

Roosters Crow Newsletter

Over Forty Years of Friendship & Community Service
Ending Childhood Hunger
Volume 175, October, 2025



**ROOSTERS
FOUNDATION**
OF ORANGE COUNTY

President's Message

Lou Gardner

2025 President, Roosters & Roosters Foundation



What a night!

For those of you who participated in our Chefs Experience, whether as a volunteer, donor, or participant, a big THANK YOU!

Our Chairs Joann Leatherby and Pat McAuley have given us a year of their time in making this event run as smoothly as it did. The glue that held the whole event together was, of course, Penny Strenger. What a team, what an event, what a Night!

We do not have the final net result as of the writing of my president's message, but I know the final net revenue will be strong enough to fund the grants so desperately needed by those Orange County charities who have submitted grant requests to us.

As many of you know who were at our Chefs Experience, I had the honor of closing out the event with the traditional acknowledgements. As I looked out over the crowd during my address, I was touched by feeling Roosters mission in our members and those in attendance in making a difference in the lives of children we may never have the honor of meeting. This feeling in the room was the result of Joann Leatherby's earlier presentation describing the results of the grants we provide, whether taking a young girl or boy fishing for the first time, or helping a young at risk adolescent in gaining access to higher education opportunities so they too can make a difference.

The Roosters is much more than lunches, socials and organizing charitable events. We are a movement of like-minded people who strive to make a difference in the lives of children and have fun doing so.

Louis Roybal Gardner
Roosters President, 2024

Vice President's Message

Larry Greene



The 2025 Chefs Experience was nothing short of extraordinary!

From the moment guests arrived at Old Ranch Country Club, you could feel the energy and pride in the room. I had the pleasure of sitting at The Pacific Club table—what an unforgettable meal and presentation. Every course was beautifully executed, and the wine pairings were perfect.

The after-party band was, without a doubt, the best yet—people were up dancing, laughing, and celebrating well into the evening. It was a reminder that the Roosters know how to have a great time while doing great things.

Most importantly, our members and guests once again showed their incredible generosity. The bidding was lively, the giving was heartfelt, and the impact will ripple across Orange County as children and families receive the support they need most.

A sincere thank-you to every Rooster, sponsor, and volunteer who made this night possible. Your time, your talent, and your heart make all the difference.

As we move into the final months of the year, let's carry this momentum forward—attend the luncheons, bring a friend, and stay involved. The Chefs Experience may be behind us, but our mission continues every day.

Together, we're changing lives.

With gratitude and pride,
Larry Greene
OCFWC Chair & Roosters Vice President

Please visit our Chefs Experience restaurants and let the chefs know you are a Rooster!

Chef Ugo Allesina and Prego 7th year
Chef David B. Martin and The Pacific Club 12th year
Chef Ross Pangilinan and Catering by Mix Mix 13th year
Chef Nick Weber and Populaire Modern Bistro 12th year

Chef Alfonso Ramierz and Leatherby's Café Rouge 3rd year
Chef Stefano Ciociola Benchmark 4th year
Chef Lindsay Smith and Nirvana by Chef Lindsay 1st year
Chef Scott Green – Haven Craft Kitchen + Bar 1st year



Calendar of Events

Updated as of 10-7-25

Thursday October 9th Member Lunch

Prego 11:30am

Speaker Tim Abrahams

Tim Abrahams is a retired Los Angeles County Sheriff's Detective who proudly served the community for 30 years. Over the course of his career, he worked as a deputy at Men's Central Jail and Carson Sheriff's Station, later serving as a Detective in both the Special Victims Bureau and the Fraud and Cyber Crimes Bureau.

Thursday November 6, Roosters Social

5:30pm - 8:30pm

The Potting Shed

10 Plaza Square, Suite 102

Orange, CA 92866

Step into the holiday magic at The Potting Shed in Old Towne Orange, where Christmas is in full bloom with 50 curated trees displayed throughout the beautiful historic space. This Roosters-only social event is the perfect chance to enjoy wine, small bites, and mingling with friends—while even getting ahead on your holiday shopping, all with views of the Plaza.

