Red Ball II
Enter the world of Hollywood Royalty
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2011
Festival of Arts, Laguna Beach
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OUR MISSION
The mission of AIDS Services Foundation is to prevent the spread of HIV and improve the lives of men, women and children affected by HIV/AIDS in Orange County.

OUR STORY
A small group of volunteers founded AIDS Services Foundation Orange County (ASF) in the late summer of 1985 because people were dying, had nowhere to turn and desperately needed help. ASF is now the largest and most comprehensive nonprofit HIV/AIDS service provider in Orange County, with a staff of over 60 committed and caring individuals, a 22-member Board of Directors, and hundreds of dedicated volunteers.

Each year, ASF helps more than 1,600 men, women and children, along with their families, that are either living with HIV or are impacted by HIV disease. Services include food, transportation, housing, case management, emergency financial assistance, children and family programs, Latino outreach programs, mental health counseling, support groups, HIV testing, and an extensive array of HIV prevention and education programs. We hope for a time when these services are no longer needed. Until then, we work hard each day to prevent the spread of HIV and to ensure that everyone living with HIV and AIDS in Orange County has access to life-enhancing care and services.

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Dear Friends:

Margaret Mead, the cultural anthropologist, once remarked “Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.” ASF was launched at a fund raiser around a Laguna Beach backyard swimming pool by a small group of volunteers who saw an emerging crisis and no response in sight. We think the founders of ASF are exactly the type of people Mead was talking about.

Recently ASF had the opportunity to honor another group of volunteers for their sustaining service to the agency. Judy Fluor Runels has volunteered with ASF for 20 years and has been a supporter and underwriter of major fund raising events such as The Big Splash and now Red Ball. We also saluted several 15 year volunteers including Stuart Baron, Leslie Barry, Ray McElroy, Erica McElroy, Dale Jenkins, Janice Johnson, and David Merino. It is likely Mead would have had these folks in mind as well.

In “Around ASF” on page 4 of this issue of The Voice we pay tribute to Judy and many other volunteers. In addition to the quality of services provided by our volunteers, we are also impressed by the longevity of their service. So many of our volunteers have been involved with HIV/AIDS for 10, 15 even 20 years or more. They are caring, committed and passionate about this cause and they don’t quit. And that spirit is evident in everything our volunteers do.

Last fiscal year, ASF volunteers donated 26,574 hours of service that collectively represented the equivalent of nearly 13 full-time employees. The dollar value of this assistance was $622,363.08, which is based on the Independent Sector’s 2009 valuation of $23.42 per volunteer hour in California. This is an amazing amount of support ASF receives. And the challenge of fewer resources makes these volunteer hours all the more valuable to us.

Our sincere thanks and appreciation to all of our wonderful volunteers. Simply put, ASF would not be what it is today without the help of all of those whom have given their time to this agency.

We are grateful for each of you.

Maria Marquez, MFT, President
Philip Yaeger, Executive Director/CEO
VOLUNTEERS HONORED AT ANNUAL RECOGNITION EVENT
ASF honored its volunteers at the annual Volunteer Recognition Event on July 23 held at the Las Lomas Community Park in Irvine. This event celebrated the support that ASF receives on a daily basis from a core of very dedicated people.

Several board and staff members were on hand to salute the volunteers. In addition to refreshments there were gifts, door prizes for all the guests, music, and entertainment. An awards ceremony capped off the afternoon.

Among those recognized for their service were:

20 Years of Inspiration
Judy Fluor Runels (right)

15 Years of Dedication
Stuart Baron, Leslie Barry, Ray McElroy, Erica McElroy, Dale Jenkins, Janice Johnson, David Merino

10 Years of Caring
Susanna Hugelshofer, Tom Nieto, Patrick Stanton, Doreen Hart

5 Years of Service
Lorena Aboytes, Noble Carter, Robin Christensen, Kelly Gomez, Mark Gonzales, Sophia Grigoriou, Ramy Jarallah, Nathan Menard, Steven Morris, Jeffrey Stuckhardt

Also honored with RSVP Awards (formerly known as the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program) were Janet Watanabe, Marlene Fredericksen and Fannie Freedman.

RSVP is a free, members-only national service association for people 55 years and over. RSVP of Orange County is funded by the Corporation for National and Community Service. ASF has partnered with RSVP for a number of years. To learn more about ASF’s volunteer program contact Carolyn Spivak, director of volunteers and community outreach at cspivak@ocasf.org.

