



COURTESY OF FIRST BANK

First Bank employees with a check for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

First Bank branches raise \$19,000

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First Bank branches in Newport Beach, Costa Mesa, Irvine and Huntington Beach were among the 18 Southern California locations that participated in the Muscular Dystrophy Association's 30th annual St. Patrick's Day "Shamrocks Against Dystrophy" fundraising campaign. The bank announced last week that the campaign in February and March raised \$19,291 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Employees sold \$1, \$5 and \$20 shamrocks at the following branches: Costa Mesa, Goldenwest, Huntington Beach, Irvine, Fullerton, Laguna Niguel, Newport Beach, Pacific Coast Highway, Yorba Linda, Westminster, Riverside, Mira Loma, Corona, Rowland Heights, Eastlake, Chula Vista, Kearny Mesa and Otay Mesa.

Branches were decorated in green-and-gold displays of community concern and compassion. The money raised will send 24 children to summer camp.

First Bank is one of the country's largest privately owned banks with \$6.23 billion in assets and 131 locations in California, Missouri, Illinois and Florida.

Newport Beach couple receives Heroes Award

NANCY YEARY WOMEN'S CANCER RESEARCH FOUNDATION

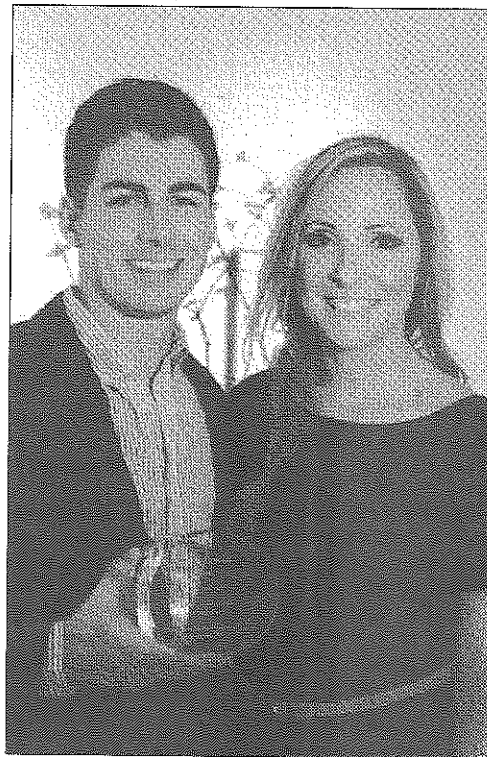
The Nancy Yeary Women's Cancer Research Foundation honored the outstanding contributions of Kristen and Brett Turner, 30, of Newport Beach, in April for their selfless actions to help raise funds for women's cancer research. The awards were given at the ninth annual gala at the Laguna Art Museum. More than 100 patients, donors, physicians, staff and friends gathered that evening to raise an additional \$70,000.

The Turners received the 2014 Heroes Award in recognition for annually organizing Hike for the Cure in Laguna Beach. They were inspired to host the event in honor of Brett's mother, Susan, who is facing her third battle with ovarian cancer.

"My mother has always embraced a challenge," Brett said. "Whether it's hiking Yosemite's Half Dome or fighting ovarian cancer, she excels at overcoming life's obstacles. Organizing the Hike for the Cure was a great way to embrace her passion for hiking and give hope to others in her shoes. On May 21, she'll celebrate her fifth anniversary after being diagnosed with cancer."

The annual Hike for the Cure does not charge participants, yet more than 200 hikers and donors generously contribute approximately \$7,000 each year. The next hike will be scheduled in November.

"The care given to Susan by Dr. Mark Rettenmaier is invaluable and when we told him about our plans, the whole team jumped on board," Kristen said. "Their



Kristen and Brett Turner of Newport Beach received the Heroes Award from the Nancy Yeary Women's Cancer Research Foundation for their contributions with Laguna Beach's Hike for the Cure.

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tients in that they are wonderful people who embraced our family and the community."

