



ORANGE COAST OPTIMIST CLUB

P.O. Box 28802, Santa Ana, CA 92799

January 5, 2017

Dear Community Relations;

The Orange Coast Optimist (OCO) Club is requesting your assistance for support of our annual Casino Night and Silent Auction. This adult-only event will be held on **Saturday, February 11, 2017**. Through active community involvement and business donations, this Casino Night event has become one of the major fundraisers for OCO.

Based in Garden Grove, OCO is affiliated with Optimist International, a world renowned volunteer organization. OCO is dedicated to the scholastic, physical, moral and civic development of the youth in local communities. It is a non-profit organization that is completely run by volunteers with the mission of "bringing out the best in kids."

Our primary community service projects each year include:

- Thanksgiving food baskets for 60 needy families in the Garden Grove area
- Christmas party and gifts for 100 mentally challenged residents at Hy-Lond Home (Garden Grove)
- Scholarships for high school seniors (\$10,000 awarded annually)
- Easter party for 50-75 local foster families
- Visual Arts and Writing Contests
- Fundraising events benefiting Asians for Miracle Marrow Matches (A3M) and various local cancer organizations as part of our Childhood Cancer Campaign
- Youth Service Clubs (7th-12th grade) with over 140 youth - participate in community service and are given opportunities to improve their leadership skills.
- Summer Basketball Camp for 300 youth
- Basketball teams for 325 youth to participate in league games & Optimist Tri-Star skills contest

Anything you donate in the way of goods, services or funds will receive well deserved recognition and our heartfelt appreciation, and every donation you make is tax deductible.

Please contact Linda Niizawa at 714-604-7703 or e-mail Ltniizawa@yahoo.com if you have any questions.

Your generosity and support helps our organization fulfill the Optimist Mission of "bringing out the best in kids" and is deeply appreciated.

Sincerely,

Linda Niizawa

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OCO is a 501c (3) non-profit organization and the tax exempt ID number is 33-0395041

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