Owned by Jack Carlisle, The Potting Shed specializes in indoor and outdoor plants, plus vintage-inspired gifts, home décor, and unique accessories. 10% of purchases that evening will support the Roosters Foundation.

Please note: dates and events may be subject to change.

Calendar will be updated as needed.

Check date of calendar at top of page, and email

RoostersCommunicationsDirector@gmail.com if you have questions or need a refreshed calendar.

Thursday November 13th Member Lunch

Prego 11:30am

VOTE for 2026 BOARD!!!

& Speaker Beatrice De Salles

A member and Global Ambassador of United Nations Assoc. OC, and Council member at the World Affairs Councils of America.

Personal interpreter with protocol experience for many dignitaries, presidents, and chiefs of state.

SoCal Cocktail & Spirits Fest presented by SIP Awards

(unofficial Roosters get together)

November 15th, 2025, from 3:00 to 7:00 PM at the OC Fair & Event Center ...an unforgettable experience celebrating the world of cocktails and spirits. Discover new flavors, learn from industry experts, and enjoy tastings from top brands.

Whether you're a seasoned mixologist or just love a good drink, this event is perfect for you. Get ready to sip, savor, and socialize with fellow cocktail enthusiasts. Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to elevate your spirits game!

Tickets ---> <https://sipawards.com/>

2026

OC Food & Wine Celebration 2026

Saturday, April 11, 2026

Festival of Arts, Laguna Beach



**ROOSTERS
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Facebook Group

All members and significant others are welcome to join this group. Contact Ali if you would like to join but are not presently on Facebook.

**2025 Roosters Foundation of Orange County
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**2025 Roosters Foundation of Orange County
Off - Board**



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9-28-25 Chair



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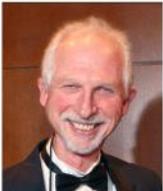
Social Chairs
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Penny Strenger
Events Coordinator



Alison Cotton
Dir. of Comm.



Peter Smith
Crow Editor

ROOSTER OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



Michael Krever



Bob McCaffrey



David Norwood



Peter Moriarty



Larry Mandell



Buy Them a Drink!!



Charity Committee

The charity committee is meeting on October 22nd to evaluate the grant applications that were submitted by eleven charities. At this meeting we will recommend grant amounts to be given to each charity for 2025. As a basis for our evaluations, we use The Maslow Hierarchy of Needs as a guideline.



Jill Caron-Rauen
Charity Committee Chair

The second step in the process is to have the grant review committee meet and discuss the recommendations from the charity committee. This committee is made up of three Rooster non-board members, the current President, the immediate Past President, the Vice President, and the Chair of each Rooster event. The committee will approve, or make changes to, the recommendations that will then be presented to the board of directors for final approval.

The checks will be passed out to each charity advocate at the holiday luncheon. AND (drum roll please) we will be giving out \$100,000.00 this year!

Jill Caron-Rauen,
Charity Chairperson
Work: 714-536-8603 Cell/text: 714-552-4216
jill@jdcaron.com

Membership

Roosters!

We have 60 members and 8 honorary members and we have two brand new applications; look for their pics and bios in this month's Crow:

Donna Toral — Friend from my pickleball club. She briefly attended the August luncheon, attended Hungry Games, and has submitted an application. Donna has been very hands-on with charitable organizations; I expect she'll roll up her sleeves and help our organization. She has been invited to the October luncheon and the November Board meeting.

Kay Grether — Friend of Donna Toral. She attended the August luncheon, Hungry Games, and Chefs, and has submitted an application. Kay has a great home for entertaining and is looking forward to hosting a Roosters event/social. She has been invited to the October luncheon and the November Board meeting.

If you have a prospective member, please get their contact information to me and I will reach out to them. Or have them contact me at rward@eis.agency or 949-274-6274.

Sincerely,
Robert F. Ward
Membership Chair



Honorary Roosters - we are happy to have the ongoing support of the following:

Cherri Farah
Gary Eisenberger
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Mark McDonald
Dan Pederson
Floyd Pickrell

Peter Smith
Stephanie Bauer
Penny Strenger
Eric Samaniego
Massimo Aronne

Roosters Store!

