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**Alzheimer's Orange County's Gala Raises Over \$765,000**

**IRVINE, CA, Nov 11, 2024** — Alzheimer's Orange County (AlzOC) hosted an unforgettable evening at VEA Newport Beach for its annual gala, *A Magical Soiree*. With 300 dedicated supporters, community leaders, and advocates in attendance, the night brought laughter, inspiration, and generous contributions for Alzheimer's support services.

Carol and Andy Chaffee, Wendy and Larry Tenebaum, and Linda and Burton Young served as this year's event co-chairs, helping shape the vision and organization of the magic-themed gala. Honorees Webb Family Foundation and Lugano were recognized for their commitment to AlzOC's mission.

The program included a special *Tonight Show*-style segment with Alzheimer's Orange County President and CEO Jim McAleer, Executive Director of UCI MIND Dr. Joshua Grill, and Chief Medical Officer of the Healthy Brain Clinic Dr. Dung Trinh. Together, they discussed advancements in Alzheimer's medications, strategies for reducing risk, and the future outlook for the disease.

Guests also enjoyed an electrifying performance by Justin Willman, magician and star of Netflix's *Magic for Humans*, whose unique style and interactive magic added a memorable touch to the night's festivities. The event ended up raising over \$765,000.

"We're incredibly grateful to all who attended and contributed to this magical night. Alzheimer's disease hasn't gone away, and until it does, we won't either," said Jim McAleer, President and CEO of Alzheimer's Orange County. McAleer was also recognized for his 20 years of dedicated service and leadership to the organization during the event.

One hundred percent of funds raised stay in Orange County to support families, caregivers, and those impacted by Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia.



For more information about Alzheimer's Orange County, its services, and its impact, please visit [www.alzoc.org](http://www.alzoc.org).

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### **About Alzheimer's Orange County**

Alzheimer's Orange County provides programs and services that span the continuum of care of Alzheimer's and related forms of dementia to Orange County, California residents living with Alzheimer's or dementia, including older adults and frail seniors, along with their families, caregivers, and the community. Alzheimer's Orange County began as an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit in 1982 with a primary mission of providing care and support for those impacted with dementia and their caregivers in Orange County. Alzheimer's is a devastating neurodegenerative illness that weakens the memory and other cognitive and emotional functions. For more information, call the Helpline at 844-373-4400, or visit [www.alzoc.org](http://www.alzoc.org). Find Alzheimer's Orange County on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), and [LinkedIn](#).