FAMILY CAMP IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER
Funding from the Wilbur May Foundation and Anita May Rosenstein is making it possible for ASF to hold its traditional Family Camp the weekend of August 26-28. Organizers are planning for 70 campers this year including parents and their kids ages 4-17. Participants will begin by boarding buses in ASF’s parking lot the morning of Friday, August 26. They’ll then make their way to Camp Scherman, a 700 acre facility in Idyllwild in the San Jacinto Mountains.

Family Camp gives parents and their children a break from dealing with HIV/AIDS. Campfire sing-alongs, canoeing, archery and crafts are just some of the activities organized by the ASF volunteers and staff who manage Family Camp each year.

To learn more about Family Camp and the Wilbur May Family and Children’s Program contact Laurie Barber, program coordinator at lbarber@ocasf.org.

ASF LAUNCHES NEW WEB SITE
ASF recently unveiled its new web site. The site features an opening video about the agency on the home page, an interactive client calendar and a regular blog from ASF Executive Director/CEO Philip Yaeger. The site also combines content from AIDS Walk, Orange County Ride for AIDS and the Friends of Dorothy Guild all under the ASF site.

“Our goal was to make it easier for our clients, donors and volunteers to find information about ASF all in one spot,” says Ken Jillson, founding board member and chairman of ASF’s communications committee that oversaw the project.

New content is loaded on to the site on a daily basis and a Spanish language version of the web site and a mobile version are now being developed to broaden ASF’s availability in the community. Funding for the site was made available by the Orange County Funders Roundtable.

THANKS SO MUCH
Our last issue of The Voice included a heart-felt tribute to Elizabeth Taylor who personally supported ASF through the years. The beautiful artwork surrounding the portrait of Ms. Taylor was originally designed by Bill Atkins for an Arts for AIDS event invitation. Thank you Bill for the lovely work.
Books on etiquette tell us a 30th anniversary calls for pearls or diamonds, depending on whether you follow traditional or modern gift recommendations. June 5th marked the 30th anniversary of the first AIDS cases reported in the United States. I wear a red ribbon in remembrance of more than 600,000 Americans who have died of AIDS.

In addition, there are more than 1.2 million Americans, including me, who are living with HIV. As a mother, a grandmother and advocate on behalf of individuals living with HIV for nearly 20 years, I call on all who read this to remember how far we have come in the fight against AIDS and to reactivate our influence to end AIDS.

Over the last 30 years we witnessed the crushing devastation of the virus. At the height of the epidemic, in the 1980’s there were 130,000 new HIV infections per year. As little as sixteen years ago in 1995, HIV was the leading cause of death in the U.S. for people between the ages of 25 and 44. An HIV diagnosis was a death sentence. In the mid-1990s, there were very few options available to treat HIV and prevent the medical conditions that caused complications due to the virus.

Things began to turn around in the late 1990s. Combination therapies became available and a sharp decline in AIDS deaths followed. Many, who were in declining health and gave up entirely, finally received a lifeline of hope.

Women and people of color now represent the majority of new AIDS diagnosis, new HIV infections, and people living with HIV/AIDS and AIDS deaths. Young people remain high at risk. Apathy and complacency have become our worst enemies. 1 in 5 persons infected with HIV do not know their status.

Prevention remains our most powerful weapon in fighting the spread of HIV infection. Fiscal pressures have reduced funding for HIV education and prevention at a time when there is nearly one new infection per day in Orange County. The reluctance to overtly campaign for HIV/AIDS prevention in Orange County is distressing. Stigma and denial across Orange County communities still prevent the general public from getting tested. According to the CDC a staggering 31% of persons recently diagnosed in Orange County fell out of treatment within twelve months after they started treatment.

As an advocate for HIV/AIDS, being involved with the Orange County HIV/AIDS Advocacy Team is to express the need for the preservation of services. This newly formed team is a coalition of local service providers and persons living with HIV, whose mission is "to increase awareness, reduce stigma and engage in public policy advocacy for the benefit of people impacted by HIV/AIDS exclusively to Orange County."

I look forward to a day when we ask, what was AIDS? Until then, I will commemorate every June 5th anniversary by wearing the red ribbon symbol of AIDS awareness.
AN EVENING OF GRACE, GLAMOR AND GOOD TIMES

The Festival of Arts in Laguna Beach plays host again to ASF’s signature fund raising event – Red Ball II on Saturday, September 24. And plans are well underway to make this a night to remember.

