



January 2021 Newsletter



Holidays at Oak Grove

Oak Grove youth and families were fortunate this Holiday Season, and we would not have been able to provide the parties, special activities, and gifts without the creative and generous support of our community.

Thank you to you all for remembering our youth and families in need!

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2020 Oak Grove Holiday Heroes

The following individuals, families, companies, and community groups came together to help Oak Grove youth without support and struggling families in need. **The following people were kind and generous, and their gestures have touched the hearts of those we serve - at-risk and special needs children and youth.** *Thank you.*

Milgard Windows & Doors
Employees
The Way Family Church
United Medical Fitness
Corner Escrow
Wilson Creek Winery &
Employees
Impact Refuge Ministry
Financial Accounting Services
Lisa Arkininstall
Rose Again Foundation
Debbie Belus CPL

The Penny Project
Strachota Insurance Agency, Inc.
Drive Real Estate
Tina Cramer
Jeff Deguzman
Kim Steel & Associates
Michelle Devey
Adam Eventov Family
Temecula Valley Woman's Club
Kathy & Tim Gallant
Diana Garcia
Alex Goodwin

Richard & Sonya Linden
Barbara Goldreyer
Michael & Leslie Echolds
Mike & Robin Zingg
Margaret McCoy
Shirley Woods
Brenda Lou Zingg
Jeff & Dana Rising
Brian & Sheri Keene
Kristine Gonzalez
Rae Ann Shearer
Guy Scata

Julie Bernad
Alexa Bernard
Laura & Barry Bruder Family
Kara Buchanan & Neighbors
Lisa Christensen
Murrieta Development
Goran & Lisa Forss & Team
Heidi Marks
DeLuz Women's Club
Kim O'Brien Family
Helen & Tricia Ortega

Scott Grossman
Tricia Imanaka
Karen Locklin Family
SchoolsFirst FCU Employees
Karen Provder
Claudia Stratton
Karen Taylor
The View Church
Moxie

Darlynn Sandefer
Jennifer Murphy
Karen Flecky
Mary Dimmler
Theresa Diciolla
Julie Ann Delgaudio-Jones
Janie Crisafi
Vicki Carpenter
Chris & Stephanie Rouly
Tarra Cochran
Kim England
Penn Morphi
Sarah Price
Larry & Arnette Jasperson

A special thank you to the following individuals for helping make the Holidays special for Oak Grove Youth

Cori Carey, Drive Real Estate (Oak Grove Ambassador)
Jessie Dinkins, Impact Refuge Ministry
Vita Hernandez, SchoolsFirst FCU (Oak Grove Ambassador)
Soyna Linden, Coldwell Banker (Oak Grove Board of Directors)
Kaylee May, The Penny Project
Jennifer Sinclair, United Medical Fitness (Oak Grove Ambassador)
Lisa Wayman, Corner Escrow (Oak Grove Ambassador)

A Drive-Through Christmas Party

Oak Grove Center was fortunate to be a recipient of **The Penny Project** and **Impact Refuge Church's** joint Holiday giving. What started out to be a *Winter Wonderland Holiday Party* for the Youth pivoted due to COVID into a unique and amazing *Drive-Through Holiday Parade*. It was wonderful to see the cars decorated, horns blaring, and gifts delivered. Youth also received a *Party-in-a-Box* complete with games, photo booth supplies, and best of all, a delicious Holiday meal from [The Gambling Cowboy](#).



A huge thank you to **Kaylee May** with **The Penny Project** and **Jessie Dinkins** with **Impact Refuge Church** for coordinating a fun, memorable experience for the kids. Thank you!

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Cookie of the Month - Lili's Lavender Paradise

Lili's Lavender Paradise is the January Cookie! The Creator recently graduated both Oak Grove and the *Culinary Program* and is proud to have been selected as the January winner! Her delicate cookie is a Lavender flavored cookie sandwich with Lemon Buttercream filling.

There are two ways you can enjoy this creation. You can

stop by [Oak Grove's Culinary Creations](#) in Old Town Temecula to pick one up, or you can join the [Cookie of the Month Club](#) and receive a Baker's Dozen to share along with amazing coffee benefits. For more information, or to order your cookie, click the website link below.



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PARTNERS FOR IMPACT SPOTLIGHT



Welcome!

Oak Grove Center is honored to welcome the **Farmer's Insurance - Craig Davis Family Agency** as the newest member of our **Annual Sponsorship Program**. This program partners with corporations and businesses to fund essential programs and activities our youth need for their healing and growth.

