



WAYMAKERS' SWING FOR KIDS GOLF TOURNAMENT RAISES \$105,000 TO BUILD SAFER COMMUNITIES IN ORANGE COUNTY

Annual Tournament at Oak Creek Golf Club Supports Youth Shelter, Victim Assistance, Crisis Counseling, and More

Irvine, Calif. (May 16, 2025) – Waymakers, a nonprofit committed to creating safer and stronger communities across Orange County, raised \$105,000 at its annual Swing for Kids Charity Golf Tournament on May 15. Held at Oak Creek Golf Club in Irvine and presented by Purus Wealth Management, the event welcomed 148 golfers for a meaningful day of fundraising in support of Waymakers' life-changing programs.

"The outpouring of generosity from our sponsors, donors, and participants is both humbling and inspiring," said Ronnetta Johnson, Chief Executive Officer of Waymakers. "Thanks to their continued commitment, we're able to offer critical support to those navigating crisis—helping them find strength, stability, and hope."

Proceeds from the event directly fund Waymakers' comprehensive programs, including:

- Emergency shelter for youth ages 11–17 who are homeless, runaway, abused, or in crisis
- Support services for victims of violent crime and their families
- Family and youth counseling, academic support, and life skills training
- Community mediation services to peacefully resolve disputes
- Prevention education that promotes health, safety, and resilience

Now in its 41st year, Swing for Kids continues to be a signature fundraising event thanks to the dedication of the community and generous sponsors. In addition to Purus Wealth Management as Presenting Sponsor, key partners included The Chao Family Foundation and The Baldwin Group as Course and Impact Sponsors, with Safe Haven Sponsors: Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Rudd & Romo, BAPKO Metal, Customers Bank, Experian, and Swinerton. Advocate sponsors included: BCCI Construction, CIU Networks, Esplanade Builders, Fight for Survivors, GES Sheet Metal, Griffith Company, K2 General Contractors, MAG-TROL Electrical Distributors, Newmark, O Arch, Sageview Advisory Group, SASCO, Taber Company, Total Source Officeworks, Universal Metro, and Dr. John K. Waken.

The full day event concluded with a high-spirited live auction featuring coveted items such as Lexus Diamond Club Angels tickets and a Presidential Suite stay at The Waterfront Beach Resort, including a \$200 gift card from River Jetty Restaurant Group.

"Being the presenting sponsor of Swing for Kids is more than a title—it's a heartfelt commitment to the people and communities Waymakers serves," said Mark Larsen, CEO of Purus Wealth Management. "This tournament is a reminder that when we come together with compassion and purpose, we can create real, lasting change. We're proud to stand beside Waymakers in bringing hope and healing to those who need it most."

Since 1972, Waymakers has helped individuals move through conflict and crisis toward resilience and stability. Its programs address youth homelessness, school dropout prevention, juvenile diversion, family reunification, and recovery from trauma—ensuring brighter futures for those who need it most.

Next year's date for the annual Swing For Kids Golf Tournament has yet to be determined. Those interested in becoming 2026 tournament sponsor or donor should contact Heather Stoerck, at HStoerck@WaymakersOC.org or call 949-250-0488.

For more information on the Waymakers' Swing For Kids Charity Golf Tournament, please visit <https://waymakersoc.org/events/swing-for-kids-golf-tournament/>.

About Waymakers

Every day throughout Orange County, people find hope after trauma. They don't simply survive; they find ways to heal – all with the help of Waymakers. Our life changing programs guide tens of thousands of abused children, crime victims, struggling families, acting-out adolescents and people needing mediation services annually. Waymakers has been sheltering children, supporting victims, counseling families, resolving conflicts and educating communities in Orange County since 1972. Learn more at WaymakersOC.org

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Richard Chao (Chairman, Chao Family Foundation, Sohrab Charna, Fred Kong, Nick Wu)



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Ann Stawicki (Vice President, Partner, The Baldwin Group), Brad Holm, Diane and Jim Laird



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Jeffrey Derricho, Taylor Thordarson, Kris Thordarson (President, K2 General Contractors), Leason Pomeroy



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