You can still order MERCH from our online Store! Roosters' store is open to order Under Armour shirts and Richardson 112 Twill/Mesh Snapback hat – all embroidered with Roosters' logo. Prices include taxes and shipping! Orders will be shipped in batches once a month, so get yours this month!

Our supplier is....

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Great
Birthday
Gift!!

A Note from the Treasurer

All Roosters bills needing to be paid, please forward to roosterspayables@gmail.com This way it has a specific email and will not get lost in all the communications.

Thanks, Jessie Bullis, Secretary Treasurer

Proposed New Member – Donna Toral

Sponsor: Rob Ward

My day job is overseeing 500 dental offices across the US. It keeps me busy. When I'm not working, I can be found on a pickleball court or wandering the multitude of trails around Anaheim Hills where I currently reside. I just married off my only child to a wonderful man in San Luis Obispo last week.

I'm passionate about being of service. I ran a family foundation for 20+ years focused on at-risk youth in Orange County. Looking to jump back in with both feet through the Roosters Foundation. I have a lot of experience managing and chairing events. Excited to bring some new ideas and energy to this noble group.



Proposed New Member – Kay Grether

Sponsor: Rob Ward

I am a California native & grew up here in Orange County. I've traveled, lived in Italy & New York City. And after many rewarding years in the Fashion and Interior Design industries followed by a thirst for real estate investing, I've now embraced retirement as a new chapter, to focus on giving back and connection. I love people, live music (Blues, rock'n roll, and Zeppelin have my heart!), animals, and the thrill of a fast car! Laughter keeps me energized. I'm looking forward to bringing my creativity, care, and enthusiasm to the Roosters and to making a positive difference together.



Roosters 2025 Board of Directors Candidate Statements

Hello ! My name is Jill Caron-Rauen and I would like to be on the Board of Directors, and remain your Charity Committee Chair for 2026. I have been a Rooster for five years, and a Board member and Charity Committee Chair for the last three years.

We have given a total of \$300,000.00 dollars in grants to our charities, and will give \$100,000.00 again this year. We can really be proud of the work that we do, and of our organization.

I would appreciate your vote!

Jill Caron-Rauen



Hello fellow Roosters! I'm Garison Draper, and I'm running for the board because I've seen firsthand the impact we make in our community. I've been around the Roosters since the 90s, as an observer while my father was a member. I originally joined in 2014 and have been involved on and off since then, recently rejoining in 2023. Serving on the board this past year opened my eyes to the depth of our work—and I'm energized to continue making a difference. I'd be honored to have your vote to serve again in 2026."

Garison Draper +1 (970)-GARISON



Hello Roosters!

It has been a true honor serving on the Board in 2024 and 2025 as Membership Chair.

I will be happy to continue in this role for 2026 on an interim basis until I help ensure a smooth transition and support the next Membership Chair as we continue building and strengthening our Roosters family.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Rob Ward, 949-274-6274



Two years ago, I had the privilege of officially joining the Roosters (June 2023)—though my connection with this incredible organization began in 2004 through my volunteer efforts at many Rooster events alongside the Bleu and Alison Cotton, and becoming a member only deepened my commitment to our mission.

Over the past year, I've had the opportunity to serve on the Board of Directors as the Ambassador Chair. It has been an honor to take on this role, and I've worked hard to represent the Roosters with enthusiasm, professionalism, and heart. I've also continued to support the Charity Committee, and volunteer at our events—all with the goal of learning, contributing, and helping the Roosters thrive. As we look ahead to 2026, I'm excited to ask for your support to continue serving as the Ambassador Chair. I've greatly enjoyed the role, and I'm eager to keep building relationships within our community, welcoming new members, and supporting our mission in any way I can.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve this past year, and for considering my continued involvement on the Board for 2026.

Rooster Proud, Davi Wilson



I'm excited to run for Speaker Chair for my third year! Over the past two years, I've worked hard to bring in engaging, high-quality speakers who inspire and inform our community. Looking ahead to 2026, my goal is to expand our reach even further—attracting diverse, dynamic voices who can offer fresh perspectives, new ideas, and real-world expertise. I'm passionate about continuing to elevate our speaker lineup and creating memorable, meaningful experiences for everyone who attends.