Thank you **Craig and Kathy** for your generous support and partnering with us to make an impact in 2021!

VOLUNTEERS SPOTLIGHT

2020 Volunteers of the Year



We are honored to recognize a Dynamic Duo of two distinctly impactful individuals as for the our **2020 Volunteer of the Year Award**. **Craig Shelley** (left) Rod Run Producer and Right Hand **Brandon Sharfner** (right) carry on the legacy left by Dave Lella for the **Murrieta Rod Run**. They work tirelessly throughout the year raising funds to help Oak Grove's youth. Although the 2020 annual Rod Run was postponed to 2021 due to the Pandemic, Craig and Brandon found other ways to fund and support the programs the youth needed even

more during the Pandemic, which included the **Fall Car Clubs for Kids Car Show**. Thanks to their leadership and support from **The Drifters**, a music program was funded for this year. They are hard at work on the **2021 Murrieta Rod Run, which will be in honor of Dave Lella's heroism, leadership and the tremendous impact he made on Oak Grove**. Dave worked tirelessly last year preparing Craig and Brandon for his "retirement". We lost someone who meant so much to The Drifters, family, Oak Grove and the community. We love you Dave and Craig and Brandon we are proud of you and so grateful!



THE DREAM TEAM



Brianna Clark-Galapir
Employee of the Year

Employee Awards

Oak Grove has truly committed Essential Service workers who are heroes. The staff are hardworking, creative, highly talented. They make a tremendous impact on those we serve. We are honored to have dedicated individuals who care about the youth today and their tomorrow.

Click below to see the 2020 Team Members of the Year!

[SEE WINNERS HERE](#)

Oak Grove Center has amazing staff that empower our youth and help transform lives every single day. We appreciate our Essential Workers. They are our Heroes!

December Meeting the Moment HEROES:

Ana Negrete - Dorm A
Deborah Peralta - Dorm B
Gilbert Pelayo - Dorm A
Jenavee Arreola - Dorm A
Paulina Chavez - Dorm C
Christina Ramirez - Nursing
Lacy Lockhart - Dorm B
Brook Bertling - Dorm A



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UPCOMING EVENTS



COME TOGETHER

Friday, February 12, 2021
Virtual Concert

Showing on a screen near you! A unique show for music fans - Country, Rock, and more! Hosted by [Cali Co Music Studios](#) and featuring [Brian Lanning](#) and [Joanna Pearl](#), *Come Together* for great music to benefit Oak Grove's Arts & Music Program and get a special sneak peek at the *May Rock the Oaks* Concert!



Food packages compliment the perfect evening with choices between **Wilson Creek Wine** and **Smokey Mountain Catering** BBQ Beef Brisket Dinner or **The Mill** homemade pizza kit and **Stone Church Brewery** beer. Contact [Kristi Piatkowski](#) for more information or follow us on Facebook!

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SAVE THE DATE

Thursday, May 20, 2021
Wilson Creek Winery

Get ready to rock! Thanks to our Presenting Sponsor, Wilson Creek Winery, **Rock the Oaks 2021** is on!

Presenting Sponsor


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For more information or Sponsorship opportunities contact [Kristi Piatkowski](#) at (951)677-5599 x2238.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

The following individuals have made gifts in honor of their dear friends or family members who have recently passed away.

In Memory of

Mr. Dave Lella
of Murrieta, CA

Rachel Evans
Kristin Stiles
Rosenni Samson
Mary Hoenig
Marty Sharifan
Cathy Trent
Debi Macdonald
Wayne & June Powell
Sharon Angel
Mary Ditto
The Wittington Family

In Memory of

Mr. Joseph J. Scanlon
of Magnolia, DE

Vicki Petersen

Oak Grove Center is touched to be the recipient of these thoughtful memorial gifts.

Thank you.

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You Shop. Amazon Gives.



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Open & Baking

Visit Culinary Creations in Old Town Temecula (*or order through Grub Hub*) for a cup of coffee, a cookie or both! Every purchase supports the vocational program training youth for employment and introducing them to new careers.

Store Hours:

Mon/Tues: 8 am - 5 pm
Wed/Thurs: 8 am - 7 pm
Fri: 8 am - 10 pm
Sat: 10 am - 10 pm
Sun: Closed

New Website:

Culinarycreationsoakgrove.org

For catering inquiries:
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