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New Wednesday Night Markets Brings Family Friendly Fun to Uptown

Wednesday nights are for fun in Uptown! The Whittier Uptown Association, in an effort to support local retailers and restaurants, has developed the Wednesday Night Market, running now through October 12, from 4:30 -9:00 p.m. every Wednesday night.

The Wednesday Night Market features kids' activities, local produce, food and drinks, live entertainment, handmade goods, arts and crafts, Uptown retailers and restaurants and local vendors outside on the Greenleaf Promenade on Greenleaf Avenue.

"We are excited to bring back events in Uptown and we'd love for the community to come out and support our local businesses," said Justin Tipton. Whittier Uptown Association President.



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Hathaway Golf

Tournament

For information on the Wednesday Night Market, please contact lesly@whittieruptown.org or www.whittieruptown.org



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Credit Union of Southern California Donates \$170,000 to Local Charities CU SoCal Continues 'People Helping People' Philosophy During Whittier Community Event



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Southern California Board members Gil Rodriguez, Liz Camp and Stephanie Cuevas and Executive team members Melissa Manning, Eric Day and Michelle Hunter as they announced CU SoCal's donation of over \$170,000 to various programs and nonprofits in the Whittier community

In pursuit of its "People Helping ranging from \$3,000 to \$25,000. great work for the communities we



People" philosophy, Credit Union of Southern California (CU SoCal) donated a combined \$170,000 to local charities based in Whittier and the surrounding area. The charitable efforts were capped off during CU SoCal's 10th anniversary of hosting the Whittier Chamber of Commerce's Wake Up Whittier event.

By the time the last check was signed, the credit union donated to 19 charitable organizations in amounts Girls Club of Whittier, Bridge of Faith, Helpline Youth Counseling, Inc., and Interfaith Food Center.

"These charitable organizations do

Donations were sent to a variety of serve, and it's our honor and pleasure charities located in communities that to help them continue to do so," said CU SoCal serves, including Boys and CU SoCal President and CEO Dave Gunderson. "We take our 'People Helping People' philosophy seriously, and we hope these donations reflect our commitment to that ongoing pursuit."

About Credit Union of Southern California (CU SoCal)

Founded in 1954 as Whittier Area Schools Federal Credit Union, CU SoCal is a credit union open to those who live, work, worship, or attend school in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino counties. CU SoCal has a superior five-star financial rating from BauerFinancial, holds more than \$2 billion in assets, and serves more than 130,000 Members. For more information, visit CUSoCal.org.



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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

What Makes an Organization Remarkable?

The American Society Association Executives (ASAE) bestselling book 7 Measures of Success: What Remarkable Associations Do That Others Don't reveals that there are seven measures that differentiate remarkable organizations from their counterparts. No one measure outweighs the others and ALL contribute equally to an organization's ability to innovate, grow and thrive over time. Those measures are grouped into three categories:

Commitment to Purpose

- · A customer service culture is built into the organization's structure and processes
- Alignment of products and services with the mission
- Consistency with the organization's mission

Commitment to Analysis & Feedback

Having data-driven strategies which include gathering and analyzing information and having

of processes in place to take action based on what is learned

- Promoting dialogue and engagement about the organization's direction and priorities
- · Facilitating and promoting visionary thinking throughout the organization by being a broker of ideas

Commitment to Action

- Remarkable organizations are adaptable and learn from, and respond to, change
- · Able to build alliances for the right purpose that align with long-term goals

The Whittier Chamber is the leading business organization that exists to strengthen the local economy and build a prosperous community through business leadership. Our diverse 21-member board of directors are business owners and community leaders who dedicate their time and energy to setting policies and direction for the Chamber and we are proud to be the largest advocate for business

in the area. As an organization, we constantly take a pulse on the community and adjust when the "cheese moves." Like everyone else, our cheese has not only moved, but it has changed shape multiple times in the past few years. Our ability to quickly change directions and provide important information out to our community and support to our businesses made us an invaluable resource then, as well as now. As we near our halfway point in our '22-'23 fiscal year, we will continue to work on our strategic plan with the goal to become a top level "remarkable organization." If you have any feedback for us, we'd love to hear from you. It's important to us that we are delivering programs, resources and services that you need to thrive.

In Chamber news, we hope you will join us for our 44th Annual Hathaway

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Welcome back to school and business



A lot has happened this summer, including the grand re-opening of our beloved Whittier Central Library. Have you stopped by yet? The remodeled building features a new digital portal, expanded children and teen areas, and a fully staffed Veterans Resource Center, among others exciting elements. For local businesses, there is also a large community room available for your next meeting or professional seminar. The redesigned and upgraded Library is well-equipped to serve future generations of Whittier and I am appreciative of the generosity and hard work of so many to bring the vision to life.

The Whittier City Council has also made headway on three other bigticket items in recent months including an award of contract for the anticipated Whittier Senior Center remodel, the full-scale renovation of Parnell Park, and the first phase of streetscape improvements along Greenleaf Avenue and the Promenade. The Senior Center will feature new roofing, kitchen, flooring, restrooms, enclosure of the existing atrium, and other interior and exterior fixtures to ensure ADA accessibility and better gathering space for our local senior community once completed. Additionally, the design for the new and completely renovated Parnell Park will offer more sports and soccer fields, basketball and pickleball courts, a Game Grove, a Picnic Pavilion, an expanded petting zoo, a new playground and splash pad plaza, and a two-sided bandshell for outdoor performances. Expect to hear more about both projects in the coming months as we anticipate construction to begin next year. You may have also heard that the City is working in partnership with the Whittier Union High School District to develop future sports fields at its Sierra Education Center campus and plans to assist various programs at the East Whittier and Whittier City School Districts as well. Many families have expressed a desire for more facilities to cater to youth sports and it is my hope that by enhancing our existing recreational footprint, even more local families will be able to participate in fun enriching activities right here in our community. I also want to take an opportunity to address the topic of safety and policing here in Whittier. Public safety is our number one priority. The City Council remains committed to funding and supporting public safety services that maintain Whittier's quality of life by allocating more than 30% of the City's General Fund budget to safety. This investment provides the personnel

and resources for the Whittier Police Department to respond to more than 43,150 calls for service from residents and business owners each year. It also allows the department to achieve an average 4:32 minute response time for emergencies, which remains much faster than the national average of 5 to 7 minutes. Following the most recent swearing-in ceremony held in August, the Whittier Police Department has a funded complement of 125 sworn personnel, with 92 sworn personnel assigned to the City of Whittier, and 33 sworn personnel assigned to the City of Santa Fe Springs, through a police services contract established in 1995.

