

HORIZON



CARES

Newsletter - Summer 2025

Our Mission is Simple, *Make a difference!*

Do you want to become a part of our amazing team? Contact one of us today!

Ken Clark
Annie Contreras
Ritchie Ibarra
Tom Whitley

Theresa Battel
Tina Knizel
Jennifer Burke
Sheri Petrone
Erik Pietsch

**Everyone is
welcome to join in
anything we do!!!**

Michelle Clark
Valerie Lindow
Marli Milne
Kourtney Sugden

Ted Wuisang
Janice Greene
Kristen Jimenez
Ellen Glasscock

*"The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the
compassionate actions of its members." – Coretta Scott King*

**We Just dropped
off 2 more car-
loads of clothes
at Laura's
House**



Closet and Pantry donations Welcome!!

Our Closet and pantry are always here to serve and support any need you have, whether it's you, a friend or family member or an organization. Take what you need – anytime.

Backpack Drive



**This year we were able to donate to
the Friendly Center 25 Backpacks
loaded full of supplies!!**



***We thank you all for supporting our
2025 Back to school backpack drive!***

Too many children and teens are experiencing unimaginable trauma and instability. Some show up to school with only a grocery bag to carry their supplies. Their self-esteem becomes so low as they see their classmates with new backpacks, clothes, and shoes. It's not their fault they are in this unfortunate situation. A backpack may seem small, but it's the beginning of something big. A boost of confidence on the first day of school. It prepares them to be ready to learn and begins their successful education journey.

**For more information on Friendly
Center, visit: <https://friendlycenter.org/>**



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Beach Clean Up Day



A small but mighty group showed up for our beach clean up



Beach pollution is not just an eyesore; it has profound implications for marine ecosystems and wildlife.

Did you know?

- Beach pollution is the leading cause of ocean pollution
- Plastic is the most common pollutant found on beaches
- Each year over 100,00 marine animals die due to plastic entanglement or ingestion

For more information contact:

<http://www.coastkeeper.org/get-involved>

Check out 10 ways to reduce plastic pollution at:

[Plastic Pollution Solutions - 10 Ways to Reduce Plastic Pollution](#)

The Miracle League of Metro Denver

The Miracle League is an Adaptive Baseball League that provides children and adults, who are living with various mental and/or physical challenges, an opportunity to play baseball as a team member in an organized league.

Our Horizon Colorado team recently donated their time to support the athletes!



To learn more or donate, visit: www.miracleleaguedenver.com



Orange County Rescue Mission

Volunteers needed!

We help with dinner service and clean-up. Minimum age to work in the kitchen is 13. Family members are welcome! Join us if you can. Next dates are:

Sept 29th

Oct 20th

Nov 3rd



Marli & Sheri recently volunteered at the annual "Christmas in July" fundraiser. There were games and prizes. Chick Fil A donated sandwiches and the Cow made an appearance!



For more information on OC Rescue Mission visit: <https://www.rescuemission.org/>

Summer Potluck FUNdraiser

The Horizon Family really came together to support Michelle's Brother Michael!!

Amazing Food

Together We Raised \$1,530

We all wish Michael the best in his coming surgery and recovery!

Special Guest appearances by BBQ Michael Baby Michah



Bingo

Raffle Prizes

Have you signed up for the Horizon Cares virtual Blood Drive?

The American Red Cross estimates that someone in the United States needs blood every two seconds. However, only around three percent of age-eligible people donate blood yearly.

Donate now through September 30th. This is a great way to help save lives!

<https://vbd.vitalant.org/drive/Patients-0367-C>

Ronald McDonald House

Over 28 years ago, a group of caring doctors, parents, and volunteers had a dream of building a Ronald McDonald House in Orange County so that parents could stay close to their hospitalized child.

Collecting pop tabs is one of the easiest ways to support the Orange County Ronald McDonald House!

Drop off or mail in your tabs today!!!

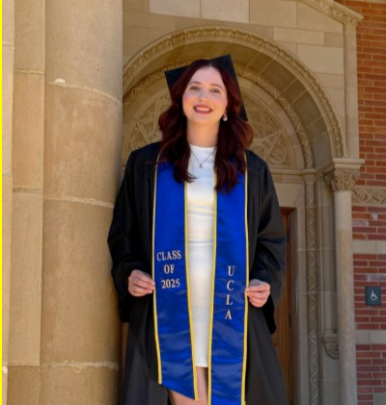
Learn More about Ronald McDonald House: <https://rmhcsc.org>

At the Orange County Ronald McDonald House, for only \$10.00 per night, families can enjoy all of the comforts of home, receive nutritious meals provided by volunteers, and obtain emotional support through contact with other families experiencing similar situations. No family is ever turned away if they cannot afford that small fee.



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Congratulations to our recent grads and to the amazing people who support them – past and future!!!



Savannah Pietsch

UCLA

Paralegal Certificate

working as an intern with the Orange County District Attorney Office

Future goals are to study for the LSAT and apply to Law School



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Hillview High School
Enrolled at Santa Ana College



Delaney Pietsch

Cal State Fullerton
BA in Business Accounting

Currently working as an intern with an Insurance Company. Future goals are to open her own business or go back to school for her MBA

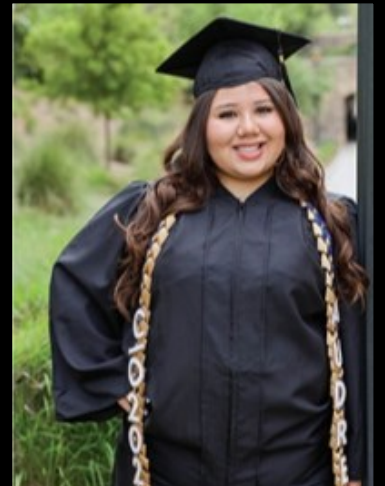


Patrick Alley
Mayfair High in Lakewood
In Marine bootcamp now!



Abby Greene

Costa Mesa High School
Heading to Orange Coast College to study Marine Science & Political Science



Audrey Llopart

San Juan Hills High School
Enrolled at Saddleback College to get her General Ed



Aaryan Shah

Arnold D. Beckman High School
Will attend UC San Diego to study International Business



Kalieb Munoz

Access School Orange County
Plans to attend Santiago Canyon Community College in the Electrician field

“You’re off to great places. Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting. So ... get on your way.” – Dr. Seuss,