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Late Laguna Beach Local and Philanthropist Al Roberts Generosity Continues On

Pacific Marine Mammal Center gifted $105,000 from Roberts estate along with five other charities.

Laguna Beach, CA Thursday, December 16, 2021 – Earlier this year on February 7, 2021, long-time Laguna Beach resident, entrepreneur, philanthropist, and community leader, Al Roberts passed away. Throughout the year, the tributes, stories, and memories poured in, but in true legend style, Al Roberts’ generosity continues to shine as the Pacific Marine Mammal Center (PMMC) received a gift of $105,000 from his estate. Among his many accomplishments, Al co-founded the iconic and premiere high-end gift wrap company, Jillson & Roberts Gift Wrap. A decade later, he truly cemented his legacy in the community by forming the Aids Services Foundation Orange County, which he served as President for 20 years.

Al and his partner of fifty years, Ken Jillson began supporting PMMC in 2011. He was a regular attendee to our fundraiser events over the years and increased their support during the sea lion unusual mortality event (UME) when PMMC needed it the most.

“Throughout his life, Al dedicated himself to several philanthropic causes in and outside of the Orange County community. However, his love for Laguna Beach shined the brightest, and the Pacific Marine Mammal Center was extremely fortunate to be the recipient of his kindness throughout the years. His gracious legacy of support that he leaves behind will enable us to continue our meaningful work in marine mammal and ocean conservation with a specific emphasis on our education programs geared towards developing our youth to be the next generation of scientists, biologists, veterinarians, and conservationists.” said Peter Chang, PMMC CEO.

Al and Ken strongly supported the Laguna Beach community for decades. When sitting down with PMMC, Ken talked of their love for the beaches, ocean, marine life, and PMMC's work across those areas. Ken will be speaking at an upcoming PMMC Legacy Society event hosted at the center early next year to share more about their planned giving and what inspired him and Al. The PMMC Legacy Society is an extraordinary group of individuals who have provided a gift to the nonprofit organization through their estate or a structured planned gift.

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About Pacific Marine Mammal Center (PMMC)

The Pacific Marine Mammal Center rescues, rehabilitates and releases marine mammals and inspires ocean stewardship through research, education and collaboration. PMMC is a non-profit 501 (c)(3) organization. This year PMMC is celebrating it's 50th anniversary, 50 years of ocean and marine mammal conservation. Tax-ID number is: 95-3680896

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