



2023 Kindness Awards

"KINDNESS HERO AWARD"

Debby Thrailkill: Founder of "My ♥wn, A Case for Kids", providing suitcases filled with essentials: clothing, hygiene items, school supplies, etc. to hundreds of foster children in Orange County so they don't have to carry a black trash bag from home to home. She works directly with Orange County Social Services Agency to find and provide these suitcases to the most needy and places a handwritten note of encouragement with each bag.

"COURAGE TO BE KIND" AWARDS

Brandon Hutchison: Whether it's helping neighbors with bug problems or moving large furniture, picking up trash whenever he walks down the street, volunteering for anything beach related, donating to local charities, supporting his favorite business owners, or saving stray cats and bringing them home to his girlfriend. Brandon is like an undercover superhero because he never brags or expects recognition. He wears his kindness on his sleeve and happily helps wherever he can.

Dan Garza: For many years has been the Chair of the HIV Committee keeping it educational, noticed and vibrant. Thank you for all your hard work helping Patriots Day Parade, Veterans Day, promoting and live-streaming to all at no cost to so many events.

Annabella Miller: Thank you for your commitment to find loving homes for 6 foster dogs while juggling school, sports and work. Thank you for your dedication fostering and adopting dogs through several agencies since you were only 10 year old and creating your own website to make a bigger impact.

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Michael Lindsay: Scout Leader (Troop #35) we thank you for for so many years spent in developing our youth providing them with tools to learn life skills, hard work, courage and ethics. For finding projects that benefit the whole community. For their service at all Patriots events and Parades, Veteran's Day and Memorial Day and other community events along with first responders, serving the community at Firefighters City Pancake Breakfast before the break of Dawn and for countless hours you spend bringing our youth to the prestigious level of Eagle Scout. Thank you for these new Leaders of our country.

Leila (8) and Thomas (10) Shareanow: Asked parents to bring the community together and raise money to support the people who are impacted. So with the help of parents they put together a Walk for Peace and Shared Humanity at 6:30pm on Sunday 10/15 at Alta Laguna Park for a walking loop. They asked to please bring a flashlight or lantern to add light into the world and to show support for peace. They also shared a list of humanitarian organizations in Israel and Gaza so that the community could choose to donate to an organization that resonates for them.

Sergeant Jason Farris: In appreciation for decade of service serving the community of Laguna Beach for the tremendous amount of volunteer hours you spend serving all the first responders, the countless love and dedication and coordination of the honor guards and for presenting for all the patriotic occasions and city events for decades.

Sam Palmer: Thank you for aiding a complete stranger who was stranded in the street with many car problems which you helped and solved over many hours of hard work. We are also so grateful for all the years you have been lending a hand and helping friends and strangers in our community on a daily basis.

Reggie Christian: We thank you for 3 decades of your hard work for the City of Laguna Beach, always displaying kindness to the community and for many hours you give freely volunteering for veterans and first responders.

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Jennifer Baker: Girl Scout Leader, (Troop 274) we thank you for your many years of leadership preparing girls to be strong, caring, confident, tolerant, helping them figure out who they are and what they want to be. Thank you for teaching diversity and love for mankind, the environment, and making the community and the world a better place for us all. We are grateful for the love, service and dedication you give to our town.

Lieutenant Cornelius Ashton: In appreciation and gratitude for your dedication to our students in Laguna Beach you give them confidence, and as a role model you are always displaying core values and ethics, helping always with life issues and keeping our students safe. And for your many volunteer hours given to the community. We sincerely thank you.

Dora Wexall: One of the kindest leaders in the community, she heads up the First Thursday Art Walk, which is a wide city event, she finds event menus for organizations and makes it affordable helping every step of the way. Spends hours helping various organizations in many different ways including finding and lending fixtures and necessary props for their events. Dora is also involved with organizations fighting the devastating drug problem. One of the kindest leaders in humanitarian efforts & the city's ears & backbone to the Art Community.

John Burns: In appreciation for your generosity and never ending kindness in honoring our fallen police officer and Army Ranger Jon Coutchie on the 10th anniversary of his death. For your weeks of hosting his family and your staff's never ending generosity, and your caring and maintenance of the site of the accident. You are the epitome of love and understanding. We sincerely thank you for your unwavering support and generosity.

Carolina Phan (4): On July 13, 2023, Carolina is 4 years old and saw how a few people were cleaning up the fairy garden at the Laguna Beach library and asked her mom if she could help out. She was one of the children that chose to stay after story time to help out and we are so grateful.



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Lisa Faber: In thanks for your generous kind heart. Your many years of help with so many organization and philanthropy causes, your promotions every single week on the radio interviewing and promoting the organizations events and volunteering at their event. And your month long labor at our community theatre. Moving from one location to another with trucks and spending a month working (volunteering) for their show. And your many weeks of delivering and providing dinners to a family suffering a tremendous loss of their husband, father, son. You always find ways to help mankind. Thank you for your kindness.

“COOL TO BE KIND” AWARDS

Thank you all for your support to help us celebrate “2023 Day Of Kindness” event

Ed Steinfeld of “Voice of Laguna”: MC of the event, Providing Sound system, moderating “Conversation in Kindness”

Jennifer Halbert of “We Love Laguna Beach”: Sponsorship support, advertising, providing Kindness merch to raise awareness and help us fundraise

Robert Gaber: Volunteer extraordinaire!

Laguna Beach Whole foods: Donating Kind Bars for donors

Jedidiah Coffee Laguna Beach: Donating coffee for volunteers

Rev. Mary Scifres: Participant in “Conversation in Kindness”





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Joe Alanes: Participant in “Conversation in Kindness”

Rev. BJ Beu: Participant in “Conversation in Kindness”

Tarek Jadeba: of “Eye in the Sky” Videography and Photography

Dan Safkow: Volunteer extraordinaire from “Alzheimer’s Association” donating water for volunteers

Brad Landry: Volunteer extraordinaire!

Geshe Tsewang Thinley: Chanting for Kindness at sunset meditation

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And the following musicians for the incredible musical performances to help us celebrate “2023 Day Of Kindness” event:

Jon Bone

Michelle Scott and Djembe Fusion

Yeggi Watts -- Also sponsoring art table by HeArtsy

Rebel Robbie

Blind Melody

Pam Wicks and The Enchanters

