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# Irvine Children's Fund Irvine Junior Games



The Irvine Children's Fund (ICF) is proud to announce the upcoming IRVINE JUNIOR GAMES, set to take place on MAY 5, 2024, at Irvine Stadium. This marks the **35th year** where athletes, sponsors, and dignitaries will come together for the Opening Ceremony, which kicks off with the athlete parade and the lighting of the 2024 flame. As ICF looks forward to celebrating this Irvine tradition, the Irvine Junior Games promise to continue its unsurpassed role as the premier Irvine family fundraising track and field event with participation by 1,300 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade athletes from 37 Irvine elementary and middle schools, the dedicated support of 300 volunteers and an enthusiastic crowd of 2,000 spectators.

Following the challenges posed by the pandemic, the return of the Irvine Junior Games is crucial in supporting the ICF school age child care mission and plays a pivotal role in funding affordable and accessible child care programs before and after school and on school holidays year-round at all 29 elementary schools in Irvine.

There is a national child care crisis, focusing on both access and affordability as child care remains a cornerstone for rebuilding the workforce and the economy. The lack of accessible and affordable child care adversely impacts businesses, tax revenue, and workforce stability. **Irvine stands out by providing 3,000 child care spaces each day on elementary school campuses. However, affordability remains a challenge, especially for low-income working families who work hard but are in low paying jobs.** ICF remains steadfast in its mission to support these families by providing child care scholarships, enabling them to access affordable child care services at their elementary schools, and providing stability to work.

With the help of so many past individual and corporate sponsors, grants, foundations, auction donors and volunteers, ICF has raised \$4.1 Million to assure a secure and affordable and accessible child care program before and after school for families with children in Transitional K – 6<sup>th</sup> grade who otherwise may not be able to afford school age child care.

**This extraordinarily successful and visible auction at the Irvine Junior Games has raised \$200,000 to help ICF provide funding for before and after school child care for working families who are struggling to provide safe child care, keep their jobs and maintain their self-sufficiency.**

Our past IJG auctions have grown in size and impact with the support of so many more businesses and donors than ever before, raising over \$17,000 in one year for child care. Your support is desperately needed to help make it possible for families to have access to affordable before and after school child care.

**We hope you will JOIN THE SPONSOR TEAM for the 2024 Irvine Junior Games by donating products or services to our SILENT AUCTION, which is held on the day of the Irvine Junior Games. Monetary donations are also generously accepted. Your donation will be acknowledged in the Irvine Junior Games Event Program that is available to our athletes and 2,000 spectators.**

**Should you need additional information, please contact the  
Irvine Children's Fund**

**At (949) 786-6454 or Email ICF at [sharon@irvinechildrensfund.com](mailto:sharon@irvinechildrensfund.com).**

Thank you,

Theresa Collins

Director, Irvine Junior Games

**Irvine Junior Games  
35<sup>th</sup> annual fundraising track and field event**

**1,300** Irvine school children from 37 schools competing in this community wide track and field event

More than **200** local Orange County businesses and sponsors

**Hundreds** of parents, teacher and community volunteers

**2,000** spectators



**35<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL IRVINE JUNIOR GAMES  
TRACK & FIELD FUNDRAISING EVENT  
A BENEFIT FOR THE IRVINE CHILDREN'S FUND  
ON TRACK TO RAISE FUNDS FOR  
BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CHILD CARE  
MAY 5, 2024**



Following the pandemic, the Irvine Junior Games returned and continues to bring together the community, the schools, the city. 300 volunteers and 1,300 athletes from all 37 IUSD elementary and middle schools to help the Irvine Children's Fund raise money for before and after school child care.



The Irvine Children's Fund is raising funds to meet the increased need for ICF Before and After School Child Care Scholarship Funds as child care continues to be an important key to rebuilding the workforce and the economy.

For 2023 – 2024, ICF has committed to raise \$375,00 to meet the school age child care scholarship needs of low income, working families.

The Irvine Junior Games (IJG) were conceived in 1986 with two objectives:

- First, the Irvine Junior Games serve as a fundraising event for the Irvine Children's Fund
- Second, to encourage the participation of elementary and middle school children in athletics and promote a healthy lifestyle

The Irvine Children's Fund (ICF) is a nonprofit organization in partnership with the Irvine Child Care Project with the purpose of raising money to:



- provide quality, affordable, safe & accessible before and after school child care for elementary school children
- provide child care scholarships for low-income, working families
- assist with funds to expand, maintain and enrich the 29 child care programs

Before & after school child care sites are now located on all 29 elementary school sites in the Irvine Unified School District

**THE PREMIER CHILDREN'S ATHLETIC EVENT IN IRVINE  
1,300 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Athletes Representing 37 IUSD schools**



The Irvine Junior Games have evolved into a force for positive interaction that bring together parents, children, the Irvine Unified School District (IUSD), the City of Irvine, foundations and corporate & individual sponsors. The Irvine Junior Games are truly a unique celebration of the Irvine community.