Recent crime trends in Whittier are consistent with communities throughout Los Angeles County, which have all unfortunately experienced a steady increase in "quality of life" crimes and conditions. A trio of changes in sentencing and parole/probation supervision - AB 109, Proposition 47, and Proposition 57 - have fundamentally changed the quality of life in our community.

Despite changes by the legislature, the courts, the jails, and District Attorney's misdemeanor policies, which have resulted in offenders often being released back into our community within hours of an arrest, and the associated increased workload, the Whittier Police Department still responds to every call they receive. Because of this, the department is in a constant recruitment and hiring mode to fill vacancies created by impacts due to work-related injuries, various leaves, and retirements.

Recruitment has been a challenge for law enforcement agencies nationwide. The City of Whittier continues to prioritize recruiting and retaining highly qualified officers, including a 2020 Council-approved \$15,000 hiring bonus for lateral officers, an internal referral incentive of \$5,000 that has resulted in over 80% of new hires being recommended by existing employees, and a \$75,000 "silent second" homebuyers' incentive for Whittier officers choosing to live in the City. In fact, the Whittier Police Department was effective and extremely successful in hiring 43 police officers in just the past 36 months mainly due to retirements or officers choosing other law enforcement investigative careers that do not involve patrol duties.

As a reminder, residents and business owners are welcome to call (562) 567-9200 or visit www. whittierpd.org for more information on services and additional details on neighborhood watch programs. Most importantly, please be sure to thank the officers you encounter on duty and let them know how much Whittier appreciates their dedication to serving our community.

Mark your calendar for the 8th Annual Booktoberfest on Thursday, October 6. The event traditionally features a silent auction, interviews with local brewers and chefs, and exclusive Library perks for ticket holders. Purchase yours online at www.whittierplf.org/booktoberfest and sponsorships are available. Thank you to the Whittier Public Library Foundation for their efforts to bring the community together for another fun night of books and beverages!

I hope you will join me for the 13th Annual Whittier Spooktacular 5K Run/Walk scheduled for Saturday, October 29. Enjoy a Creepy Crawly 1/2 Mile Dash for the little ones, costume contest, and a pancake



breakfast for all to enjoy. Register online at www.Whittier5K.org or call the Parks, Recreation & Community Services department for details at (562) 567-9400.

Finally, remember to download the City's new, all-inclusive Whittier 365 app for iPhone and Android which has replaced the discontinued Whittier 24/7 app. Whittier 365 streamlines online reporting of common issues including graffiti, road repair, and illegal dumping and allows users to track reports and receive status updates directly from City staff in real time. Additionally, Whittier 365 keeps you informed on what's happening through newsroom press releases, makes it easy to pay for services with the click of a button, and allows you to set calendar reminders for upcoming community events. Connect with the City 365 days a year!

Most importantly, as a reminder, our kids are back in school again and the Whittier Police Department is out on patrol enforcing speed limits throughout town. Please slow down and do your part to keep our streets and kids safe!



The City has also made a significant investment in police department equipment, technology, and officer well-being to include:

- the latest mobile computing police car technology.
- updated fleet and patrol vehicles,
- the purchase of drones for patrol and tactical use,
- body-worn cameras,
- the deployment of license plate reading cameras citywide,
- and a services contract with a law-enforcement-specific mental health support provider for all police department employees.

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Back to school time is exciting for many people, from kindergarteners to college students, as well as parents and school staff. Back to school time is also an exciting time for crooks who exploit unsuspecting victims as streets fill up with students carrying valuables, and school parking lots fill up with vehicles. The following list contains various tips on making your school year a safe one:

Aviv Bar

- Be sure your child knows his or her home phone number (including area code) address, your work number, the number of another trusted adult, and how to use 911 for emergencies.
- Plan a walking route to school or the bus stop. Choose the most direct way with the fewest street crossings. Test the route with your child. Tell him or her to stay away from parks, vacant lots, fields, and other places where there aren't many people around.
- Teach children whether walking, biking, or riding the bus to school to obey all traffic signals, signs, traffic officers. Remind them to be extra careful in rainy weather.
- Make sure they walk to and from school with others a friend, neighbor, brother, sister.
- When carpooling, drop off and pick up children as close to school as possible. Don't leave until they have entered the school yard or building.
- Teach your child never to talk to strangers or accept rides or gifts from strangers. Remember, a stranger is anyone you or your children doesn't know well or doesn't trust.
- Have a secret code word with your child, to help confirm your child is dealing with a trusted person.
 - If your child is home alone for a few hours after school:
 - 1. Set up rules for locking doors and windows, answering the door or telephone.
 - 2. Talk about what activities your child can and not do while home alone.
 - 3. Agree on rules for inviting friends over and for going to a friend's house when no adult is home.

Take time to listen carefully to children's fears and feelings about people or places that scare them or make them feel uneasy. Tell them to trust their instincts. Take complaints about bullies and other concerns seriously.

Teach you kids to stay alert when they walk to and from school. This means refraining from listening to music in both ears and always watching for suspicious persons or vehicles.

