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OC Health Nonprofits Share \$1.5M in Komen Funding

105 Breast Cancer Charity IDs Recipients at Breakfast

The Orange County chapter of **Susan G. Komen for the Cure** awarded \$1.5 million in grants to 15 local nonprofits that work to promote breast cancer awareness.

The grants were announced at its Grants Award Breakfast this month. Some of the recipients include the Santa Ana-based **Asian American Senior Citizens Service Center**; Tustin-based **Hurt Family Health Clinic** at



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the **Orange County Rescue Mission**; Laguna Beach Community Clinic; Garden Grove-based **Pacific Islander Health Partnership**; **Planned Parenthood of Orange and San Bernardino Counties**; Costa Mesa-based **Share Our Selves**; Fountain Valley-based **Vietnamese American Cancer Foundation**; and Fullerton-based **YWCA of North Orange County**.

Segerstrom Center for the Arts in Costa Mesa kicked off the holiday season by netting nearly \$1.3 million at its annual Candlelight Concert.

The funds raised will support the center's artistic and education programs.

About 450 people attended the dinner and show at Segerstrom Hall, which was transformed into a ballroom.

The concert featured two performances by Broadway and TV actress **Kristin**



Kristin Chenoweth with Segerstrom President Terrence Dwyer (right) and his wife, Amy

Chenoweth, who sang several songs, and Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons.

Sonora Elementary School Eagles Advanced Band and the **Brethren Lutheran School Jazz Combo** provided entertainment during the reception.

Dee Higby—wife of Segerstrom Center for the Arts' Board Chair **Lawrence Higby**—chaired the event.

Other committee members included **Julia Argyros**; **Marta Bhathal**; **Deborah Bridges**; **Missy Pace Callero**; **Sally Crockett**; **Terry Goldfarb-Lee**; **Caroline Jones**; **Eve Kornyei**; **Shanaz Langson**; **Liz Merage**; **Pat Poss**; **Twyla Reed Martin**; **Harriet Sandhu**; **Sutton Stracke**; **Susan Strader**; and **Carol Wilken**.

Cartier was the presenting sponsor for the evening, which netted nearly \$1.3 million to support Segerstrom Center's artistic and education programs.

Joachim Splichal, chef and founder of the Los Angeles-based **Patina Restaurant Group**, created the four-course menu, along

with **Gregg Wiele**, executive chef of **Patina**, and **Ross Panglinan**, executive chef of **Leatherby's Cafe Rouge**, located at the Segerstrom Center for the Arts.

Valencia-based **Chocolates á la Carte** created a truffle lounge.

Santa Ana-based **United Cerebral Palsy of Orange County** raised \$130,000 at its **Life Without Limits Golf Tournament**.

More than 130 golfers and supporters of the charity participated in the tournament at the Santa Ana Country Club.

Dana Dowers, chief executive of Irvine-based **DLD Insurance Brokers Inc.**, started the tournament nearly 20 years ago and was the tournament's title sponsor.

Tournament chairman **Scott Pievac**, chief executive of Chino-based **SPC Retail Display Group**, combined his **Brianna Cup** golf fundraiser with the United Cerebral Palsy tournament three years ago in honor of his 12-year-old daughter. **SPC** was a major sponsor.

Some of the prizes given away in a drawing included a **Superformance Cobra**, donated by **Lance Stander** and Irvine-based **Hillbank Motor Corp.**, Irvine-based **Superformance LLC** and Irvine-based **Shelby Distribution USA**. Other tournament sponsors included **Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP**, **1st Enterprise Bank** and **Sidley Austin LLP**, all headquartered in Los Angeles; **Bryan and Mary Ann Bentrott**; Irvine-based **The John Harvey Co. Insurance Services**; Santa Ana-based **Tidalwave Finance Corp.**; as well as **Voit Real Estate Services** and **WLA Investments**, both of Newport Beach.

Lake Forest-based **Professional**

Community Management of California Inc. and **Aliso Viejo Community Association's** Second Annual ClubCorp Charity Golf Tournament raised \$50,000 total for the **Alzheimer's Association's** Orange County chapter in Irvine, Dallas-based **Employee Partners Care Foundation** and the San Diego-based **Muscular Dystrophy Association's** **Augie's Quest**.

About 70 golfers hit the greens at the Aliso Viejo Country Club. Among them were **Aliso Viejo Community Association** board members **Ross Chun** and **Katie Koster**; **Professional Community Management of California's** Chief Executive **Donny Disbro**; General Manager **Marilyn Smith**; and Marketing Vice President **Joe Winkler**.

Professional Community Management also recently announced that the company's employees raised \$14,500 for **United Way of Orange County** and Dallas-based **Associa Cares**, which assists families affected by a natural or man-made disaster.

Irvine-based **Smile Brands Inc.** is providing dentistry to the people of Paraguay through December.

Steve Bilt, chief executive, is leading a team of executives and dentists on an eight-day trip to the capital of Asunción under the auspices of the **Smiles for Everyone Foundation**.

One of the main goals for **Smile Brands** is to develop a model for providing exceptional dental and hygiene care to isolated and low-income communities, according to **Bilt**.

"We feel as part of our individual and corporate responsibilities, it is important to extend our mission beyond the walls of our 350 dental offices," he said. ■