Arriving guests will enter the Festival grounds on a red carpet, reminiscent of a Hollywood movie premiere.

“We’re going to create a glamorous evening for our guests that will remind them of the glory days of Hollywood,” says Ken Jillson who, with other members of the Host Committee, is planning the event.

Red Ball II festivities start at 6 p.m. with a cocktail reception, hors d’oeuvres and a silent auction followed by a served dinner at 8 p.m. Guests will then be treated to a Hollywood-themed song and dance spoof entitled “Fois Graaes” that makes fun of such off-Broadway hits as “Forbidden Broadway” and “Forever Plaid”. Star of the show is Jason Graae who got his start on Broadway in “Forever Plaid”.

One of the highlights of the evening will be a special tribute to Elizabeth Taylor.

“Our ASF family was blessed by Elizabeth Taylor’s generosity and caring. Elizabeth helped ASF in 1993 by donating her magnificent Nolan Miller sapphire beaded gown that she had worn to one of President Ronald Reagan’s Inauguration Balls,” says Jillson. “It was auctioned live at that year’s Big Splash and raised a huge sum for ASF.

In the following years, Elizabeth Taylor donated additional gowns and in 2002 appeared in Laguna Beach with pop icon Michael Jackson to support ASF at Art for AIDS. She also appeared at the same event the following year and stated that she wouldn’t give up until the fight against HIV/AIDS was won.

A spectacular live auction is also planned for Red Ball II with wonderful destination and experience packages available for bid. Proceeds from the live and silent auctions will help further boost income from the event which is designated for ASF’s client services.

Among the auction donations to date are:

- Round trip business class tickets from American Airlines
- Lunch at Montage Laguna Beach followed by a two hour presentation with the Montage "Falconer"
- A two-night St Regis Hotel package stay
- Portrait photography by Rowley/Bradford and Bradford Renaissance Photographers
SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Ticket prices to the Red Ball II are available at the following levels:

- **Platinum Level $25,000**
  Platinum Level Premium table for 12; VIP parking for Table Host; Private server at Dinner; Premium reserve wine; Full-page program book advertisement

- **Gold Level $20,000**
  Gold Level Premium table for 12; VIP parking for Table Host; Private server at Dinner; Premium reserve wine; Full-page program book advertisement

- **Silver Level $15,000**
  Silver Level Premium table for 10; VIP parking for Table Host; Private server at Dinner; Premium reserve wine; Full-page program book advertisement

- **Level IV $10,000**
  Premium table for 10; VIP parking for Table Host; Private server at dinner; Premium reserve wine; Half-page program book advertisement

- **Level III $5,000**
  Reserved table for 8; Premium reserve wine; Half-page program book; advertisement

- **Level II $2,500**
  Table for 6; Quarter-page program book advertisement (*Table is shared with another donor*)

- **Level I $1,200**
  Reserved seating for 4; Major Donor program book listing (*Table is shared with another donor*)

- **Individual Level $250**

  *All packages include entrance to the event, cocktails, dinner and the show.*
AIDS WALK ORANGE COUNTY 2011 RAISES $615,000
Top Fundraisers Honored for their Help

AIDS Walk, held May 1 this year at the Disney Resort, brought in $615,000 for the nine recipient nonprofit agencies serving people affected by HIV/AIDS in Orange County. This was one of the most successful Walks, easily surpassing the 2010 and 2009 events.

“AIDS Walk was absolutely amazing this year and the results clearly show this,” said ShellyVirkstis, the event’s chairperson. “We couldn’t have asked for a better host venue than Disney Resort for our 25th Walk.”

The traditional AIDS Walk recognition dinner and awards program was held on July 18 to honor the hard work of walkers, volunteers and supporters. Top fundraisers including individuals, corporate representatives and members and friends from religious groups, schools and nonprofit charities that participated in AIDS Walk attended the dinner hosted by Ralph Brennan’s Jazz Kitchen in Downtown Disney. Many of those honored have been involved with AIDS Walk for several years and have helped to raise thousands of dollars to assist people living with HIV/AIDS.