Bleu Cotton





Thank you, Chefs!



Chef Ugo Allesina
Prego Mediterranean



Chef Alfonso Ramirez
Leatherby's Café Rouge



Chef Eric Samanigo
Michael's on Naples



Chef Nick Weber
Populaire Modern Bistro



Chef Stefano Ciociola
Benchmark



Chef Lindsay Smith
Nirvana by Chef Lindsay



Chef Scott Green
Haven Craft Kitchen + Bar



Chef David B. Martin
The Pacific Club



Chef Ross Pangilinan
Catering by Mix Mix



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BECAUSE OF THE ROOSTERS, SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN ARE TUTORED TO BRING THEIR READING ABILITY UP TO GRADE LEVEL

ROOSTERS SUPPORT MEANS THAT SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN WHO ARE PROVIDED BREAKFAST AND LUNCH AT SCHOOL, ALSO HAVE FOOD DURING THE SUMMER.

THIS IS GOOD WORK. YOUR SUPPORT MAKES A DIFFERENCE.

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THANK YOU TO -

Chef Eric Samaniego and Michaels on Naples 7th year
Chef Ugo Allesina and Prego 7th year
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Chefs Experience 2025 - a Fun Way to Fundraise with The Roosters!



An Unforgettable Evening at the Roosters Chef Experience

Sunday night was nothing short of extraordinary at the Roosters Chef Experience, where culinary excellence met heartfelt philanthropy. I had the pleasure of sitting at Prego's with the incredibly talented Chef Ugo, whose passion and creativity were on full display. Each course was thoughtfully curated, delivering bold flavors and beautiful presentations, perfectly paired with wines that elevated the entire dining experience.



Adding to the excitement, the live auction unfolded with energy and generosity, bringing the room to life. Watching the bids climb and the crowd rally behind such a meaningful cause was inspiring.



Most importantly, the evening was a tremendous success for our OC children's charities. It was a celebration of community, giving, and the power of coming together to make a difference. Cheers to great food, great company, and an even greater cause!



Ambassador Chair, Davi Wilson

Chefs Experience 2025 - a Fun Way to Fundraise with The Roosters!



Chefs Experience, the way to Hook New Members!

I first heard about the Roosters from my friend Dan Stone. Every time we talked, Dan would light up telling me about the incredible events the Roosters put on, how much fun they had, and most importantly, how much Roosters did for kids in need.

It didn't take long before I thought, this sounds like the perfect organization for Leah and me.

We attended our very first Chefs Experience in 2022, and from the moment we walked through those doors, we were hooked. The energy, the excitement, the warmth of people we'd never met who treated us like old friends, it was an unforgettable night.

The glamour, the generosity, the laughter, and the powerful sense of purpose all came together in a way that stayed with us long after the evening ended.

By the time dessert was served, I knew, I wanted to be a Rooster. Soon after, I submitted my membership application and proudly became a Rooster in 2023.

Leah and I have attended every Chefs event since, and somehow, each year outshines the last.

We're already counting down the days until Chefs 2026.

Rob Ward, Membership Chair



Chefs Experience 2025 - a Fun Way to Fundraise with The Roosters!



Speaker's Corner

October 9th we will have an amazing speaker at our lunch!
Don't miss this!

Your Speaker Chair, Bleu Cotton



Tim Abrahams is a retired Los Angeles County Sheriff's Detective who proudly served the community for 30 years. Over the course of his career, he worked as a deputy at Men's Central Jail and Carson Sheriff's Station, later serving as a Detective in both the Special Victims Bureau and the Fraud and Cyber Crimes Bureau.

At the Special Victims Bureau, Tim investigated cases involving the physical and sexual abuse of children as well as sexual assaults of adults. He later transitioned to the Fraud and Cyber Crimes Bureau, where he specialized in Elder Fiduciary and Real Estate Fraud. These complex cases often involved significant financial losses, multiple suspects across jurisdictions, thousands of pages of records, digital forensics, and crimes such as wire fraud, embezzlement, and exploitation of vulnerable adults. Many of these investigations required years of dedication and highly specialized training.