If you park your vehicle at school, make sure the alarm is on, all doors are locked, and all valuables are removed from plain view.

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Golf Classic on September 12 at Friendly Hills Country Club. This fun-filled tournament provides an opportunity to "network on the greens" with clients and special guests. We have a special 19th Hole After Party Mixer that all are invited to attend which features plenty of mixing and mingling, delicious food and opportunities to win prizes. If you are looking for marketing opportunities for your business, call the Chamber for ways to get involved.

In addition to our golf tournament, the Chamber will have a Virtual Auction with many great gifts for you to bid on. The Auction will go live online on Friday, September 9 and close on Tuesday, September 13 at noon. Encourage your family, friends and colleagues to bid often! All of the money raised at both the golf tournament and Virtual Auction helps the Chamber provide programs, services and resources to help our businesses and community prosper.

Also ahead on October 12 is a multi-Chamber mixer at Rose Hills' Hua Yuan Center with members from our neighboring Chambers in El Monte/South El Monte, Pico Rivera, Montebello and Pomona. You won't want to miss seeing this beautiful new building at Rose Hills and getting to know some new people in the area.

There are plenty of wonderful community activities happening in Whittier in September and October. Please take a moment to check out the Chamber's community calendar on our website at www.whittierchamber.com. A few highlights include CAPC's Celebrity Waiter event on October 7, the Whittier Host Lions' Sight for Kids event on October 8, Whittier College's Homecoming on October 21-22, the Whittier Community Foundation's 5K Spooktacular Walk/Run on October 29 as well as Uptown Whittier's Halloween Capers on October 22 from 3-6 p.m.

Wishing you and your business remarkable things this Fall





The Whittier Chamber, along with our partner Chambers in the 38th Congressional District, welcomed Congresswoman Linda Sanchez at our first in-person State of the Nation event in the past 3 years. The Congresswoman provided an update on recent legislation passed in Washington DC as well as news from around her district.

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Disaster Preparedness in the Workplace – It's More Than Duck and Cover

Recent earthquakes in California have highlighted the fact that employers must be prepared for emergencies and natural disasters. Employers must be prepared for all kinds of emergencies, including fires, floods, power outages and weather events, and it's important for employers to understand their responsibility during times of crisis.

Have a Plan in Case of Emergency

One of the first things that employers should really think about is having an emergency action plan, explained Erika Frank, CalChamber Executive Vice President and General Counsel.

Earthquake and fire drills may take time during the workday, but they also can save lives in case of an emergency at the workplace. Additionally, employers need to make sure their employees are informed of the plan and know what to do in an emergency. Having someone communicate with employees during a natural disaster to let them know whether to come to work is crucial to keeping everyone safe.

It also is important to consider if there are employees who can work remotely, without a brick-and-mortar location. In the event of an emergency in which employees are unable to report to work, employers should consider whether work can be done from home.

"One thing that really has to be on the forefront of employers' minds, despite everything else that is happening in a time of disaster, is 'what is our obligation to our employees?' We have an obligation to maintain a healthy and safe workplace," Frank explains.

Keep Everyone Informed

During a natural disaster, employers

must stay connected with their employees to let them know whether to report to work, or what to do in case the workplace is inaccessible.

For hourly employees who may be able to work remotely during a natural disaster or emergency, employers must communicate that there is still the obligation to clock in and out, and take rest breaks and meal breaks.

"The messaging that the employer needs to convey to those employees is, 'it is as if you are at work," Frank emphasizes. "All of the rules still apply."

Regardless of the size of the business, employers should formulate a plan for emergencies that accounts for all employees and the company's data and resources.

"Human resources is a great place to start with formulating your emergency action plan, working with management and trying to assess what things can you prepare for in the event of the unexpected," says Frank.

Protect Your Data

Another thing employers need to consider when preparing for a natural disaster or emergency is how to protect data, credit card storage and employee records. Having a server on-site may not be the best way to keep all the confidential information safe from a fire or flood if it were to hit the office. Off-site servers can protect the data even if a natural disaster were to hit the workplace.

"A disaster plan that deals with technology and data is really important for everybody," said Frank.

For employers, having a plan to protect their employees and the company's data ensures a safer workplace in case of emergency.



Subsidized Labor Funds Available Through Rio Hondo America's Job Center of California

No matter what business you are in, On-the-Job Training (OJT) is an essential part of any employee's process of orienting a new employee. Rio Hondo America's Job Centers of California (Rio Hondo AJCC) can help provide employers with qualified job seekers who are eager to work but need the specialized training only an employer can provide via funding from AJCC's On-the-Job Training Program. Their OJT Program funding will subsidize costs incurred to train new employees that you hire from their pool of local and qualified job seekers.

The On-the-Job Training Program is a "hire-first" program that reimburses a company for the cost of training a new employee. This program is provided at no cost to the business. Companies can use OJTs to hire and train promising job candidates who have some – but not all – of the skills necessary for the job. A well-thoughtout training plan is put in place to ensure that the employee has the skills needed to be successful. The OJT program is an efficient way to move new workers more quickly into jobs, provide them with needed skills, and help local businesses to develop and retain the workers that they need. The Rio Hondo America's Job Center of California agrees to reimburse the business for a portion of the wages to cover part of their training expenses. The Rio Hondo AJCC repays the business up to 50% of the trainee's starting wage for a set period while the trainee masters the required skill.

Other services that might be of benefit to your business:

Incumbent Worker Training Program - You pay for the training up front, and Rio Hondo AJCC reimburses a

portion of the cost. This program can help qualifying companies upgrade the skills of existing employees to help the business remain competitive, increase profits, and support the growth of the business.