Vikki Vargas, Orange County bureau chief for NBC-Los Angeles served as master of ceremonies, announcing the top individuals and teams. Vikki also paid tribute to the many corporate funders and in-kind supporters that helped make AIDS Walk possible through their event sponsorships.
## TOP INDIVIDUAL WALKERS

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<td>Joe and Paul Cook-Giles</td>
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<td>Duane Vajgrt, MD</td>
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<td>Deborah Reed</td>
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<td>Pearl Jemison-Smith</td>
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<td>Jeff Stuckhardt</td>
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<td>Roya Cole</td>
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<td>8th</td>
<td>Wesley Sasser</td>
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<td>John Benecke</td>
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## TOP FAITH-BASED TEAM

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<td>IUCC: Walk the Walkers led by Felicity Figueroa</td>
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<td>OC Cornerstone Outreach led by Michelle Williams</td>
<td>$6,510</td>
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<td>Team UU: Unitarian Universalists of Orange County led by Jose Lopez Mercedes</td>
<td>$3,225</td>
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<td>4th</td>
<td>St. Mary’s Laguna Beach led by Karen Zfaty</td>
<td>$2,985</td>
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<td>5th</td>
<td>St. Wilfrid of York Episcopal Church led by Steven Nadolny</td>
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## TOP FAMILY AND FRIENDS TEAMS

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<td>Team Happy Trails led by Al Roberts and Ken Jillson</td>
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<td>Dan’s Happy Hour Cares</td>
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<td>Bynx’s Boys and Babes led by Eric Lord</td>
<td>$5,820</td>
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<td>Team Munchies and Crunchies led by Loren Javier</td>
<td>$4,976</td>
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<td>5th</td>
<td>Shimmer Kitties led by Michelle Massey</td>
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## TOP SCHOOL TEAMS

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<td>WHS Pioneers led by Sergeant Toliver</td>
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<td>Laguna Beach Breakers led by Darrin Reed</td>
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<td>Delta Sigma Pi led by Patrick Bonfrisco</td>
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<td>Spartan Chickens led by Stacy Castiglione</td>
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<td>5th</td>
<td>UCI Middle Earth Housing led by Francis-Gene Acosta</td>
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## TOP CORPORATE WALK TEAMS

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<td>M•A•C Cosmetics led by Julie Wick</td>
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<td>3rd</td>
<td>Disney VoluntEARS led by Michael Spinella</td>
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<td>4th</td>
<td>Team Boeing led by Thomas Mancuso</td>
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<td>5th</td>
<td>MSSB Newport Beach led by Roya Cole</td>
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## TOP 5 CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS WALK TEAMS

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<td>Mercy House led by Joe and Paul Cook-Giles</td>
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<td>Men Alive led by Jay Williams and George Gillispie</td>
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<td>Team UCI Medical Center led by Duane Vajgrt, MD</td>
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<td>5th</td>
<td>Theatre Out led by Joey Baital</td>
<td>$16,824</td>
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An essential part of ASF’s ability to help individuals living with HIV and AIDS comes from the outstanding leadership and commitment of its generous supporters. Patron’s Council is ASF’s Major Donor Recognition Society. Patron’s Council members demonstrate their unwavering commitment to ASF by giving $1,200 or more annually in non-event related contributions. Patron’s Council donors are vital to the success of ASF and to show our appreciation of their generous support, ASF has established recognition societies and exclusive benefits based on both annual and cumulative giving.

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Philip Yaeger*

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Indicates renewal of Patron’s Council Membership since last printing in May, 2011.

For more information about Patron’s Council, please contact Marc Montminy, development assistant 949-809-8762 or email mmontminy@ocasf.org.
Pets Are Wonderful Support (P.A.W.S.)

P.A.W.S. PROGRAM PROVIDES A UNIQUE SERVICE THANKS TO SOME SPECIAL VOLUNTEERS

Our Pet’s Vet. That’s the easily remembered name of the Lake Forest veterinary practice of Dr. Kaytee Brenes. Dr. Brenes is the most recent addition to the roster of Orange County veterinarians who offer pro-bono and discounted services to ASF clients through the P.A.W.S. (Pets Are Wonderful Support) program.

After growing up in Mission Viejo, Dr. Brenes moved north to pursue her education and received her undergraduate degree from the University of California, Berkeley. She went on to earn her veterinary degree from the University of California, Davis in 2004. Her interest in the P.A.W.S. program, she explains, was inspired by the work of the San Francisco-based P.A.W.S. organization that she encountered while undergoing her veterinary training in northern California.

