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## **UCI Men's Volleyball Team Visits Orangewood Children's Home and Teaches Abused and Neglected Children Perseverance, Competition and Teamwork**

IRVINE - UCI Men's Volleyball Team scores a big WIN off the court with local abused and neglected children at Orangewood Children's Home.

Recently, through coordination with Steve Hagye, director of activities from Orangewood PALS (Orangewood Foundation Auxiliary), the UCI Men's Volleyball team was able to visit the Orangewood Children's Home to give the children volleyball lessons.

The children spent the evening learning how to play volleyball and about competition, teamwork and perseverance. Players each paired up with one of a dozen kids, really getting to know them on a personal level. The kids ranged in age from four years old to a few at the high school level. The volleyball team was able to make sure the little ones had a good time and enjoyed the atmosphere while they were also able to speak with the older ones about how important it is to stay in school and that they too can go to college some day.

Interactions such as these are extremely important as it creates positive role models for the youth and an opportunity for them to get involved in something positive that could lead to great things in the future.

On the second Tuesday of every month Orangewood PALS hosts a Speaker's Night at Orangewood Children's Home where role models from the community speak to the children and teens at the home. The children listen to inspirational speakers followed by fun activities and

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tasty treats. Past speakers include: Jim Abbott (former MLB player), Bill Thompson (CEO, PIMCO), Phoenix Stanza (Ms. Newport Beach), Jesse Billauer (Founder, Life Rolls on Foundation and ex-pro surfer) and many more. Have an inspiring story that can relate? Please contact Steve Hagye at [stevehagye@yahoo.com](mailto:stevehagye@yahoo.com).

Below is a Roster of UCI Men's Volleyball Team Members that Participated:

Jordan Dufault	Nick West	Carson Clark
Cory Yoder	Dan McDonnell	Jeff Schmitz
Austin D'Amore	Kenny Webster	Will Montgomery
Greg Gelb	Bryan Simmons	Kevin Miller
Scott Kevorken	Kevin Carroll	Kevin Welch
Connor Hughes	Anthony Spittle	Collin Mehring
Ian Castellana	Cole Reinholm	
Will Thomas	Ian Wynne	

#### 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](http://www.orangewoodpals.org), or call (714) 619-0237.

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