Transitional Job / Youth@Work Program – You are the worksite, Rio Hondo AJCC is the employer of record. They cover wages and workers compensation and provide employers with 100% paid temporary staff who are ready to gain experience in the workplace.

-Here are testimonials from some of their partners:

"I just want to thank you again for your "Community Building" efforts in placing participants from your Job Recruitment Program into our companies. We have successfully hired a good amount of your Job Seekers. I look forward to working with you in the future and wish you all the best." - Southland Transit Metro and San Gabriel Transit Access

"When I needed Class-A drivers and customer service candidates, Rio Hondo AJCC was there in a heartbeat. I look forward to your team's continued support – thank you!" - American Meat Companies

The Rio Hondo AJCC is operated by the Southeast Area Social Services Funding Authority (SASSFA) and serves communities in the Rio Hondo region of the County. Their goal is to deliver equitable workforce services that empower people, community and businesses to grow, succeed and thrive in L.A. County. For more information about OJT or other programs offered by the Rio Hondo AJCC, please contact them at (562) 946-2237 or visit ajcc.lacounty.gov.

For more information about earthquake safety, contact: **Robert Leeper** (562) 686-1497 • robert@earthquakeanswers.com





The Whole Child Breaks Ground on an Innovative Housing and Supportive Services Center

The Whole Child, a regional leader in supporting children and families experiencing homelessness, and the City of Santa Fe Springs welcomed over 120 funders, supporters, friends, and media to a ceremony marking the commencement of construction on Phase I of a first-of-its-kind campus that will support families with children - including veteran families - on their path from homelessness to becoming homeowners.

"This project – this day – has been four years in the making," proudly stated The Whole Child CEO Constanza Pachon in her welcoming remarks. "It is quite an undertaking to develop a project of this size and to get here has required a lot of friends and a lot of partners," she continued, thanking the many funders and supporters present for their belief in The Whole Child's vision.

"When this entire project is complete it is going to be, without a doubt, one of the more innovative housing projects we have in the entire County of Los Angeles," said LA County Supervisor Janice Hahn, a key supporter of the initiative. "This five-acre campus is going to be the site of 'From Homeless to Homeowner' and that phrase is how we should look at everyone we see who needs our help."

"By centralizing all of these resources on one campus," she continued, "The Whole Child will be able to guide people as seamlessly as possible out of homelessness, into shelter, into permanent supportive housing, and then hopefully into homeownership."

"This project took the belief and dedication of our entire city council and city leadership staff," said Santa Fe



The Whole Child and City of Santa Fe Springs celebrate commencement of construction on an innovative Interim Housing and Supportive Services Center funded by the city, LA County (Supervisor Janice Hahn), the State of California (Homekey2), and the Federal Government (Congresswoman Linda Sanchez).

Springs Mayor Annette Rodriguez. "Our council saw this as a strong solution to a need in our community to care for children and their families."

"We're one paycheck away from being homeless, a lot of this county is," said Santa Fe Springs City Manager Ray Cruz in his poignant remarks praising the city council for its leadership in hosting the new site. "We are not just doing this for ourselves but for the whole region. No one else wants to do this in their backyard but we're doing it in our front yard."

Congresswoman Linda Sanchez sent along her well wishes on the project, for which she has committed \$500,000 in federal funding: "I congratulate The Whole Child on this important milestone," the Congresswoman wrote. "When complete, the interim housing facility and supportive services center will provide families with the resources

they need to take a crucial first step away from homelessness and toward permanent housing. Securing funding for this project is a great example of what different levels of government can do when we work together. Alongside my state and county partners, I was proud to help deliver the funding needed to get this project across the finish line. I look forward to seeing the difference it will make for so many in our community."

In partnership with developers and funders from the public and private sectors, the entire site will ultimately include 101 affordable rental units and 21 ownership units – helping families to realize the dream of owning their own home.

The Whole Child's development team for this campus includes experienced housing developers The Richman Group; award-winning architectural firm SVA Architects; general contractor,

Ravco Inc.; and Habitat for Humanity of Greater Los Angeles.



About The Whole Child Founded in 1957, The Whole Child provides mental health services to atrisk children experiencing trauma and behavioral challenges; housing services to families experiencing or at the risk of homelessness; parenting education to prevent child abuse and neglect; and nutrition education to combat childhood obesity. Today, we provide our array of multidisciplinary services across 10 locations in Los Angeles County to more than 3,000 families annually; more than 8,000 individuals including over 4,500 children. 78% of our clients are low to extremely low-income families with a single female head of household who is raising 2-3 children. For more information, visit thewholechild.org.



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COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS



John Pagani & Crystal Pagani from Wallstreet Realty/Capital BOC celebrate their ribbon cutting ceremony with the Whittier Chamber of Commerce



Whittier resident and state senate candidate Mitch Clemmons celebrated his ribbon cutting ceremony with Mayor of Whittier Joe Vinatieri, Mayor Pro Tem Jessica Martinez and Mayor of Walnut Eric Ching



EXP Realty Whittier: Lucy Spencer, Zen's Tea House: Fernando Lopez, PIA Select Insurance Solutions: Kurt Wolff, Loud Print: Joshua Espinoza and Ooma: Steve Rosas network and made great connections at Tasty Tuesday



Modern Woodmen of America, Steven Flores, Mitch Clemmons Plumbing: Mitch Clemmons, Lending 3: Pete Rodriguez and Madsen Financial Coaching: Jason Madsen enjoy a tasty meal at The Rusty Monk

Business Economic Outlook



Daniel Brito, owner of Rokka Whiskey Bar, celebrated the grand opening ribbon cutting ceremony with city officials and the Whittier Chamber of Commerce





Director & Chief Economist at Payden & Rygel Jeffrey C. Cleveland takes a photo with event sponsor Athens Services and Whittier Chamber President & CEO Carol Crosby