All Irvine Unified School District students in 4th through 8th grade are invited to participate in the Irvine Junior Games track and field events. Each year we host 1,200 athletes participating in the 50 and 100 meter sprints, 400, 800 and 1500 meter long distance runs, school relays, the bag shot, soccer kick, basketball shoot, and the standing and running long jump. The Irvine Junior Games include events for children with special needs and children in adapted PE.

Each athlete receives an official T-shirt that includes sponsor recognition. Proceeds from athlete entry fees, spectators & concessions benefit ICF.

Festivities begin with a color guard leading off the parade of athletes marching in behind their school banners. The Opening Ceremony concludes with the national anthem & the lighting of the Irvine Junior Games flame.

Each year, the Irvine Junior Games are efficiently run thanks to the help of more than 300 VOLUNTEERS who plan and volunteer at the event.

More than 75 corporate & individual gold, silver, bronze and spirit team SPONSORS proudly support the Irvine Junior Games and generously contribute to help ICF reach our child care fundraising goal.

Thanks to our Irvine Junior Games sponsors, foundations & grants, the Irvine Children's Fund has raised \$4,135,498 to provide:

- \$3,328,125 to the Irvine Child Care Project for before and after school child care scholarships
- \$230,928 to the Irvine Child Care Project to expand and maintain the child care sites
- \$21,920 to complete the handicap accessibility at 7 child care sites
- 1,989 child care scholarships to low income, working families
- 72,128 child care days provided
- \$265,850 to the schools and teachers participating in the Irvine Junior Games
- \$288,675 to the before and after school child care sites for supplies and activities to enrich the programs for more 3,100 children



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Irvine Junior Games  
Annual Silent Auction  
Benefitting the Irvine Children's Fund  
Before and After School Child Care Program  
May 5, 2024



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PLEASE JOIN THE 2024 IRVINE JUNIOR GAMES AUCTION TEAM  
THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS PAST SILENT AUCTION DONORS

Past Silent Auctions have raised \$200,000 for the Irvine Children's Fund  
& the Irvine Child Care Project Before & After School Child Care Programs located on all 29 elementary schools in Irvine

Signature ORANGE BIKE from FivePoint  
FIVEPOINT AMPHITHEATRE VIP Box Tickets and VIP Club  
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Lunch with Irvine Mayor Farrah Khan  
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Embassy Suites Irvine  
PRP Wine Tasting for 12  
Total Wine – wine tasting class  
Dick's Sporting Goods  
San Diego Zoo and Wildlife Alliance  
Sea World  
Taco Bell  
Camp James Summer Camp, Newport Dunes  
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Bytes and Bots Summer Camp  
Duffy Boat Rental – Newport Dunes Waterfront Resort & Marina  
Angels Baseball Memorabilia Angels Baseball tickets  
Crevier BMW Baby Racer  
Fletcher Jones Mercedes Golf Bag  
SoCal Elite Sports Camps Matt Leinart Football Sports Camps

**FUN AND FOOD FOR EVERYONE** Lil' Chef School, Irvine Dave and Busters Irvine Lanes Legoland Boomers!

Irvine Six Flags Tanaka Farms OC Soccer Club K1 Speed Racing Medieval Times Pump It Up Art Steps  
Horse Play Rentals Santa Ana Zoo Pretend City Discovery Cube Zoomars Petting Zoo Callaway Vineyard & Winery  
Aquarium of the Pacific Doggie Walk Bags Pier 39 Fun Pack Young Chefs' Academy Huntington Central Park Equestrian Center  
Gorjana Jewelry Pacific Symphony Classic Kids Photography, Newport Rowley Portraiture Bradford Renaissance Portraits  
LA SPARKS LAKERS Memorabilia Kidspace Museum iTunes Scooters Jungle Pacific Park – Santa Monica Pier  
South Coast Repertory Theatre Barclay Theatre Laguna Playhouse Irvine Improv Brea Improv Nixon Library  
In N Out Burger Cheesecake Factory Super Mex Restaurant Amazon Gift Cards Gelson's Market Armstrong Gardens  
Dukes Huntington Beach Il Do Taekwondo ATA Martial Arts Irvine Team OC Gymnastics, Cheer, Dance & Trampoline  
Lamppost Pizza, Culver & Walnut RA Yoga Trader Joe's Regal Movies Target gift cards Orange Theory Fitness  
The Winery Restaurant & Wine Bar Rancho San Joaquin Golf Course Coyote Hills Golf Course  
Oak Creek Golf Club Monarch Beach Golf Links Pelican Hill Golf Club ... and Many More auction items

Thank you for the Auction Baskets donated by the IUSD schools and ICCP child care programs to help the  
Irvine Children's Fund raise money for before and after school child care on all 29 IUSD elementary school sites.



