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Upcoming Events:

Sunday, September 13, 2017 - Grand Opening of the newly renovated KidWorks Dan Donahue Center from 5:30-7:00pm.

Ways To Get Involved:

Give - you can change the life of a KidWorks student by making a financial contribution.

Serve in one of our many weekly programs and give the gift of your time.

Share your passion for KidWorks with your friends and family. We offer tours of our Dan Donahue Center Monday-Friday, 9am-6pm.

To learn more or request a tour, visit us at kidworksoc.org or (714) 834-9400

2017 KidWorks Golf Classic is another record breaking year to benefit our students!



Big congratulations to the 2017 KidWorks Golf Classic Winning Foursome: Shawn Devine, Conner Burke, Rick Stegelvik and Eric Speik. (shown left to right).

Our 2017 KidWorks Golf Classic at the Pelican Hill North Golf Course in Newport Beach was our most successful ever. A big KidWorks "thank you!" to every sponsor, golfer and supporter who helped raise over \$240,000 for KidWorks afterschool academic, leadership and spiritual development programs.

Our fifth annual Golf Classic welcomed 144 enthusiastic golfers. You can view photos from the event at this website link: www.KidWorksOC.org/golf.

KidWorks is very grateful to Mike Harrah, President of Caribou Industries, and the official Title Sponsor of this year's event. Title Sponsorship is the highest level of support for the tournament.

Steve Craig, of the Craig Reality Group (developer of the Outlets at San Clemente and Citadel Outlets), was presented the "Golden Tee Award" in recognition of his inspiring leadership and partnership that has allowed the tournament to grow so consistently over the years.

KidWorks also thanks our other tournament sponsors: Banc of California, Ben's Asphalt, Capital One, CBRE, Citadel Outlets and the Outlets at San Clemente, KPMG and Wells Fargo, among others.

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Steve Craig, Sharon Kline, and David Benavides (shown left to right)

We are also very grateful to our golf tournament committee, led by co-chairs Sharon Kline of CBRE and Chris Brown of KPMG.

The tournament itself was packed with fun. In addition to competition for best scores, contests included putting, closest to the pin, longest drive and more.

After their round of golf, players also enjoyed dinner and a live auction.

Another highlight were uplifting words from Isaac, a KidWorks college student who expressed his gratitude for how our programs have kept him on a path towards success.

Want to join in the fun in 2018? We'll be announcing those details in the near future.



A Desmadre Tequila, just one of the many refreshments served on course!



Kevin Jennings, Sharon Kline, Lydia Shen, and Jerry Yahr (shown left to right)



Nevell Group Inc Foursome: Ruben Mendoza, Jim McDonald, Bruce Pasqua and Eric Hird (shown left to right)

Thank you to our 2017 KidWorks Golf Classic Sponsors!

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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



The first day of summer is June 21—and that means KidWorks is gearing up once again to provide another wonderful experience for our students. You can read more about our plans in the accompanying story in this edition of the Hope Report.

For years, I have seen firsthand how KidWorks' positive impact and supportive guidance is even more vital when our students are not in their regular classrooms.

You can support our summer programs by making a financial contribution and/or volunteering. Learn more at: www.KidWorksOC.org/volunteer.

Perhaps the best way to illustrate the importance of our programs are the words of Karen Gallardo, a high school sophomore who was deeply inspired by her experience during last year's summer programs:

"Last year, I was blessed to be able to attend the Yosemite Sierra Summer Camp," Karen says. "I climbed an 85-foot rock, heard the soothing sounds of the river, attended workshops—and grew closer to God."

Please join us to create another extra special summer for hundreds of children and youth. Thank you!

-David Benavides, Executive Director of KidWorks



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KidWorks Volunteer Spotlight: Gwen Ginocchio—Our 2017 Volunteer of the Year



It's with great pride and appreciation that we honor Gwen Ginocchio, our 2017 Volunteer of the Year.

Gwen, a retired elementary school librarian, has been an enthusiastic volunteer for nearly three years.

"Gwen is a truly phenomenal volunteer! She is consistent, caring, and kind," says Melissa Peralta, KidWorks Volunteer Resources Manager.

The entire KidWorks staff knows that Gwen will help our students in any way she can, including tutoring in the classroom and also providing one-on-one support for individual students who may need a boost in a particular academic area.

"Gwen is fully invested in the success of all our children and youth, and remembers everyone she works with," Melissa says. "When she arrives at KidWorks, she makes it a point to say 'hello' to students she's helped, checking in on how they are doing."

Gwen's caring heart for our students is evident during each of her visits. Her positive attitude and supportive actions inspire each student she gets to know.

"Gwen is extremely reliable and our teachers know they can count on her to be at each of her scheduled tutoring sessions," Melissa says. "Our students look forward to every moment they spend with her, too!"



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AWARD RECIPIENT, DAVID PYLE, FOR HIS OUTSTANDING SUPPORT.

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