October 9 Speaker:
Tim Abrahams

Building on his experience as a Real Estate Fraud Investigator, Tim earned his real estate license and now channels his skills into helping families buy and sell their homes. His law enforcement background instilled in him integrity, attention to detail, and a client-first mindset—qualities he carries into every transaction. Tim's unique insight into the legal and financial aspects of property transactions helps families safeguard their most valuable assets.

Today, Tim finds great reward in opening doors for families - literally - rather than kicking them down.

Roosters Socials

We had a great time in September, at our Member Gathering/Social. Many Roosters came out to Bracken's Kitchen to support this charity, at their Hungry Games event.



Check out our November Social, as we kick off the holiday season together!...

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Thursday, November 6th | 5:30–8:30 PM
10 Plaza Square, Suite 102
Orange, CA 92866

Joan Leatherby & Greg Bates, Social Chairs
Please check your emails for the "EVITE" providing details on the socials scheduled for each month.

Bracken's Kitchen Hungry Games

What a Fun Event!





Please Visit, Support & say “THANKS” to our
2025 OC Food & Wine Celebration Vendors

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- *[White Claw Vodka](#) & Seltzer

Retail Vendors

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Craft Beer Garden

- *[Barrel & Stave Pour House](#)
- *[Carlsbad Brewing Company](#)
- *[Chapman Crafted Beer](#)
- *[Divine Science Brewing](#)
- *[Luchador Brewing Company](#)
- *[Straub Distributing](#)
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Notes from
Alison Cotton, Communications Director

Our communications team uses:

- Evite (Download the Evite App on your Phone)
- Facebook Group (Download the Facebook App on your Phone)
- Constant Contact (Make sure our Crow Newsletters are not going to your email JUNK folder)
- Our Member Directory is on our website in a Members-Only Section
- Instagram – LIKE and SHARE our posts!
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<https://www.youtube.com/@roostersfoundationofoc>

Thank you in advance.

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How can you share The Roosters Foundation's mission with others?

- * Post about us on your Social Media.
- * Invite others to our events, and encourage membership!...
- * Buy and wear our Merch! Check out our store online! (address in this Crow!)
- * Get creative like Gary Draper...
He added a custom license plate frame to his car!
"The cost is about \$21. If you like this license plate frame, you can order it on Amazon. Contact Gary or Ali for more details on the amazon seller.

Roosters Charitable Fund Endowment

The fund guarantees that the Roosters Foundation's mission of helping Orange County's children will continue forever. Thanks to the generosity of supporters, this endowment creates a steady stream of income that will always be available to fund programs that make a real difference in the lives of these local children.

Want to help? Click on the link below to donate directly to the Roosters Charitable Fund Endowment. Your contribution, whether a one-time gift or a monthly donation, will ensure that the Roosters Foundation can continue its vital work for generations to come.

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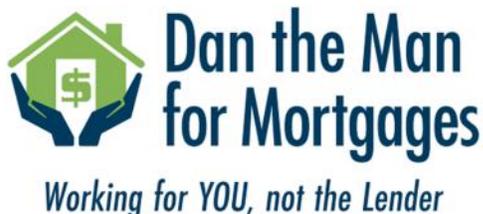
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Michaels on Naples

We are so sad to share that Michaels on Naples closed their doors on October 1st. Chef Eric and Massimo joined us one last time for our Chefs Experience just a few days before. We were honored to present to them a printed, framed personalized photo and a collage of their support over the past 7 years. The board also voted Chef Eric Samaniego and Manager Massimo Aronne, as honorary Roosters. This is one of the highest honors for the Roosters to give.

Thank you, too, to Michael Dene, owner, who has been in attendance of the Chefs Experience, over the years, and for having us share our holiday brunch at your restaurant for 2 amazing years.



Ambassador's Corner

Ambassadors: if you attended the recent Chefs Experience, you understand how the spirit of Roosters grabs you and doesn't let go!



This event is at the heart of Roosters passion, determination to help and fellowship in our mutual efforts. And of course, a great opportunity to have a great evening and really get to know your Rooster brothers and sisters!