The Whittier Chamber Board of Directors celebrate a successful Business Economic Outlook with Jeffrey C. Cleveland



Samir Rai & Samir Gulati, owners of Parlor Bar, celebrate their ribbon cutting ceremony with the Whittier Chamber of Commerce



Whittier local & Emmy award winners Tony Carrasco & Omar Lugones from ASP Studios celebrated their ribbon cutting ceremony with the Whittier Chamber of Commerce on a hot summer day with smiles and some delicious ceviche

Congrats to these businesses also celebrating ribbon cuttings IET Real Estate - Whittier • 986 Pharmacy • Jersey Mike's Subs Orange Aluminum • Pic 'N' Save • Maria Sabina Oaxacan Restaurant



Whittier College Alum Jeffrey C. Cleveland celebrates the conclusion of his presentation with fellow Whittier College alums



Director & Chief Economist at Payden & Rygel Jeffrey C. Cleveland presents his economic forecast to the attendants of the Business Economic Outlook at Whittier College's Villalobos Hall



SPIRITT Family Services Celebrates 50 Years of Service

SPIRITT Family Services, a local nonprofit dedicated to improving the health and wellbeing of families will commemorate 50 years of blossoming hope and impacting the growth and heart of communities surrounding the Eastern Los Angeles County. SPIRITT has been welcoming families and guiding them towards stronger, more resilient communities to enrich their lives since 1972. To further mark this milestone the organization will be holding an anniversary party on October 13, 2022 at the DoubleTree Hotel by Hilton at 6 o'clock.

"Over the last 50 years, programs and services have changed due to community needs and funding. What has not changed is our commitment to family centered services – strengthening the family unit has the highest yield to raising healthier children and building stronger communities. We are excited about honoring community leaders who have partnered with SPIRITT to improve the wellbeing of youth and families in our community. Come join SPIRITT's 50th Anniversary Harvest Celebration on October 13, 2022!" said Elvia Torres, CEO.

In 1972, Whittier community leaders formalized a joint educational program for first-time youth drug offenders and their families under Project Info, Inc., the newly formed 501(c)(3) non-profit organization; lead partners included Whittier Union High School District and the City of Santa Fe Springs. Lin Woodard was the first Executive Director, followed by Irene Redondo-Churchward who was the Executive Director from 1982 until retiring in 2010. Under Ms. Redondo-Churchward's leadership, the organization expanded and rebranded in 2000 as SPIRITT Family Services. SPIRITT Family Services' three main program areas include Integrated Behavioral Health, In-Home Family-Based Services, and Community Capacity, serving the communities at its four Family Centers located in Whittier, South El Monte, Bell Gardens, and Pomona. Today, the organization is led by Chief Executive Officer, Elvia Torres M.S., L.M.F.T., M.B.A.

"Families, in general, have a desire to live healthier lives, yet many face challenges due to mental illness, addiction, domestic violence, trauma, and limited resources. At SPIRITT Family Services, we see families blossom. Many becoming the catalyst for other families to seek support and grow," said Torres.

Highlights from SPIRITT Family Services' history include:

- Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) Certified. SPIRITT Family Services has been awarded the highest level of CARF accreditation. CARF accreditation is an indication of SPIRITT's quality, accountability, and commitment to the satisfaction of the persons served. SPIRITT holds accreditation until 2023.
- 2021 Nonprofit of the Year. SPIRITT was selected as a 2021 California Nonprofit of the Year by Assemblymember Lisa Calderon.

SPIRITT Family Services will be honoring Irene Redondo-Churchward with the Lifetime Achievement Award, honoring Assemblymember Lisa Calderon with the Distinguished Public Service Leader Award, as well as honoring Russell Castaneda Calleros with the Distinguished Community Leader Award. Proceeds from the SPIRITT's 50th Anniversary Harvest Celebration will go towards advancing SPIRITT's mission– funds will help sustain and enhance the delivery of services to 13,003 children and adults (approximately 2,275 families) experiencing domestic violence, child abuse, mental health challenges and more.

For details, including sponsorships and tickets please visit www.spiritt.org/50th or email at 50thanniversary@spiritt.org



4 Ways to Protect Yourself During a Recession

By Jason Madsen, Madsen Financial Coaching

On the heels of the Business Economic Outlook at the end of July, this seems like a pertinent and relevant time to discuss ways to protect yourself financially in the anticipation of or during a recession. Keep in mind that personal finance

is personal, and I am here to help you win with your money. As a money coach, I do not offer investments or insurances, I look at the patterns of behavior and your lifestyle to help you make minor shifts / tweaks to be able to see clearer into what your future could look like. Below are some ways that you can start seeing progress.

1) Start budgeting / tracking your money. With this simple, basic habit, you can begin to see traction in your daily life when you start to see the story your money is telling you. Budgeting gives you parameters of what you can allocate for saving and what you can allocate for spending. Every receipt you collect (or don't ask for), as well as every credit card transaction / statement is a narrative of how you spend your money. What you spend your money on is directly tied to what you value. It takes about 90 days to get really good at budgeting. That is 3 months of hard work, understanding where your money is going and how you are now going to start telling it what to do.

2) Start Saving / Work Towards Building an Emergency Fund (here on noting as EF). Whether you choose 3 months or 6 months of expenses is up to you, but you should have enough expenses to cover your basic needs or your Four Walls such as food, shelter (which includes utilities), clothing and transportation. Almost 80% of Americans are living paycheck to paycheck regardless of income, so imagine how different your life will look when you feel protected against things like inflation or a recession. The EF is there for what my grandmother used to call a "rainy day." You never know when it is going to rain (especially in California). Just like you never know if you are going to pop a tire on your way to work. If you make it a priority, saving up 3-6 months won't take you very long.

