



# KIDWORKS HELPS OC KIDS SUCCEED

Festival of OC Chefs fundraiser at Newport Beach Country Club will help KidWorks inspire and guide Santa Ana kids from Pre-K to B.A.





**Coastal Orange County is a community that's home to a multitude of successful people. Most, if given time to consider it, would likely include an excellent education, the guidance of family and friends, individual initiative, hard work, and drive as among the keys to their success and good fortune. That's probably why so many already support nonprofits that offer families, and especially children in need, a hand up.**



An opportunity to help an organization that offers demonstrable results, while also enjoying an evening of culinary excellence, will present itself at Festival of Chefs, a new fundraiser for KidWorks scheduled for October 3 at Newport Beach Country Club.

Since 1993, KidWorks has ushered hope into Orange County's most challenging neighborhoods through life-changing leadership development and academic enrichment programs, while also fortifying families by engaging and supporting parents.

KidWorks serves central Santa Ana students and families through a fully licensed preschool, after-school programs, tutoring, mentoring, and adult services in the areas of health, parenting classes, and support groups.



The Santa Ana students that KidWorks serve live near or below the poverty line and face significant barriers to education. Often their families are caught in a poverty cycle and are just surviving. KidWorks helps break that cycle by sending its students into the world better equipped for college, the workforce, relationships, volunteerism, and community building.

For the past seven years, 100 percent of KidWorks high school students have graduated on time and 100 percent have gone on to higher education. Plus, 100 percent of KidWorks preschoolers are assessed as kindergarten-ready.

The KidWorks preschool helps children improve their school-readiness skills through activities promoting socialization, developing fine motor skills, improving literacy and English language development, improving health and hygiene, gardening, art projects, and learning to use technology.






KidWorks “University Starts Now” after-school program provides educational, enrichment, and youth development services for 450 K-12th grade students. Students develop their academic skills through homework help, tutoring, and science, technology, engineering, arts, and math (STEAM) lessons.

Students learn about college via campus tours, application assistance, SAT prep classes, career exploration workshops, and financial aid application assistance. Lastly, students grow socially and emotionally through character-building lessons, mentoring, work experiences, community service, and leadership development opportunities.

Santa Ana families are key to the success of KidWorks, with 90 percent volunteering and taking classes. “We partner with parents, who are the kids’ first and lifelong educators,” says David Benavides, KidWorks CEO and executive director.

The support of KidWorks extends into college to help students overcome success-stalling statistics: 89 percent of low-income students leave college without a degree, and 25 percent leave after their first year. KidWorks is “walking with kids from Pre-K to B.A.,” says Benavides, who started his connection to the nonprofit as a college intern. “Our vision is to unleash youth potential. We can make no greater investment than in young people.”

Education leads to higher income, improved health, lower crime rates, and a better future. By ensuring its students graduate from college, KidWorks builds a brighter future for its students, and for all of Orange County. [kidworksoc.org](http://kidworksoc.org) 





# FESTIVAL OF OC CHEFS

A DEMONSTRATION OF DELECTABLE BITES CREATED ON THE SPOT FROM OC'S HOTTEST CHEFS!

RESERVE YOUR TABLE NOW AT [KIDWORKSOC.ORG/CHEFS](http://KIDWORKSOC.ORG/CHEFS)

## PARTICIPATING RESTAURANTS/CHEFS

**Host Chef – Graeme Blair, Newport Beach County Club**  
**Honorary Chefs – Pascal Olhats, Baja Shellfish and Lindsay Smith-Rosales, Nirvana Grille**  
Balboa Bay Club – Jacob Davis  
Bluegold – Jorge Valines  
Blue Lantern Inn – Antonio Roa  
Butterflight Food Service – Alan Ramirez  
CafeEighteen48 – Charly Hougaban, Scott Renney & Dominique Shelton  
Cannery Seafood of the Pacific & Louie's by the Bay – Victor Soto & Daniele Cambria  
Catered Courses – Rick Boxeth  
Craft House – Blake Mellgren  
Cultivar – Jessica Roy  
Dana Point Yacht Club – Jonathan Stanley  
Descanso – Fonzy De Zuniga  
Filomena's Italian Kitchen & Market – Linda Johnsen  
Glasspar – Rob Wilson  
Haute Productions – Keith Prante  
King's Hawaiian Corporate Chef – Bert Agor  
Laguna Premiere Events – Donald Lockhart  
Mah Jong by Michael Doctulero – Michael Doctulero  
Mancheen Food Events – Jonathan Perez  
Miss Mini Donuts – Leslie Nguyen  
Montage Laguna Beach – David Serus & Ben Martinek  
Newport Beach Marriott Hotel & Spa – Andy Arndt  
Nirvana Grille – Lindsay-Smith Rosales  
Nobu Newport Beach – Andy Huynh & Tetsuya Isogami  
Oceans & Earth – Adam Navidi  
OC Local Honey – Christine Ferrian  
OLEA – Markus Hagan  
Outer Reef, Laguna Cliffs Marriott Resort & Spa – John Tesar  
Pacific Club – David Martin  
Pacific Pearl Catering – Michael Campbell  
Prego Mediterranean – Ugo Allesina  
Primal Alchemy – Paul Buchanon  
Splashes, Surf & Sand Resort, JC Resorts Corporate Chef – Ron Fougeray  
Sugared & Iced – Samantha Meyer  
Taste by Chris Tzorin – Chris Tzorin  
The Mayor's Table at Lido House – Riley Huddleston  
The Ranch Laguna Beach – Kyle St. John  
Three Pug Bakery Dessert Shop – Heather McLeod  
Thyme Well Spent Catering – Brandon Hall  
True Food Kitchen – Noe Moreno  
Watertable, Hyatt Regency Huntington Beach – Manfred Lassahn  
Whitestone Restaurant – Anthony Celeste  
XClusive Taquera Moderna – Eddie Velasco & Manny Perez

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