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Summer Night of PALS Fun Nets \$40k for Orangewood

Newport Beach – Over 450 guests gathered last Friday on a not-so-hot August night (it was unseasonably cool) at the Newport Coast home of Kurt Caillier for the “Endless Summer Nights Party.” The event was hosted by Orangewood PALS, an auxiliary of Orangewood Children’s Foundation. Caillier is President & CEO of A&A Ready Mixed Concrete. Sponsors of the event were A&A Ready Mixed Concrete, BevMo, Bleu Cotton Photography, Cosmopolitan Events, Fenner-Hansen Fine Florals and Patron Tequila. Event chair was Katy Higgins, a member of the PALS board of directors and President of Cosmopolitan Events. The event is expected to net over \$40,000 for Orangewood.

As guests arrived they received star treatment including a red carpet photo taken by Bleu Cotton Photography and specialty Patron cocktails. The main floor offered guests heavy hors d’oeuvres catered by Cosmopolitan Events, a poker tournament and billiards. Beyond the main level the pool area provided party goers with sweeping views of Newport bay and the Pacific Ocean. Also poolside was a “muddle-your-own mojito” bar where guests could make a custom mojito and take home their own brushed aluminum, personally engraved muddler.

Downstairs, Caillier’s 20-car garage was transformed into a disco with D.J. Hoff spinning the tunes and keeping guests partying into the night. Also in the garage, \$2,000 suite ticket purchasers had roped-off areas to lounge between songs while enjoying Patron cocktails.

VIPs in attendance included Brian Shaw (assistant coach for the Los Angeles Lakers), Susan Samueli (President of the Samueli Foundation and a member of the Orangewood Children’s Foundation Board of Directors), Pam Dzierzanowski (Director of Events for The Patron Spirits Company), Ryan Steelberg (CEO of Brand Affinity Technologies) and wife

Jessica, Keith Bohr (Huntington Beach City Council Member) and wife Elizabeth, PALS Board Chair Pei Pei Wang and Orangewood Children's Foundation CEO Cal Winslow

Helping chairperson Katy Higgins were the PALS board, especially Melody Akhavan, Steve Bender, Keri Dugan, Marty Dutch, Kim Miller and Carroll Wheatley.

Mike Hartel was the winner of the Texas Hold 'Em poker tournament. He won four floor tickets to a Lakers game with round-trip transportation in a limo, donated by Kurt Caillier. The winner of the billiards contest was Duke Burchell, sinking the most balls in the pocket within three minutes and winning four Angels vs. Ranger tickets behind the dugout. The top three winners of the putting contest were Jeannine Smith of Laguna Niguel, Dave Eminhizer of Fullerton and Lisa Kenyon of Irvine. They had the fewest strokes in five holes in the indoor putting green. As the winner, Smith received Dodger baseball tickets, and all three received Patron golf bags.

About Orangewood PALS

Orangewood PALS (Providing Assistance Love and Support) was formed in 1996 as an auxiliary of the Orangewood Children's Foundation. PALS is a group of young professionals who have come together to make a positive impact on the lives of Orange County's abused and neglected children. PALS supports the work of the foundation by hosting events and activities for children temporarily placed at Orangewood Children's Home, and mentoring former foster teens. For more information, please visit www.orangewoodpals.org, or call (714) 619-0237.