

## LOCAL'S CHOICE

THE ALZHEIMER'S FAMILY CENTER IS ORANGE COUNTY'S ONLY DAY CARE PROGRAM FOR TREATING PEOPLE WITH DEMENTIA

# CHEF MASTERS BENEFIT RAISES FUNDS FOR DEMENTIA PATIENT CARE

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THE ALZHEIMER'S FAMILY CENTER WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1970 IN A CHURCH BASEMENT, LATER MOVING TO AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BEFORE FINDING ITS CURRENT HOME IN 1999, THANKS TO A PARTNERSHIP WITH HOAG HOSPITAL THAT CREATED A 20,000-SQUARE-FOOT DEMENTIA-SPECIFIC CENTER IN HUNTINGTON BEACH. It is the only day care program in Orange County exclusively devoted to treating people with dementia.

According to AFC CEO Joanna Richardson-Jones, AFC's two locations (the other is in Mission Viejo) serves nearly 25,000 patients a year. There are 54 on staff and more than 1,000 volunteers.

"Our services include physical and occupational therapy, nursing care and medication management, counseling and social work and case management," Richardson-Jones says.

In addition to the day care programs for dementia patients, AFC provides much-needed respite, support and resources for family caregivers.

Longtime AFC board member and Board Chair Mary Lou Shattuck says:

"I am tremendously proud of what the agency does for our patients and our families in this terrifically difficult journey."

Less than half of AFC's \$5.4 million annual budget comes from pay for services.

"We raise the rest ourselves through generous funding from Hoag, private donors and grants," Richardson-Jones says.

Chef Masters, an upcoming culinary extravaganza, scheduled for Sunday, October 28, will be benefiting AFC, who are in charge of selling tickets to the event (see details below).

So, after 38 years, Alzheimer's Family Center has a proven track record of helping thousands of dementia and Alzheimer's patients enjoy happier, healthier lives, while giving their families great comfort.



Alzheimer's Family Center Board President Mary Lou Shattuck, CEO Joanna Richardson-Jones



Front Row: Chefs Ronald Faugerey and Rachel Haggstrom, AFC CEO Joanne Richardson-Jones, AFC Board President Mary Lou Shattuck, Chef Manfred Lassahn; Second Row: Chefs Pascal Othats, Jim Fritz, Scott Raczek, Kevin Meyer, Adam Navidi, Diego Bernal, Chef Masters Creator/Producer Kristin Martin

### Chef Masters

Enjoy delectable culinary offerings from 30 of Orange County's finest chefs, accompanied by stellar wines, as well as top-notch entertainment by The Johnny Holiday Show with the Dean Mora Orchestra.

**OCTOBER 28, 2018, 4:30PM**

\$300 per person

Paséa Hotel & Spa, Huntington Beach

AFCenter.org or ChefMasters.org