County Food Bank and **Community Action Partnership of OC** were among the nonprofit organizations that received support through the event.



Bits & Pieces

Garden Grove-based boutique **Blue Moon** donated \$2,300 to **MOMS Orange County** following a month-long June campaign that donated goods to the organization for 10% of every purchase of clothing, accessories and home goods. ... **The First Tee of Orange County**, an organization dedicated to teaching local youth ages 7 to 18 life skills and healthy habits through golf, added three members to its board of directors: **Gary Bridge** of **First American Title**; **Colin Higgins** of **Snell & Wilmer**; and **Melissa Davis Lowe** of **Shulman Hodges & Bastian**.

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Song of Hope for Homeless Teens

► **Donald A. Verleur**, CEO, Olive Crest; **Lisa Neal**, partner, Rutan & Tucker, Olive Crest Trustee; **William Meehan**, partner, Rutan & Tucker, Olive Crest trustee

The **Kylie Schuyler** and **Doug Hodge** family, **DSW Shoe Warehouse**, **Arizona Canning Co.**, **Coca-Cola Refreshments**, **Monster Energy**, **Niagara**, **Pepsi Beverage Co.**, **Snyder’s Lance/Jack Links**, **Sunny Delight**, **The Performance Group**, and **Young’s Market** were among the key sponsors of the **Olive Crest**-sponsored **Jimmy Wayne** concert. Wayne is an award-winning country musician and best-selling author.

The concert, which was attended by more than 320 guests, took place May 7 at Downtown Disney’s House of Blues in Anaheim. Wayne, a former foster child, spoke about his mission to bring awareness to kids who age out of the system and become homeless.

The concert earned net proceeds of \$118,500 to benefit **Olive Crest’s** Project Independence, a comprehensive program that provides foster youth ages 14 to 24 the support to become independent and successful adults.

The evening included the presentation of the Founder’s Award, which was presented to **Dave G. Hirz**, chief executive and president of **Smart & Final Stores Inc.**, in recognition of his efforts to help children in need. **Rutan & Tucker LLC** received the Champion for the Children Award.



Mike Easley

Summer School Kids Like

► **Michael C. Duckworth**, president, principal, Duckworth Wealth Advisors; **Kara L. Duckworth**, chief compliance officer, principal, Duckworth Wealth Advisors; **Bonnie Duckworth**

The **University of California-Irvine** Paul Merage School of Business, with support from **Pacific Alternative Asset Management Company**, held two week-

long summer finance programs for underprivileged high school students in Orange County. More than 60 boys and girls ages 14 to 18 participated in the sessions.

A one-week, on-campus program took place July 17 to 23 that taught ninth and 10th grade students life skills in money and investment management. The second program, which took place July 25 to 29, focused on helping students gain a deeper understanding of macroeconomics and global financial markets.

Speakers included **Ryan Bailey**, a sales executive at **Fidelity National Title Commercial Services**; **Richard Umphrey**, senior vice president, wealth management at **Umphrey & Associates**; and **Joan Payden**, president, chief executive and chairperson of **Payden & Rygel**.



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NONPROFIT

Dan Stetson Named Executive Director of Charitable Ventures of Orange County

Dan Stetson has been named Executive Director of Charitable Ventures of Orange County (CVOC), a nonprofit organization founded by The Olin Group to encourage the growth of innovative regional nonprofits. He comes to the organization after serving as President and CEO of The Ocean Institute, Dana Point.

Stetson has extensive experience in both nonprofit and community settings. He serves as both Trustee and Executive Director of the Nicholas Endowment.

The CVOC offers administrative support to nonprofits, allowing them to maintain focus on their core missions. It has sponsored 47 projects and a growing number of regional initiatives in Orange County.

Information: www.charitableventuresoc.org



Stetson

A Million Reasons to Play

► **Irwin Yau**, principal, TCA Architects; **Devin Campbell**, associate principal, TCA Architects; **Aram Chahbazian**, president, TCA Architects; **Rick Price**, VP, development, Raintree Partners

TCA Architects raised more than \$108,000 at the sold-out 16th annual Charity Golf Tournament at Oak Creek

Country Club in Irvine benefiting **Habitat for Humanity of Orange County**. The event has raised more than \$1.1 million for the nonprofit organization since its inception in 2000.

All proceeds will be used by Habitat to build and repair affordable homes for limited-income families in Anaheim, Cypress, Fullerton, Santa Ana and Westminster.

“Hosting this tournament every year provides that consistent opportunity to live up to our core values,” said **Aram Chahbazian**, TCA Architect’s president and managing partner.



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