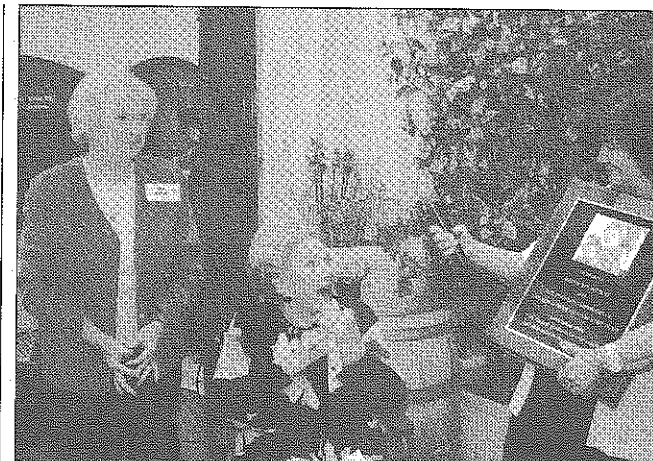
"The generosity of the Turner Family is profound," said Janet Rae, executive director of the NYWCRF. "We watch families go through the journey with their loved ones. This event is truly a blessing not only for our patients, but for our entire community."

Evan Weiss of Miami also received the Heroes Award. He completed a half marathon in honor of his late girlfriend, Jacqueline Quijada, who had been treated for cervical cancer by Dr. Alberto Mendivil. In spite of his grief and a recent back injury, Weiss trained tirelessly to meet his goal of \$250,000, all of which will go to the Nancy Yeary Women's Cancer Research Foundation. With the support of his family, the Quijada family and his clients,

Through its Board of Directors and longtime community of friends and donors, The Nancy Yeary Women's Cancer Research Foundation supports the research and care by the doctors of Gynecologic Oncology Associates in Newport Beach. Led by Dr. John Micha, the team of physicians actively participate in investigative studies that enhance new treatment options, benefit patients' quality of life and improve upon the cure rates for women with gynecologic cancer.

To learn more about the research performed by the Nancy Yeary Women's Cancer Research Foundation, join future events or make contributions in honor of Jacqueline Quijada or Susan Turner, go to nancycancer.com/donations.

- Submitted by Nancy Yeary Women's Cancer Research Foundation



COURTESY OF SHARE OUR SELVES

Jean Forbath, Share Our Selves founder, left, and Karen McGlenn, Share Our Selves executive director, right, present a plaque to Kathy Thompson in appreciation for her dedication and service to Share Our Selves.

Health center honors longtime supporter

SHARE OUR SELVES

The 20th annual Share Our Selves Star Team Onion Luncheon, held May 21 at Five Crowns Restaurant, honored the Star Team, a generous guild of Share Our Selves led by Kathy Thompson.

A plaque commemorating 20 years of service and the dedication of the A and Star Teams was presented to Thompson by Jean Forbath, SOS's founder, and Karen McGlenn, the organization's executive director, at the luncheon.

For Thompson, a 1950s actress and founder of the Star Team and A-Team president, giving a springtime gift of Imperial County Sweet Onions to friends and family is a passion.

For many years, the Thompson family shared its culinary secret by hosting a lunch for friends where Thompson prepared many onion recipes, including cream of onion soup and onion ice cream.

What began in 1994 with 30 women and a 75-pound mound of onions

The Onion Luncheon is now combined with the recognition of Star Team members.

Over the past 20 years, the A-Team and Star Team have raised more than \$800,000, including \$40,000 from the luncheon assisting Share Our Selves, a nonprofit organization that provides critical safety net services to low-income and homeless individuals and families in Orange County.

The plaque will be displayed at Share Our Selves alongside the plaques of four other significant SOS leaders.

Share Our Selves has provided care and assistance to the most vulnerable populations in Orange County since 1970.

With health and wellness centers in Santa Ana, Lake Forest, Costa Mesa and Newport Beach, the group is focused on transformational care - finding new solutions for the issues clients face and creating ways to serve an even broader population.

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