

Top Philanthropists Announced for 35th Annual National Philanthropy Day Orange County

Orange County top philanthropists, business leaders and individuals will be honored at the 35th annual National Philanthropy Day Awards Program and Celebration, an interactive virtual event, on Thursday, November 19, 2020.



National Philanthropy Day Virtual Awards: Noon - 1:00p.m.

Produced by the Orange County Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals, National Philanthropy Day has become the most prominent philanthropic recognition event in Orange County, with more than 1,000 honorees since its inception in 1986. *Orange County Business Journal* is the presenting Sponsor, *Public Media Group of Southern California* is the Platinum Broadcast Media Sponsor and the *Orange County Register* is the Community Media Sponsor.

To purchase tickets to the event or learn more about sponsorship opportunities, please visit www.npdoc.org.

About National Philanthropy Day

National Philanthropy Day Orange County honors those who have demonstrated philanthropy and enhanced their communities and the world. Each year, more than 130 Association of Fundraising Professionals chapters throughout the U.S., Mexico and Canada honor the philanthropic efforts of individuals, businesses and groups. Net proceeds of the event support the ethical advancement of philanthropy in the community by the Orange County Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals. www.npdoc.org

2020 National Philanthropy Day Outstanding Honorees

Outstanding Philanthropist | Nella Webster O'Grady

Observing elderly customers victimized by poor financial decisions prompted Nella Webster O'Grady to join the trust industry, serving in senior management at U.S. Trust, Wilmington Trust, First American Trust, Palo Capital, and, currently, at Miracle Mile Advisors. Throughout her career, Nella has given her time and talents to Girl Scouts of Orange County (board member/trustee of investment trust), Mission Plastics, WHW, OC United Way (founder/past chair, Women's Philanthropy Fund and Tocqueville Society), and Board of Counselors, Chapman's Argyros School of Business. Awards include United Way's Philanthropist of the Year, *Orange County Business Journal's* Women in Business Award, and with husband Kevin, Mission Plastics' Corporate Humanitarian Award.



Nella Webster O'Grady

Outstanding Founder | Laurie Zagon/Art & Creativity for Healing

Laurie Zagon, M.F.A., artist, author and former professor of art, has for more than 40 years facilitated Art & Creativity for Healing workshops. Using her method of Art4Healing®, she has helped tens of thousands of children and adults process stress, illness, grief and fear in hospitals and nonprofit community organizations throughout Southern California and the U.S. Laurie founded Art & Creativity for Healing in Orange County in 2000 and thus far has trained and certified (through her partnership with Brandman University-Chapman University System) more than 250 facilitators in the Art4Healing® method and facilitated workshops for more than 85,000 children, teens and adults.



Laurie Zagon

Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser | Ilona Martin

Following a successful career in fashion manufacturing for Lands End and others and a 300-employee factory in Costa Mesa, Ilona Martin's life changed direction after Hoag Hospital saved her life from ovarian cancer and volunteering became a passion. She co-chaired the Hoag Summer Fest, was 552 Club president and raised major funds for Hoag Promise Campaign. She continues to fundraise for Hoag and made a charitable bequest to nursing scholarships. She also supports Laguna Playhouse (emeritus board member) and Laguna College of Art and Design, where she took her first art class in 1984 (she's an accomplished impressionist artist) and is a board member and past gala co-chair.



Ilona Martin

Outstanding Philanthropic Group | OCCares

The mission of OCCares (Our Community Cares) is to grow compassionate, philanthropic social entrepreneurs through Project Y, a high school club-based, student-driven youth social entrepreneurship program with curriculum supplemented by UC Irvine and Pepperdine University. The nonprofit was founded in 2013 by Katherine Ahn Wallace, a full-time dentist who serves as board chair. Wallace says OCCares partners with individuals and organizations who work with them in bringing solutions to issues such as poverty and social injustice. OCCares continually hosts fundraisers for needy nonprofits and, at the same time, provides volunteer opportunities for the students to fulfill service-learning requirements at their schools.



Katherine Ahn Wallace

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Outstanding Youth | Karina Tarsadia

Sixteen-year-old Karina Tarsadia is an Orange County native and Sage Hill High School sophomore. After having the opportunity to take service trips through her family's Tarsadia Foundation to India, Cambodia and Africa, the poverty and an incredible community spirit she observed inspired her to create the Backpack Project to give back locally. In 2019, Karina's efforts, along with nonprofit partners, helped provide 5,500 backpacks with school supplies, groceries, haircuts and food to low-income families. This fall, due to COVID19, Karina and her team have shifted plans to work directly with partners and schools to ensure that students are set up for success, with plans to distribute 15,000 backpacks.



Karina Tarsadia

Outstanding Corporation or Business, Small (1-50 employees) | Advance Beauty College

Advance Beauty College ranks among the top beauty colleges in the United States with campuses in Garden Grove and Laguna Hills. More than 40,000 graduates have gone through the college's innovative program in its 33-year history with award-winning training that includes educators who speak English, Farsi, Spanish and Vietnamese. Many graduates have become business owners and industry leaders themselves. Fighting COVID-19, the college spearheaded a national campaign - Nailing It For America - with volunteers coordinating delivery of 1.2 million desperately needed personal protective equipment (PPEs) and 55,000 restaurant meals worth \$30 million to healthcare workers and front-line heroes in 150 U.S. locations.



Tam Nguyễn, President
Advance Beauty College

Outstanding Corporation or Business, Mid-Size (51-499 employees) | FivePoint Holdings, LLC

FivePoint partners with organizations that share common beliefs. Recognizing the value of education to narrow the gap between social classes and elevate society, FivePoint recently donated \$1 million to Irvine Public Schools Foundation. It also supports USC's Ross Minority Program and funded a program to define "Sustainable Communities" to find a balance between environmental justice and social equity. FivePoint also partners with the City of Hope and others to advance health care delivery to our communities. In addition, the company donated 2.5 million face masks to stem the tide of COVID-19 and is bringing 50,000 clean burning cookstoves to Africa as part of an effort to combat climate change.



Emile Haddad, Chairman and CEO
FivePoint Holdings, LLC

Outstanding Corporation or Business, Large (500+ employees) | loanDepot

Founded in 2010 by CEO Anthony Hsieh, loanDepot is one of the nation's largest mortgage lenders, funding more than \$248 billion since inception and delivering the American dream of homeownership to more than 27,000 customers each month. loanDepot is committed to serving communities across the nation. Since inception, loanDepot has donated millions of dollars and volunteer hours to charities nationwide. Locally, Second Harvest Food Bank, the Boys and Girls Club, Free Wheelchair Mission, Working Wardrobes and United Cerebral Palsy of Orange County have all been recipients of the company's community outreach efforts. In 2020, the company also donated \$1 million to support those directly impacted by COVID-19.



Anthony Hsieh