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Dear Supporter,

The time has come for you to renew your membership with **La Casa**, Orangewood Children's Home Auxiliary Organization!

Last year, your generous donation helped fund numerous efforts toward bettering the lives of children residing at Orangewood, including:

- *Structural improvements to Orangewood's facilities.*
- *Enhanced educational opportunities through library resources and services.*
- *Fun-filled adventures to theme parks and live performance venues.*

This year, we hope to accomplish even more. However, we can't do it without the generous contributions of members just like you!

Please join La Casa for another successful year by renewing your membership today. Remember La Casa is a 501(c)(3) organization and your donation is tax deductible (Tax ID# 95-3681176). Attached, you'll find a copy of our membership application form that includes the option of signing up for our email list. By cutting down on printing and mailing costs, more funds will be available to support the needs of Orangewood residents.

Alternatively, you can submit your membership application and payment information online by visiting <https://www.ochlacasa.org/donate>.

If you have any questions about the renewal process, please don't hesitate to contact us at och.lacasa@gmail.com.

As always, we thank you for your continued dedication to our important cause. We look forward to serving you and the interests of Orangewood Children's Home for another year!

Sincerely,

The Board Members of La Casa



La Casa Membership Application

Please complete all sections of this form. *Thank you for your generous support!*

Contact Information

Full Name _____ Company (if any) _____

Address _____

Address (cont) _____

City _____ State _____ Postal code _____

Email Address: _____ *By providing my email address, I opt-in to receive emails from LaCasa.*

Donation Amount

\$35 \$45 \$100 \$250 \$500 Other amount \$ _____

Payment Information

Check enclosed (payable to *La Casa*)

Credit Card: Card type

Name on card _____

Card number _____

Expiration Date /

Signature _____

Send completed donation forms via postal mail:

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Orangewood Children's Home Auxiliary Organization



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Thank you!

You are AMAZING!! Thanks to you and your generosity, La Casa and its affiliates' 2019 fundraising efforts were wildly successful – almost record setting. We couldn't have done it without you. Let's look back at the difference you made in the lives of hundreds of Orangewood Children's Home residents.

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*Note: The faces of Orangewood employees and residents have been obscured for their privacy and protection.

LA CASA: The Who's and What's

“Orangewood Children and Family Center (OCFC) is a 24-hour emergency shelter care facility, operated and owned by the County of Orange Social Services Agency for children who have been abused, abandoned, and/or neglected. OCFC is licensed by the California Department of Social Services as a group home.” (Retrieved from http://ssa.ocgov.com/ssa_volunteer/orangewood).

La Casa is a non-profit public benefit corporation, organized for charitable purposes. La Casa's mission is to foster interest and community involvement in OCFC. More specifically, La Casa's purpose is to engage in fundraising activities and to otherwise solicit monetary contributions for the purchase of items of personal property and services required to meet the needs of children under the care of OCFS. La Casa also solicits non-monetary gifts of personal property for the use and enjoyment by the children at OCFS. In short, we strive to ease the trauma and pain a child experiences when he or she is placed in foster care.

“We live in a world in which we need to share responsibility. It's easy to say "It's not my child, not my community, not my world, not my problem." Then there are those who see the need and respond. I consider those people my heroes.”

— Fred Rogers



Orangewood residents race Go-Karts at K1 Speed in Irvine.

LA CASA: 2020 Board of Directors

La Casa is pleased to announce the election of its 2020 Board of Directors, including the appointment of two new officers. Tim Branoff now serves as President; Bill Wheeler serves as First Vice President (Nominating). Charlene Olivares continues to hold her position as Secretary. Sue Creager, who has diligently served on the La Casa Board for a remarkable 20 years, continues to hold the position of Treasurer.

New appointments include Alison Brenner, who holds the position of Second Vice President (Membership), and Betty Stroh who serves as Parliamentarian.

Thank you to all who participated in our election. We appreciate your time and interest.



Orangewood residents ice skate at Irvine Spectrum.

Your Impact in 2019

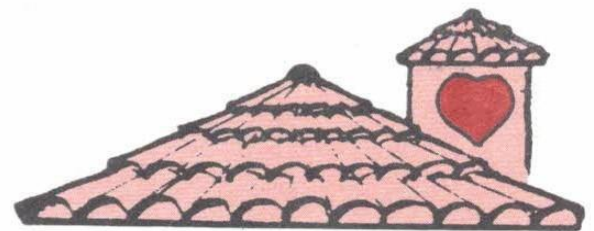
You've touched the lives of so many. Because of you, Orangewood residents learned about marine life at the Long Beach Aquarium, constructed robots out of Legos at Legoland, and decorated pumpkins at Strawberry Farms in Irvine. They learned how to ice skate (see photo on left) and drive Go-Karts. You funded on-site events celebrating Black History Month, Easter, and the 4th of July, as well as off-site excursions to beaches, roller skating rinks, and Big Bear Mountain ski slopes. Your generosity provided necessities, such as bedding, and educational resources, such as library books. You made a difference. We cannot thank you enough.

2019 End of Year Highlights

The list of accomplishments our donors made possible is vast. Here are a few highlights.

First, a tremendous thank you to those who attended the Winter Wonderland event. We raised an astonishing \$38,000 and thoroughly enjoyed doing it. We are particularly grateful for all the hard work and effort our affiliate organizations, La Familia and Las Amigas, put into making the event a success.

Second, the Joyce Brown playground project is finally complete! The playground at Orangewood is now adorned with a beautiful and functional sunshade canopy that will be enjoyed by residents for years to come. Although the project confronted some unexpected hurdles that pushed costs to more than \$15,000, the employees and residents could not be more thrilled. Hats off to our President, Tim Branoff, for meticulously overseeing the project.



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