3) Limit Impulse Purchases. Sure the end aisle at the grocery stores are enticing, but do you really NEED that candy bar, pack of gum, or soda? Don't even get me started on the peanut butter cups at Trader Joe's (so addicting – am I right?). Make sure you create a list when you are planning for meals during the upcoming week so you avoid "extra" purchases. It's not just at the grocery store though. Amazon has made it really easy to purchase things online with a single click/tap. Target can be a budget buster if you don't have a shopping list with you. Be mindful of what you spend your money on because all those little impulses can add up to a big bill in the long run. I would also advise not going to the grocery store when you are hungry. The impulse purchases tend to skyrocket when you haven't had any food to satisfy your appetite. Going to the store with no prepared list and hungry is a recipe for disaster. Be prepared.

4) Don't panic! The last thing you want to do is panic when your stocks, bonds, and 401(k) investments start looking like a red arrow bar chart pointing downwards each month to resemble more of a 101(k). The best part is, we have come out of it every time. Keep calm, ride the wave, and continue to invest. Make sure you consult with a financial advisor on the right blend of investment options in order to align with your goals.

Change is temporary, but can have a lasting effect. The choices you make now can impact your life three months from now. Call or text (805) 407-6466 or email Jason Madsen at madsenfinancialcoaching@gmail.com if you want to change your family tree!



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everyday flowers. They help make your vision come to life with their floral decor & setups. She has been a member of the Chamber for about a year and loves getting involved with the community. Zimri loves the atmosphere of the Chamber and the great connections

support other Chamber members at their own ribbon cuttings. Zimri also enjoys going to Tasty Tuesdays as well, so she can enjoy a tasty meal, while supporting a Chamber member's business.

Zimri expressed, "AZ Whittier Florist has been hand-delivering premium floral arrangements and gift baskets to help strengthen relationships,

Alyssa Barrios, Mary Kay John Bogdanov, TelWorx Van Broussard, Farmer's Insurance Michelle Calzada, Blue Mar Travel Marianne Duron, Say Yay Lawn Signs Clarissa Estrada, Credit Union of Southern California Steven Flores, Modern Woodmen of America Nancy Gomez, Tacos & Grace Ysenia Guerra, Drain It Plumbing Zimri Gutierrez, AZ Whittier Florist Paul Hernandez, State Farm Insurance Rob Marin, Rob Marin Realty Marie Murillo, RBanquet Pete Rodriguez, Valley View Home Loans Steve Rosas, Ooma Lucy Spencer, Laurea Real Estate Lauren Sweeney, Rise Up for You Christy Wyant, Martplan Insurance

Zimri has been on the Whittier Chamber Ambassador Team for six months and is having a blast helping the Chamber plan future events and taking the time to learn about what the Whittier business community is up to. What she loves most about being an Ambassador, is helping the new members & introducing them to new people.

that she has made along the way.

Since Zimri has been a Chamber Ambassador, she

Michelle Calzada - Blue Mar Travel

Michelle Calzada is the owner & operator of Blue Mar Travel. Her business is a full service travel agency where she plans and treats your vacation as her own. She fell in love with traveling years ago and believes that traveling feeds the soul.

She has been a member of the Chamber for about a year and has truly enjoyed every minute of it. She believes the best part of being a Chamber member is being surrounded with so many like-minded, hard-working dedicated people. She believes that so many of the Ambassadors and Chamber members are wonderful people who truly support each other.

Michelle has been on the Whittier Chamber Ambassador Team for six months and has enjoyed every moment of it. What she loves most about being an Ambassador, is sharing the benefits of being a Chamber member with new give love and support, and celebrate life's special moments, from birthdays to anniversaries to commemorating a loved one, and every little "just because" moment in between, since 2012. Feeling wanted and loved truly is a magical feeling and I am happy to help along the way."

members and building business relationships along the way.

Since Michelle has been a Chamber Ambassador, she has been going to as many Wake Up Whittier events as she can. She also takes the time to support other Chamber members at their own ribbon cuttings. Michelle is also looking forward to the upcoming Hathaway Golf Classic, coming up in early September.

Michelle expressed, "Whether you travel for work, celebration, relaxation or adventure you will always learn a little more about yourself and develop a new appreciation for life each time. I want each and every one of my clients to feel the joy that travel brings. I am so honored when they come to me with their travel needs."

Create Nonprofit Impact with this Award-Winning 5-Step PR Strategic Plan

By Marisol Barrios Perez, MSPA, APR

When forging ahead during challenging times or in preparing for a new fiscal year, strategic communications is critical to a nonprofit's workforce, culture, and brand. However, we sometimes find ourselves reacting rather than responding to situations for how they will impact our workforce and reputation. As communications professionals, or executives wearing this hat, we look for ways to transform our nonprofit's mission, raise funds for organizational capacity and programming, and add value to the work we do by serving various constituents.

At the next Whittier Chamber of Commerce Nonprofit Network meeting on Thursday, October 20, you'll get an opportunity to create impact and deliver measurable outcomes with GRACE, an award-winning five-step public relations strategic plan for your development and public relations efforts. Come prepared with a goal and you will be walked through the strategic plan and basic communications principles. Bring a pen and paper, your laptop or your tablet and be prepared to take action.

Using this award-winning strategic plan template, you'll:

- Learn how to identify the five components of a public relations
- strategic plan
- List the benefits of planning
- Explain the difference between goals, objectives, and strategy
- Define communications and the basic elements of the process
- Learn how to write measurable objectives
- Identify performance measurements for evaluation

Bring a colleague who you could be partnered with to identify a goal, strategy, objective, and target audience. Together we will examine the various measurable objectives and how they inform the results to deliver impact. You will walk away with the GRACE template, tools, and additional resources.

With more than 25 years of nonprofit communications experience, Marisol Barrios Perez is the CEO of Mission Driven PR and serves as an adjunct lecturer at California State University, Dominguez Hills' Communications Department. She loves to serve nonprofits and be part of telling stories that empower media and the public to take action.

