



## PHILANTHROPY

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### The Sound of the Future

► David Chonette, former president of Edwards Lifesciences, and his wife, Suzanne

Philanthropists **Suzanne and David Chonette**, former president of **Edwards Lifesciences**; **Janice and Ted Smith**, founder and retired chairman, **FileNet**; **Patrick Chen**, president, **JETCC Investments**; **Diana Martin**, owner, **Diana Martin Gifts**; and **Mark Tamaino**, operating partner, **Welsh, Carson, Anderson & Stowe**, as well as two anonymous patrons were among the donors who contributed \$1.85 million to the Pacific Symphony's ongoing Sound Future Campaign.

Pacific Symphony's Sound Future Campaign was created at the onset of the pandemic with the purpose of sustaining the Symphony as Orange County's performing arts cornerstone. The Sound Future Fund was motivated by a \$1 million dollar leadership gift from **Mary and John Tu**. This gift was designated as a match, which expires June 30.

The key goals of the Symphony's Sound Future Fund are returning the orchestra to the stage to perform and to record new content, providing solace and therapeutic benefit for community members through innovative digital content, supporting music education in schools when ensembles and teachers have limited resources, securing the health and financial well-being of its musicians and employees, and replenishing financial reserves to assure business continuity.

The Sound Future Campaign's goal is to reach \$12 million by December 31.

### Everything is 'O-Kay'

► **Elim Kay**, co-chairman, **REDDS Capital**, managing director, **Kay Group** and president, **Kay Family Foundation**



The **Kay Family Foundation**, whose president, **Elim Kay**, is the co-chairman of **REDDS Capital** and managing director of the **Kay Group**, has made a gift of \$1.3 million to the **UCI Center for Healthspan Sciences** at the **University of California, Irvine**. The funds will be used to create a novel health coaching program, among other projects.

Part of the School of Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Sciences, within the **Susan & Henry Samueli College of Health Sciences**, it aims to increase human longevity and improve "healthspan," a time in people's lives when they experience mental and physical well-being.

"The main goals of the center are to engage in evidence-based, multidisciplinary research and educational programs to help improve everyday life in a way that will inspire healthier lifestyle choices and habits," said **Mahtab Jafari**, center director and UCI professor of pharmaceutical sciences. "This generous gift from the Kay Family Foundation will enable the center to launch its ambitious agenda."

"Dr. Mahtab Jafari's cutting-edge healthspan program is the ideal setting to collaborate on developing the unique health coaching program," Kay said. "We look forward to the outcome of this program so that patients—more specifically, patients with cancer—can benefit from it."



### 2 Million Meals Served

► **Sir Bruno Serato** (center), owner, **Anaheim Hills White House** and founder, **Caterina's Club**

On April 19, **Caterina's Club** served its 2 millionth free meal since the beginning of the pandemic in March 2020. The nonprofit, founded in 2005 by restauranter **Sir Bruno Serato**, owner, **Anaheim White House Restaurant**, typically serves about 1 million children annually across Orange and Los Angeles counties.

Despite Serato's struggles this past year with the forced shutdowns and limited capacity restrictions at his White House Restaurant, he says he never thought of wavering on his commitment to feeding underprivileged children through the pandemic.

"This pandemic, we weren't only feeding kids, but their families," Serato said. "Many of their moms and dads lost their jobs. Anaheim is one of the hardest-hit places. Look at **Disneyland**, all of the hotels, **Angel Stadium**, and the convention center closing. Thousands of people lost their jobs."

**Caterina's Club** was established to help ensure that underprivileged children throughout Orange County had access to at least one warm meal a day. Since its inception, the nonprofit's mission has grown to include affordable housing assistance and job training for homeless and low-income families. Donors include **Ueberroth Family Foundation**, **Allergan Foundation**, **3M**, **Croul Family Foundation**, **Ralphs Food 4 Less**, **Barilla Pasta** and **KPC Health**.

### A Path Forward

► **Tiger Woods**; **Nick Gross**, co-founder, **Find Your Grind Foundation**, founder and chairman, **Gross Labs**

The **TGR Foundation**, an Irvine-based charity founded by **Tiger Woods**, has partnered with several Orange County businesses and nonprofits on the launch of **Pathways Forward**, a new initiative designed to help students build personal and professional success.

Each of the partners have stepped up with significant financial and resource support, and a shared vision to drive transformational change in the local community.

The new partnerships include the **Find Your Grind Foundation**, which has joined with the TGR Foundation to implement a self-discovery and career exploration curriculum aimed at helping connect their strengths and skills to their future careers. **Experian** will also be partnering with the TGR Foundation to

provide funding in support of curriculum at the **TGR Learning Lab**, as well as resources to develop curriculum to educate students and families on the importance of establishing solid credit at an early age.

**Learn & Earn**, established by **Walter and Jeff Cruttenden**, co-founders of the micro-investing firm **Acorns**, will help the children served by the TGR Foundation understand the importance of saving and investing at a young age. **Learn & Earn** will also develop custom curriculum for students at the TGR Learning Lab that can be accessed through the **Learn & Earn** app.

Each of the partners made significant, multi-year pledges to TGR Foundation's 25th Anniversary Pathways Forward campaign. To date, \$5.4 million has been raised toward the goal of reaching \$10 million. The programs stemming from the partnerships will be rolled out during the 2021-2022 school year.



### Bits & Pieces

The **Angels Baseball Foundation** hosted the "Angels JR42 Clinic, Presented by Nike" on Jackie Robinson Day, April 15, giving approximately 60 children ages 8-12 an outlet to return to outdoor activities and participate in youth baseball and softball events. ... The **Women's Transitional Living Center Inc.** earned more than \$80,000 from its recent online broadcast, "Our Story, Your Legacy, Remastering Lives Since 1976," a 90-minute fundraiser that presented modern take on radio's classic "theatre of the mind" experience, as well as honored long-time corporate sponsor **RDM General Contractors of Costa Mesa**. ... The **Decorative Arts Society (DARTS)** recently provided 15 Orange County nonprofit organizations with a total of \$275,000 in grants, setting a record for DARTS, which has given \$3 million to women's and children's charities in Orange County since its inception 25 years ago.