Join with 1,300 athletes and their families  
from 37 schools at the  
**35<sup>th</sup> Annual Irvine Junior Games**  
Fundraising Track and Field Event  
To Benefit  
**The Irvine Children's Fund**  
Before and After School Child Care Program  
May 5, 2024



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Corporate Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Corporate Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ EMail: \_\_\_\_\_

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Retail Value: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Acknowledgement in Printed Materials:**

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(On the acknowledgement line, please type or print name(s) as you would like to be listed in the printed recognition.)

If you are sending a gift certificate that needs to be dated, please date the gift certificate May 5, 2024

**Donations need to be received by Friday, March 22, 2024  
to be included in the event day program and printed materials**

If you need to arrange pick up of your donation or have further questions, please call the  
Irvine Children's Fund at (949) 786-6454.

**Please send this form along with your donation to:**

**Theresa Collins  
2024 Irvine Junior Games  
Irvine Children's Fund  
14301 Yale Avenue Irvine, CA 92604**

**Thank you for your donation in support of the Irvine Children's Fund**

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# Irvine Children's Fund and Irvine Junior Games Auction Information

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The Irvine Children's Fund is requesting an auction item for our 35<sup>th</sup> annual track and field fundraising event – the Irvine Junior Games on **May 5, 2024** - to benefit the Irvine Children's Fund and provide before and after school child care scholarships for children in Transitional Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade from low income, working families.

**Organization Name: Irvine Children's Fund (ICF)**

**501 (C) 3 nonprofit Tax ID Number: 33-0177921**

Mailing and Office Address: Irvine Children's Fund

**14301 Yale Ave Irvine, CA 92604**

Contact Name: **Sharon Wellikson, ICF Executive Director**

Contact e-mail address: [sharon@irvinechildrensfund.com](mailto:sharon@irvinechildrensfund.com)

Contact Phone Number: **Cell: 949-400-3453 Office: 949-786-6454**

### MISSION:

**Before and after school child care scholarships for children in Transitional K through 6<sup>th</sup> grade from low income, working families**

Funds raised will be used to provide before and after school child care scholarships for children in Transitional Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade from low income, working families - families who work hard but are in low paying jobs. The child care programs are provided on 29 child care sites located on all elementary schools in Irvine. Children can go safely to and from home, school and child care. Child care is state licensed and meets all state and federal regulations and is accessible to children with special needs.

**Child care continues to be a key component to the recovery and rebuilding of the workforce and the economy from this devastating Pandemic.**

**BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CHILD CARE SCHOLARSHIP GOAL:**

**\$ 375,000**



**EVENT: 35<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL IRVINE JUNIOR GAMES FUNDRAISING TRACK AND FIELD EVENT**

The Irvine Junior Games bring together 1,300 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade athletes from 37 Irvine elementary and middle schools competing in this community wide track and field event. More than 200 local

Orange County businesses and sponsors join together with hundreds of parents, teachers and community volunteers and 2,000 spectators for an exciting event to help the Irvine Children's Fund fulfill our child care mission.

**Date of Event: May 5, 2024**, Irvine Junior Games track and field fundraising event

May 4, 2024, athlete check in and sponsor/vendor EXPO with over 900 families

**Event location:** Irvine Stadium 4321 Walnut Ave. Irvine, CA 92604

**AUCTION items will be used at the Irvine Junior Games Silent Auction**

The donated gift or certificate will be used as a silent auction item for the 35<sup>th</sup> annual Irvine Junior Games track and field fundraising event on May 5, 2024, to provide funding for before and after school child care for children from low-income, working families – families who work hard, but are in low paying jobs.

Past auctions have helped the Children's Fund raise over \$200,000 for child care. Your donation will continue to help ICF fulfill our school age child care mission.

Auction items or certificates can be mailed to the ICF office at 14301 Yale Ave. Irvine, CA 92604. If you need an item picked up or need further information, please contact Sharon Wellikson at [sharon@irvinechildrensfund.com](mailto:sharon@irvinechildrensfund.com) or you can reach me at (949) 400-3453.