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Paul Stimson, Executive Director, Orange Coast Medical Center Foundation, Jennifer Zouras, Tashi Zouras, Robert Realmuto, M.D. and Kimberley Realmuto.

At the heart of every philanthropic foundation are generous individuals who willingly donate their time or financial resources, helping to ensure that the cause dear to their heart remains steadfast. At MemorialCare Orange Coast Medical Center, supporters Tashi and Jennifer Zouras give both.

The couple's involvement with Orange Coast Medical Center began after both of their sons were born there. The family was compelled to donate to the hospital as an expression of gratitude after their first son was born through a successful emergency C-section.

In addition to Orange Coast Medical Center, Tashi and Jennifer support their community by donating to a number of various organizations. Tashi attributes his charitable passion to his father, James P. Zouras who, imbued with a strong work ethic, owned and operated a hamburger stand and exemplified a kind spirit of generosity to both family and friends. However, because Tashi's father and other members of their family have passed away from cancer, their major focus of their giving is to combat this devastating disease.

**"Cancer has affected my family tremendously. I knew we had to contribute to the fight against cancer in our own way. It didn't have to be big, as long as we were doing something," says Tashi.**

In 2009, an opportunity arose for Tashi to honor his father and their family name, by supporting the MemorialCare Cancer Institute at Orange Coast Medical Center with a gift to dedicate the hospital's new outpatient infusion center as The Zouras Family Infusion Center. It is here where Jennifer donates time every week to assist the staff by providing comfort and compassion to patients undergoing treatment.

As the Zouras' involvement has grown at Orange Coast, so has their commitment. Since 2012, they have been major sponsors of the Cancer Institute's annual March for Hope event which raises funds to support cancer patient services.

Tashi and Jennifer have also been generous supporters of the Foundation's annual Fall Gala. It was at the gala where they met a like-minded soul who would fast become a dear friend, **Robert Realmuto, M.D.**, former Chief of Emergency Services at Orange Coast.

"When we met, I knew immediately that Dr. Realmuto was a good man," says Tashi.

The two bonded over their shared family history with cancer, leading to conversations about life, family and the needs of the community. Dr. Realmuto discussed with Tashi the critical need for an expansion of the hospital's Emergency Department.

When the Foundation embarked on a capital campaign in 2013 to build a new Emergency Pavilion, Tashi was quick to respond. He and Jennifer made a gift to fund the Children's Emergency Care Suite. But their support of the campaign didn't stop there. Last October, Tashi and Jennifer decided to recognize their good friend, Dr. Realmuto, by making a gift to name the reception lobby of the new Emergency Pavilion in his honor.

"I was humbled and grateful that Tashi and Jennifer would recognize my long-standing service to Orange Coast Medical Center in such a generous fashion. They are an amazing family whose desire to help their community knows no bounds," says Dr. Realmuto.

Tashi and Jennifer, and their unwavering dedication and commitment to fighting cancer and helping to provide vital emergency services to the community, have made a lasting impact at Orange Coast Medical Center, which will forever be a part of their legacy.

# Lotus Spring Ball

The Waterfront Beach Resort in Huntington Beach was the site of the Foundation's 2018 **Lotus Spring Ball** held on Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. More than 210 guests enjoyed an evening of fine dining, dancing, musical performances, a live auction and a fashion show.

Presented by title sponsor **Michael Dao, M.D.**, the event raised over \$100,000 for the hospital's new Emergency Pavilion.

Special thanks to Tanya Vu and Tam Nguyen who served as co-hosts for the evening, Mimi's Jewelry for their kind donation of two beautiful diamond pendant necklaces which were featured in the live auction, and ProCare Pharmacy and Diane and Dr. Daniel Truong for their generous gifts to fund private treatment suites in the new Emergency Pavilion.

This event would not have been possible without the hard work and devotion of the Lotus Spring Ball Committee members. The Foundation gratefully thanks Diane Truong, Jenny Quach, Tanya Vu, Tam Nguyen and David Truong for their tireless dedication.



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To meet our population's growing need for prompt, high-quality emergency care, MemorialCare

Orange Coast Medical Center has embarked on a major expansion of our Emergency Department. The result will be a new Emergency Pavilion, which will double the size of our current facility.

# A Bewitching Evening

16th Annual Fall Gala

**Saturday, Oct 27, 2018 | 6 pm**

**Balboa Bay Resort**

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## Director's Message

As you read this, we are finishing up the first phase of construction on our new Emergency Pavilion. This was the "build out" phase which more than doubled the footprint of our existing Emergency Department.

Next, we will completely remodel the original adjacent space which will result in the creation of one, single contiguous floorplan featuring a spacious reception lobby, two nurses' stations and 27 treatments bays, 16 of which will be private suites.

Generous friends like you and the Zouras family, who are featured in our cover story, are making this exciting addition to our campus a reality. Once completed, the new Emergency Pavilion will greatly enhance our ability to care for the critically ill and injured in our community.

On behalf of Orange Coast Medical Center, I thank you for your investment in our ongoing mission to provide the best possible care to you, your family and neighbors.

With deep appreciation,

Paul Stimson  
Executive Director,  
Orange Coast Medical Center Foundation

## Why I Give

Debra Drysdale has worked at MemorialCare Orange Coast Medical Center as a speech pathologist for nearly 20 years. Working closely with patients with Parkinson's disease, Debra wanted to further enhance the voice of the Parkinson's community. That's why she and her husband, Don, decided to make a matching gift challenge in support of the hospital's Parkinson's programs.

"The patients touched my heart, and I wanted to get as much funding in the area of Parkinson's exercise as I could," Debra says, "I want to show them that MemorialCare has their back."



Debra and Don Drysdale



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