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ORANGE COUNTY TRIAL LAWYERS' CHARITIES



New year. New activities. New voices. One resolution.

MANY EVENTS ARE PLANNED THIS YEAR THAT OFFER WAYS FOR YOU TO GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY

January is the time when we all make lofty resolutions. Lose those extra pounds. Balance work and personal life. Win that *big* case.

Orange County and Los Angeles Trial Lawyers' Charities have just *one* resolution every year – we will make a difference in our communities. As we begin 2024, we have already planned opportunities for you to help us keep it.

For OCTLC, we have already planned an ocean cleanup, Habitat for Humanity build, Beyond Blindness Helping Teachers Day, Second Harvest Food Bank food-sorting, Colette's Children's Home hygiene kit help, Lynn House welcome bags for new residents, Disney Children's Hospital of Orange County Walk in the Park, and so much

LATLC's monthly volunteer projects begin in a few weeks with food distribution at MEND (Meet Each Need with Dignity) and end in December with the fantastic "Comfort & Joy" holiday giving event. (If you were not able to participate last month, check our website for photos and videos of that incredible day.) In between, LATLC volunteers will host such popular annual activities like Valentine's Day bingo party with seniors at the LA LGBT Center, Mother's Day with Bresee Youth Foundation, KidSave projects to help foster teens find "forever homes," and our Women's Empowerment Day with Clare | Matrix.

OCTLC and LATLC have already started planning this spring's joint Great Tryke Giveaway where we both present adaptive tricycles to local children with disabilities. Not only will there be the incredible parade and fun activities with the families, but we will assemble 1,000 toiletry kits for organizations in our two communities.

You can support these activities by becoming honorary board members of our organizations, sponsoring our fundraisers, or making automatic monthly donations as part of LATLC's new Jewel Circle Program.

OCTLC's fundraisers include the Bob Simon Roast on April 20 at the Westin South Coast Plaza, and the Annual Luau set for September 14 at Newport Dunes in Newport Beach.

LATLC will start the year with our 3-on-3 basketball tournament (February 25) to raise the funds for the Great Tryke Giveaway. In April, LATLC hosts our fabulous casino night in Hollywood, and our golf tournament is set for September 23.

We are most excited about the new "voices" at both of our organizations.

Chandra Spencer joins the LATLC Executive Committee as secretary, with the addition of four new board members: Angela Belty, Christina Coleman, Christian Contreras, and Harry Nalbandyan.

Atticus Wegman and Darren Campbell join the OCTLC leadership as new officers.

But the "voices" we really want to hear are from *you*. Volunteer with us. Support us. Learn more about us at LATLC.org and OCTLC.org.

This is one 2024 resolution that is very easy to keep – making a difference in our community.