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The Irvine Children's Fund (ICF) proudly presents the 36th annual IRVINE JUNIOR GAMES, scheduled for MAY 4, 2025, at Irvine Stadium. This exciting event brings together athletes, sponsors, and dignitaries for an unforgettable Opening Ceremony, featuring the athlete parade and the lighting of the 2025 flame. As an enduring Irvine tradition, the Irvine Junior Games continue to be the premier family fundraising track and field event, attracting 1,300 athletes from 37 local elementary and middle schools, with the support of 300 volunteers and an enthusiastic crowd of 2,000 spectators.

The return of the Irvine Junior Games is especially significant following the challenges of the pandemic, as it supports ICF's mission to provide affordable and accessible school age child care programs for children in Transitional Kindergarten through 6th Grade at all 29 elementary schools in Irvine.

Addressing the national child care crisis, which affects both access and affordability, is crucial for rebuilding the workforce and the economy. Irvine distinguishes itself by offering 3,000 child care spaces daily on elementary school campuses. However, affordability remains a challenge, particularly for low-income working families. ICF is dedicated to supporting these families by providing child care scholarships, ensuring they can access affordable child care at their schools and maintain job stability.

Thanks to the generous contributions of individual and corporate sponsors, grants, foundations, auction donors, and volunteers, ICF has raised \$4.5 million to secure affordable and accessible child care programs for families with children in Transitional K – 6th Grade.

The extraordinarily successful auction at the Irvine Junior Games has raised over \$200,000, helping ICF fund before and after school child care for working families striving to provide safe child care, keep their jobs, and maintain self-sufficiency.

Our previous IJG auctions have grown significantly, raising over \$17,000 in one year for child care, thanks to the support of numerous businesses and donors. Your support is crucial to ensure families have access to affordable before and after school child care.

We invite you to JOIN THE SPONSOR TEAM for the 2025 Irvine Junior Games by donating products or services to our SILENT AUCTION, held on the day of the event. Monetary donations are also gratefully accepted. Your generous contribution will be acknowledged in the Irvine Junior Games Event Program, 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.

Thank you,

Theresa Collins
Director, Irvine Junior Games

Irvine Junior Games

36th 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



**36TH 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 4, 2025**



Following the pandemic, the Irvine Junior Games returned and continue 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.



promote a healthy lifestyle

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 2024 – 2025, ICF has committed to raise \$200,00 to meet the school age child care scholarship needs of low income, working families \$29,000 to enhance the programs for 3,000 Irvine children at the 29 ICCP child care sites

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

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 4th – 8th 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 1,300 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 \$4,489,908 to provide:

- \$3,671,108 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
- 2,018 child care scholarships to low income, working families
- 786,689 child care days provided
- \$277,277 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 than 3,000 children



Irvine Children's Fund



Irvine Junior Games
Annual Silent Auction
Benefitting the Irvine Children's Fund
Before and After School Child Care Scholarship Program Irvine Children's Fund
May 4, 2025



THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS PAST SILENT AUCTION DONORS
Past Silent Auctions 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
CLIPPERS Tickets donated by Manhattan Stitching Co.
Signed Anaheim DUCKS Jersey and Official Hat donated by THE RINKS
PADRES Baseball Tickets donated by The Forestry Group
HOAG Executive Health Program
HOAG for Her Center for Wellness – Pilates or Yoga Classes
WILD RIVERS Gold Season Passes with Parking
Camp James Summer Camp, Newport Dunes
Bytes and Bots Summer Camp * Code Rev Coding Camp * i9 Sports Registration
Duffy Boat Rental – Newport Dunes Waterfront Resort & Marina
DoubleTree by Hilton, Irvine Spectrum * Marriott Courtyard * Irvine Marriott
OC SOCCER CLUB Jersey * Anaheim DUCKS signed photograph by #6 Jamie
Drysdale * Official Anaheim DUCKS signed hat by #22 Kevin Shattenkirk * Official
Anaheim DUCKS signed puck by #62 Nikita Nesterenko * ANGELS Baseball
Memorabilia – Anthony Rendon * San Diego Zoo and Wildlife Alliance
Six Flags Hurricane Harbor * Six Flags Magic Mountain * Sea World
Hike with Irvine Mayor Khan * Tanaka Farms * Dave and Busters * Knott's Berry Farm
Tuttle Click Automotive Group Gift Basket * Custom Comfort Mattress
Simpson Automotive Group Gift Basket with Anaheim Ducks puck signed by former
Ducks #14 Adam Henrique

FUN AND FOOD FOR EVERYONE In-N-Out Burger * Irvine Lanes * Pretend City
Horse Play Rentals * Santa Ana Zoo * Chipotle * Zoomars at River Street Ranch
Aquarium of the Pacific * Santa Anita Park * Curves * Emerald Isle Golf Course
Pacific Park – Santa Monica Pier * Gorjana Jewelry * Hollywood Wax Museum
South Coast Repertory Theatre * Pacific Symphony * Laguna Playhouse
The Barclay Theatre * Bradford Portraiture * Cheesecake Factory
Lamppost Pizza, Culver & Walnut * PRP Private Wine Sampling
and Many More auction items

Thank you for the awesome 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
36th Annual Irvine Junior Games
Fundraising Track and Field Event
To Benefit
The Irvine Children's Fund
Before and After School Child Care Program
May 4, 2025



Name: _____

Corporate Name: _____

Corporate Contact: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ EMail: _____

Donation: _____

Retail Value: \$ _____

Acknowledgement in Printed Materials:

(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 4, 2025

Donations need to be received by Friday, March 28, 2025
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
2025 Irvine Junior Games
Irvine Children's Fund
14301 Yale Avenue Irvine, CA 92604

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Irvine Children's Fund and Irvine Junior Games Auction Information

The Irvine Children's Fund is requesting an auction item for our 36th annual track and field fundraising event – the Irvine Junior Games on **May 4, 2025** - to benefit the Irvine Children's Fund and provide before and after school child care scholarships for children in Transitional Kindergarten through 6th 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

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 6th 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 6th 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 rebuilding of the workforce and the economy following the pandemic.

**BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CHILD CARE SCHOLARSHIP GOAL:
\$ 200,000**



**EVENT: 36th ANNUAL IRVINE JUNIOR GAMES
FUNDRAISING TRACK AND FIELD EVENT**

The Irvine Junior Games bring together 1,300 4th – 8th 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 4, 2025, Irvine Junior Games track and field fundraising event
May 3, 2025, 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 35th annual Irvine Junior Games track and field fundraising event on May 4, 2025, 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 or you can reach me at (949) 400-3453.