“The help that program provided sick people who were struggling to care for themselves and who had no companionship other than their pets, impacted me on an emotional level,” she says. “So when I returned to Orange County and opened my practice, I called ASF right away to see how I could help.”

Dr. Brenes acknowledges how fortunate she is that HIV/AIDS has not touched her immediate family or circle of friends.

Offering my help to ASF is a way for me to help those who are less fortunate in life while doing something I love,” she says.

While Dr. Brenes is the latest veterinarian to participate in ASF’s P.A.W.S. program, Dr. Daryl Mabley, of Arbor Animal Hospital in Irvine is a long-time supporter of the program. He too is a graduate of the University of California, Davis, School of Veterinary Medicine.

He can remember vividly the bad old days when the epidemic raised its ugly head in Orange County. Fear and panic abounded.

"It was a devastating time", he says. So little was known about the disease. Physicians were urging patients to stay away from their pets in case they contracted diseases from them and pets were being removed from their families.” Dr. Mabley recalls.

Thankfully, the situation has markedly improved since that time and the advent of successful treatment regimens has meant that Dr. Mabley still has clients who were referred to him years ago through the P.A.W.S. program.

He remarks that there has been a noticeable change in the ASF clients who are being referred to his office these days.

“Years ago, it was not uncommon for ASF to refer clients to me who were very sick indeed. The clients whose pets I take care of these days are a great deal healthier”, he says.

ASF is extremely grateful to all of the veterinarians who participate in the P.A.W.S. program. Without their assistance, a number of our clients would be unable to care for or keep their pets. ■
The Dorothys raise more than $50,000 during annual Spring Fashion Show

The Friends of Dorothy Guild raised more than $50,000 during its May 25 Spring on the Runway Fashion Show Rave. “The Dorothys” have now contributed nearly $525,000 to ASF since the group’s first event in 2007.

The fashion show presented 42 spectacular items that included fantasy gowns and cocktail dresses from LA designer Clay Sadler, men’s wear from Brooks Brothers South Coast Plaza, leather from West Coast Leather San Francisco and the always popular fashion show finale – underwear by Freedom Reigns drawing a standing ovation from the audience.

Studio 4 Salon in Newport created amazing model hair designs and M•A•C Cosmetics was on hand with make-up extraordinaire!

Dorothy Steering committee members Robert Hazelton and Ervin Page coordinated this year’s fashions for the show.

Held again in Susie and Kevin Coleman’s warehouse adjacent to runway of John Wayne Airport, guests rocked to the sounds of DJ Golden Mike while competing in heavy bidding on spectacular silent auction items and sampling cuisine from Tommy’s Burgers, Sun Dried Tomato, The Meat House, Saloon Sweets and Nothing Bundt Cakes. Long-time sponsor Barefoot Wine and Bubbly provided wine.

Barbara Venezia, ASF board member and the Friends of Dorothy Guild founder said, “I can’t thank everyone enough for supporting the Friends of Dorothy. As ASF celebrates its 25th anniversary this year, it’s our honor to support them.”

To underscore Barbara’s point, two $10,000 gifts were presented by Mark Eskander on behalf of the Luise Mandel and Alice Hamilton Charitable Trusts.

Never a group to let grass grow beneath their ruby slippers, the Dorothys next event is their annual Haunted Halloween Costume Party and Red Shoes Awards at the Village Crean on October 22. It’s the Halloween bash that has become the ‘must attend’ event in Orange County.

For more information about The Friends of Dorothy, to join the Guild, or to make your reservations now for the Haunted Halloween Party, visit www.friendsofdorothy.org.

Photography by Doug Gifford - many thanks, Doug, for the donation of your time and talent!
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Vince Workman
Kevin Young
Jeff Valentino
Orange County Ride for AIDS gets set for second annual event

Plans are well underway for the second annual Orange County Ride for AIDS (OCRA), which takes place on Saturday, October 15. Organizers are especially hopeful as registrations are about double what they were this time last year.

“This is a great ride for a terrific cause,” says Jorge Rodriguez, MD, who chairs the OCRA Steering Committee. “People can cover the 100 or 62 mile route – or ride as much as they like. It really is about the message not the miles.”

All money raised goes directly to ASF client services which supports the men, women and children living with HIV/AIDS in Orange County.

