



PHILANTHROPY

By Kim Haman



Driving Donations

► Mazda CEO Jim O'Sullivan presents American Red Cross regional CEO Maxine Margaritis with check

Irvine-based Mazda North American Operations was recognized for its support of American Red Cross disaster response work through the organization's Annual Disaster Giving Program. After years of supporting the Red Cross in assisting people affected by disasters, Mazda officially became the first automotive manufacturer to join the

Red Cross Annual Disaster Giving Program at the \$500,000 level.

Members of the Red Cross program pledge donations on an ongoing basis in advance of major disasters to help it ensure an immediate response to meet the needs of those affected, at no cost and regardless of income.

Bits & Pieces

Luke Mysse, president of Crossgrain marketing, will ride his bike 5,000 miles across America on a campaign to end malnutrition. ... Taller San Jose, a Santa Ana-based nonprofit organization that provides job skills training to disadvantaged youth, received an Accelerate Change Together for Anaheim inaugural grant to support its programs. ... The Center for Autism & Neurodevelopmental Disorders opened a 21,000-square-foot facility in Santa Ana offering social skills classes, occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech and language therapy, and a wellness program.

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Wine & Dine

► Wayne Pinnell, managing partner, Haskell & White LLP, at Laura's House 20th Anniversary Gala with Margaret Bayston, Maddie Huckleby, gala honorary chairperson Donna Pickup

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The Fab Four

► Fathers of the Year Chris Cox, president, Bingham Consulting LLC, partner, Bingham McCutchen LLP, vice president, division manager, Traylor Bros. Inc.; Chris Tooker, president, cc., Chris Tooker Training, Tooker Vacation Properties; Kim D. Thompson, senior partner LLP

Diabetes Association and the Father's Day Council honored four local the 12th annual Father of the Year Awards hosted at the Island Hotel in June 5.

The gala raised almost \$300,000 to help the association in its mission to educate and support people with diabetes.

Chris Cox of Laguna Niguel, president of Bingham Consulting LLC, Bingham McCutchen LLP; C. John Meagher of Huntington Beach, division manager for Traylor Bros. Inc.; Chris Tooker of Foothill and chief executive of Trendzition's Inc., Chris Tooker Training and Properties; and Kim D. Thompson of Newport Beach, senior partner at LLP.

Cox received the 2014 Father of the Year Award for demonstrating the ability to balance work and professional life, serving as a role model for his children while making a difference in the community.

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Coast Charity Golf Tournament, which raised \$160,000 for Olive Crest Treatment Centers, Veterans First, Children's Bureau, and the Council on Aging.

The event was held at the Tustin Ranch Golf Club. In the past two decades, it's raised more than \$1.5 million for Orange County charities.