Say hello to all our Ambassadors:

Davi Wilson	Rob Ward
BJ Borgen	Jessie Bullis
Garison Draper	Barbara Foster
Jeremy Gordon	Jane Shellhouse
Larry Greene	Jayne Herring
Shannon Rodriguez	Jeff Tancre

Davi Wilson
Ambassador Chair 2025

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ADVERTISE IN THE ROOSTERS CROW NEWSLETTER

The Roosters Crow Newsletter is published once a month.

The monthly cost is \$25 for a quarter-page, \$50 for a half-page and \$100 for a full page. Jpeg format is preferred, but we can adjust to meet most design formats. Yearly rates are available upon request, but in most cases, the saving is 25%. All copy is due by the 15th of each month.

The newsletter is emailed to Roosters membership, charity donors, charity groups, and the Orange County news media. It is also posted on the Roosters Social Media. (www.roosters.org).

2024 Roosters Foundation Grants



**ROOSTERS
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Each year, the Roosters Foundation makes grants to small charities that benefit children. Some have a long history with the Roosters; others are new. Each charity is carefully vetted by Rooster volunteers to ensure they stay true to their mission.

The Roosters Foundation raises money through the annual Orange County Food and Wine Celebration and through direct donations from members and the community.



Advance!...on to college

Rooster Advocate - Allyn Lean

Purpose - Dedicated to empowering individuals on their journey towards higher education.

Website - www.ontocollege.org



Devil Pups

Rooster Advocate - Gary Draper

Purpose - Leadership education through a demanding physical and academic camp experience.

Website - www.devilpups.com



Family Promise

Rooster Advocate - Dan Stone

Purpose - Emergency shelter, short-term housing, and support services for homeless families.

Website - www.familypromiseorangecounty.org



Fish For Life

Rooster Advocate - Marty Golden

Purpose - Ocean fishing experience for special needs children.

Website - www.fishforlife.org



Friendly Center

Rooster Advocate - Michael Krever

Purpose - "Success for All" after-school tutoring program for children K - 12.

Website - www.friendlycenter.org



Fristers

Rooster Advocate - Lou Gardner

Purpose - Meeting the immediate needs of teen parents to break the repeating cycle of poverty.

Website - www.fristers.org



H.O.P.E.

Rooster Advocate - Peter Haaker

Purpose - Provides swift access to critical services and resources, striving to alleviate food insecurity and homelessness.

Website - www.hopebiz.org



Hope Harbor

Rooster Advocate - John Hinson

Purpose - Focused on providing a home for teens in crisis, transforming lives, and strengthening families.

Website - www.hopeharbor.org



Empowering Readers OC
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Parentis Foundation

Rooster Advocates - Thad Sandford & Larry Mandell

Purpose - Seeks to raise reading proficiency of at-risk kids by the end of third grade.

Website - www.parentishealth.org



Stand Up for Kids

Rooster Advocate - Jill Caron-Rauen

Purpose - End the cycle of youth homelessness by providing basic needs, housing and mentoring.

Website - www.standupforkids.org/orangecounty



Summer Harvest

Rooster Advocate - Paul Robidoux

Purpose - Provides food to children in need and their families during Summer and Holiday Seasons.

Website - www.summerharvest.us



Young Singers of Orange County

Rooster Advocate - Jill Caron-Rauen

Purpose - Music education scholarships for at-risk youth.

Website - www.youngsingersoc.org

www.RoostersFoundation.org

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Roosters Creed

An organization that stands for friendship, fellowship, charity and good times. It stands for busy, worldly people who take the time to give those less fortunate a helping hand. It stands for warmth, strength, and shared laughter.

Mission Statement

To facilitate and encourage lifelong friendships while performing charitable works on behalf of children in need.

Mission Statement for the Roosters Foundation of Orange County

To raise necessary funds for disadvantaged and at-risk children in the Orange County area and to support public and private programs with necessary services for children in need.

We respectfully request that all Roosters and the friends of Roosters patronize the businesses and establishments that support and foster Roosters charity causes. We are grateful!



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