OCRA is dedicated this year to the memory of David Wood, an avid cyclist, who was one of the founders of the event.

“David poured all of his energy into establishing this event. In many ways he was the heart and soul behind the first ride,” said Dr. Rodriguez. “I know he’d want this ride to continue.”

The OCRA route starts in Mission Viejo at Saddleback College and will travel from the hills to the ocean primarily through south Orange County. For those not riding the entire route, vehicles will be available to bring cyclists back to the start line at the College.

The registration fee is $50 and riders are required to raise a minimum of $250. The $50 registration fee is included in that total. Last year, about 100 riders took part and raised nearly $100,000. This year OCRA organizers are looking for an even larger turnout.

“Registration is limited to 250 riders and we’re working hard to hit that number this year,” says Chris Bragg, ASF’s director of events.

Rider check-in begins at 5:30 a.m. with the opening ceremony starting at 7:00 a.m. The route opens at 7:30 a.m. and closes at 5:00 p.m. with the closing ceremony set for 5:30 p.m. The ride is fully supported and features several pit stops along the way with water, food, sports massage, medical assistance and bicycle repair available.

To learn more and to register, visit ocasf.org and click on the OCRA box on the home page. All money raised for this event will go directly to support ASF client services.
MEMORIALS

IN MEMORY OF FRANK TURRO
Robert R. Hodges, PhD and Charles S. Hensley, PhD
Maria I. Marquez, MFT
Jan Tongmee

IN MEMORY OF LARRY COHAN
Lloyd Jarvis

IN MEMORY OF EUGENE F. HARVEY
Anita and Buster Bean

IN MEMORY OF GENE RICHARSDON
Patricia R. Richardson

IN MEMORY OF EDDIE “TONY” ESTRADA AND SHAWN COAKLEY
Richard and Charlene Estrada

IN MEMORY OF JAMIE JEMISON
Laura R. Baggett
Burton H. Smith

IN MEMORY OF DAVID WOOD
Erasmo B. Garcia
Robert Higashiyama
Marie K. Russo
In memory of all the work David did to make the first annual Orange County Ride for AIDS a reality.
He will be truly missed.
With eternal gratitude,
Duane Vajgrt, MD and Jeff Benedick

IN MEMORY OF DINO GOMEZ
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur R. Gomez

IN MEMORY OF RICHARD HANDWERK
Richard L. Cook
Robert M. Gunn

IN MEMORY OF GUSTAVO RUIZ
Margaret Martinez

IN MEMORY OF ROCKY DEFILLIPES
Sharon R. Wheeler

IN MEMORY OF ANNETTE U’RENS
Susan L. Naples

IN MEMORY OF JOSÉ TELLEZ
A longtime supporter of ASF
Al Roberts and Ken Jillson and the ASF Family

IN MEMORY OF BO BOYD
One of the first people who stepped up to the plate to do a fundraiser for ASF
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TRIBUTES

IN HONOR OF ALL THOSE WHO ARE ALONE
Sean M. Seeley

IN HONOR OF ROB HOLLAND
In celebration of your birthday, brother!
Marc Montminy

IN HONOR OF PEARL JEMISON-SMITH
God bless you for all your great work, Pearl!
Edward Miskevich

IN HONOR OF GARY COOK AND T.J. WOODS, JR.
Michael Darden

IN HONOR OF THE 60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF HY AND JOAN BENDER
Charles R. Rusky and James W. Thompson

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$15,000 for Family and Children’s Program

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$25,000 for HIV Case Management

CITY OF IRVINE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
$17,753 for HIV Case Management
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24
The Red Ball II
Major fundraising event of the year for ASF. Red Ball II takes place on the grounds of the Laguna Beach Festival of Arts. Visit ocasf.org for more details.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15
Orange County Ride for AIDS
Second annual event starting at Saddleback College, Mission Viejo and traveling through some of the County’s most scenic areas. Visit ocrideforaids.com for more details.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15
National Latino AIDS Awareness Day
Health Fair and AIDS prevention and HIV testing at Fiesta Marketplace, Santa Ana, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Contact Maria Olivas at ASF, molivas@ocasf.org.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22
Haunted Halloween at the Village Crean
Costume Party and Red Shoe Awards Dinner
Don’t miss this annual ghoulishly good time organized by the Dorothys. Visit friendsofdorothy.org for more details.