To learn more about Mission Driven PR, visit www.missiondrivenpr.com or call Marisol Perez at (310) 713-8567 or email marisol@missiondrivenpr.com.



WHAT'S COOL IN YOUR SCHOOL



Eight Whittier Union Teachers Receive \$25,000 National Board Certified Teacher Grants

Reflecting the Whittier Union High School District commitment to provide equity for every student and maintain high teaching standards, eight teachers have been awarded \$25,000 grants by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards as part of a statewide incentive program to retain and train National Board Certified Teachers (NBCT) to teach at high-priority schools throughout California.

The grants will be spread out over five years, with the recipients receiving \$5,000 annually beginning July 1, 2022. To receive the grant, the recipients – who are all National Board Certified teachers – have agreed to continue teaching at their schools for five years. The grants will be paid through the California Department of Education.

The recipients are: Lindsey Garcia, California High School (physical education and guided studies); Julie Tonkovich, California High School (visual arts); Laura Mejia Torres, California High School (world languages); Virginia Glasscock, California High School (biology and chemistry); Rebecca Doran, California High School (special education); Mark Quintero, California High School (art and English); Josh Rear, California High School (English); and Robin Hernandez, Whittier High School (economics and world history).

In addition to the grants, the NBCT program will provide stipends of \$2,500 to any teacher who initiates the process of pursuing National Board Certification while teaching at a highpriority school. A high-priority school is defined as a school with 55% or more students classified as an English language learner, foster youth, or free and reduced lunch eligible.

"Congratulations to our NBCT grant recipients, who have pledged to maintain the highest teaching standards for underrepresented students at high-priority schools," Superintendent Dr. Monica Oviedo said. "Whittier Union has always held itself to the highest teaching standards. Our hope is that the grants will inspire teachers throughout the District attain National Board Certification status."



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AROUND TOWN

Gold Together Champions Recruitment



Gold Together is the American Cancer Society initiative dedicated to increasing awareness of childhood cancer, supporting families facing a diagnosis, and raising funds to end childhood cancer. Gold Together Champions are individuals who raise funds and awareness leading up to and during the month of September. Funds raised directly

support childhood cancer research, education, advocacy, and patient support services, as well as promote cancer prevention efforts targeting children to help them reduce their risk for cancer later in life.

In the United States, childhood cancer is the second most common cause of death among children ages 1 to 14, and the leading disease-related cause of death for children under 19. By becoming a Gold Together Champion, you can give kids hope by joining a community of like-minded survivors, volunteers, and supporters who believe that the future can be free from childhood cancer.

Learn more by visiting their website at cancer.org/GoldTogether, or by checking out their L.A. specific page at ACSEngage.org/GoldTogetherChampionsLA. Reach out directly to the American Cancer Society staff overseeing this initiative by emailing abby.smith@cancer.org.

CAPC's Celebrity Waiter Dinner and Dance **Raises Funds to Assist Adults with Disabilities**

CAPC's Annual Fundraiser Celebrity Waiter Dinner and Dance Raises Funds to Assist Adults with Disabilities

CAPC, Inc. is dropping the mic at this year's fundraiser, annual Celebrity Waiter Dinner and Dance "Grammy Awards". On Friday, October 7th, at 6pm, the



community will gather at Liberty Community Plaza in Whittier to raise awareness and valuable funds for people with developmental disabilities. Celebrity Waiter is the organization's major fundraiser for the year where attendees dress up to an overall theme and are served dinner by local "Celebrity Waiters".

"CAPC is excited to bring everyone together again at Celebrity Waiter. We have hosted this event every October for over 25 years. After a 2-year hiatus we couldn't imagine raising funds any other way," stated event chair and Board Member Yvonne Connolly. Guests will enjoy dinner and a silent auction while dancing the night away with their favorite fellow "Grammy artists".

CAPC's mission is to "Empower individuals with disabilities to maximize the quality of their lives in their home communities." Come dressed as your favorite musician or Grammy awards attendee.

Table Sponsors are \$1500; individual tickets are \$150. Program ad opportunities are also available. Table sale deadline is September 30. To purchase tables and/ or tickets visit:

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Whittier Hospital Medical Center Is The Only Hospital In Whittier To Receive A Five-Star **Rating By Federal Agency**



Whittier College students, staff and program participants create community mural at Los **Angeles County Whittier Wellness Community**

Engagement with Communities (CEC), in partnership with The Los Angeles County Whittier Wellness Community and Blue Shield Promise Health Plan, collaborated on a community mural located at the Whittier Wellness Community.

"Participating in the mural painting at the Whittier Health Center was a beautiful experience for me. I remember when my family and I arrived to this country, Whittier Health Center provided us with the healthcare we needed and the required vaccinations for my daughters" says Lucia Padron-Ortiz, resident of Whittier and member

The Whittier College Center for of the Whittier College Community Education Program Initiative.

CEC The Whittier College appreciates our community partners entrusting our students with such a unique opportunity. Hailey Garcia, student lead and class of 2023 states, "It has been an honor to start from a blank canvas and create an immortal piece of artwork. The process was as beautiful as the final product. The mural is not just a piece of me, but everyone in the community who was involved and even those that weren't."

The mural is located inside the Whittier Public Health Center, located at 7643 Painter Avenue, Whittier, CA.



PIH Health Receives Get With The Guidelines[®] Quality Achievement Awards

American Heart Association Award recognizes PIH Health's commitment to quality stroke care

The American Heart Association and American Stroke Association has recognized PIH Health Downey Hospital and PIH Health Good Samaritan Hospital with the Gold Plus Get With The Guidelines® - Stroke quality achievement award for their commitment to providing research-based, high-quality stroke care that supports better outcomes for stroke patients.

"PIH is committed to improving patient care by adhering to the latest treatment guidelines," said Krystal Valdez, RN MSN ACNS-BC, PIH Health System Director of Quality Programs. "Get With The Guidelines makes it easier for our teams to put proven knowledge and guidelines to work on a daily basis, which studies show can help patients recover better. The end goal is to ensure that the communities we serve experience longer, healthier lives.'

Each year, program participants qualify for the award by demonstrating how their organization has committed to providing quality care for stroke patients. In addition to following treatment guidelines, Get With The Guidelines participants also educate patients to help them manage their health and recovery at home.

"We are incredibly pleased to recognize PIH Health Downey Hospital for its commitment to caring for patients with stroke," said Steven Messe, M.D., chairperson of the Stroke System of Care Advisory Group. "Participation in Get With The Guidelines is associated with improved patient outcomes, fewer readmissions and lower mortality rates – a win for health care systems, families and communities.

Whittier Hospital Medical Center has received a five-star rating by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), the highest rating approved by the federal agency and the only hospital to receive the prestigious rating in Whittier.

Whittier Hospital is among just 13.81% of hospitals nationwide to receive Five Stars-the highest possible score-out of more than 4,586 Medicare-certified hospitals rated. The overall star rating is based on how well a hospital performs across different areas of quality, such as treating heart attacks and pneumonia, readmission rates, and safety of care.

"We are grateful to our doctors, nurses, and the entire staff for their commitment to make our communities healthy and safe. It is because of their perseverance and dedication to excellence that we received this exceptional national rating." Said Mary Anne Monje, Chief Executive Officer. "At Whittier Hospital we will continue to provide our patients the high quality and compassionate care they deserve".

The rankings were based on Care Compare, a program managed by the federal CMS. CMS analyzes information on all hospitals enrolled in Medicare or Medicaid and gives a rating according to their standards.



Congratulations to physicians and staff members who have contributed to this honorable recognition!



Relay For Life Helps Communities Attack Cancer

Saving lives, celebrating lives and raising funds to lead the fight for a world without cancer is the purpose of the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life event.

This year, the Relay For Life of La Mirada-Whittier will take place on Saturday, October 1 from 9 a.m. -9 p.m. at the Splash Aquatic Center, 13806 La Mirada Boulevard in La Mirada. The Relay has special events and activities just for survivors and their caregivers, so they can connect with others and know there is strong support system available to them. The event also features a moving luminaria ceremony where those who have lost their fight, those who battling, and those who have overcome cancer are remembered. Luminarias can be purchased and decorated with names and messages. Other activities at the free event including music, food, raffles, craft sales and more throughout the day make it a fun way to fundraise for an important cause. 100% of the money raised goes to cancer research/programs/information/services.

For more information on how you can put a team together, join a team, purchase a luminaria or donate money, visit relayforlife.org/lamiradawhittierca or email event lead Karen Javorik - javorik.kp@gmail.com

RENEWING MEMBERS

Thanks to the following members for renewing their Chamber membership and for supporting our efforts to build a strong local economy

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Acuvision Family Optometry (562) 696-1883 Member Since: 2009

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Friendly Hills Pediatrics

Havana House Cigars & Lounge (562) 698-2245 Member Since: 1996

> Help U Legal (424) 278-9487 Member Since: 2021

Kaiser Permanente (562) 657-4452 Member Since: 2011

Lowell Joint School District (562) 902-4203 Member Since: 1986

Maria Sabina Oaxacan Restaurant (562) 273-5707 Member Since: 2021

> Martin, Bruce G. Member Since: 1993

> Mathis Moving (562) 943-7885 Member Since: 2016

Monikstyles Barber Shop (562) 457-9421 Member Since: 2021

Navi & Sons Plumbing (213) 749-1046 Member Since: 2019

New Leaf Montessori (562) 665-9974 Member Since: 2021

Orchard Post Acute Care, The (562) 693-7701 Member Since: 2021

> Pacific Pay Inc. (877) 572-2729 Member Since: 2019

Peel, John & Laurie Member Since: 1999

Reliance Mortgage Service, Inc. (562) 320-0510 Member Since: 2007

> Radcliffe, Scott Member Since: 2021

Reliant Urgent Care & Occupational Medical Center (310) 491-7060 Rose Hills Memorial Park & Mortuary (562) 699-0921 Member Since: 1953

> Salon Cheval (562) 696-7979 Member Since: 2008

Select Staffing/Prologistix (626) 913-1334 Member Since: 2021

SOLA Lions Club of Whittier (562) 693-8330 Member Since: 2009

> Southland Window Cleaning Company (562) 547-7988 Member Since: 2016

Spiritt Family Services (562) 903-7000 Member Since: 1998

State Farm Insurance -Fabio Soto (562) 698-6769 Member Since: 2018

State Farm Insurance -Paul Hernandez (562) 943-2700 Member Since: 2014

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Congratulations to our Milestone Members this month!

Thank you to the following businesses that have been longstanding partners with the Whittier Chamber in helping to support our thriving economy.

SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

35 Years Oromill Lumber & Hardware (562) 698-9453

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CHAMBER CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

CBA Comedy Night Mixer September 1 • 6 P.M. The Phantom Project Theatre at La Habra Depot

44th Annual Hathaway Golf Classic September 12 • 9 A.M. Friendly Hills Country Club

Ribbon Cutting at West Coast Dental September 16 • 12:30 P.M.

Ribbon Cutting at Sit 'n Sleep September 19 • 12 P.M.

Wake Up Whittier September 21 • 7:30 A.M. Rose Hills Memorial Park & Mortuary

> **Ribbon Cutting at California Fish Grill** September 23 • 11 A.M.

(562) 378-6800 Member Since: 2021

Gabriel Plumbing (562) 942-9999 Member Since: 2008

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