

# OYA!

## ORLANDO YOUTH ALLIANCE



# 2022 ANNUAL NEWSLETTER



## PRESIDENT & CEO'S MESSAGE

The bottom of our stationery reads “the children are our future.” As we work with, dialogue with and mentor the youth in our support groups, we can see the hope, spark, creativity, and energy. Orlando Youth Alliance knows that **we are helping to develop the leaders of tomorrow.**

This year was our 32nd year of service to LGBTQ youth in Central Florida. Our dedicated volunteers gave thousands of hours to create those safe spaces for our youth. We thank them for their time and dedication. Donors came out of the woodwork to support our youth and we couldn't be more grateful. A CPA conducted a financial review of our organization and we passed with flying colors.

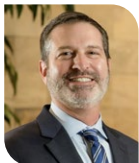
The “Don't Say Gay” bill was signed into law in Florida in 2022. That was the bad part. The GOOD part was the Orlando Youth Alliance (OYA) and its chapter were ready to help those youth experiencing a heightened sense of anxiety. **Attendance at our support groups and activities grew by 37%.** There were lots of questions and OYA was there with the answers and the information to help navigate through these stressful times.

With the help of the Contigo Fund and Orange County Government, OYA was able to hire **two additional staff.** These Youth Engagement Coordinators are helping to recruit and retain youth in Orange, Seminole and Osceola Counties. We had a support group in Osceola County just prior to the pandemic, but it faded away. We are proud to say the group is back and bilingual. Lakeland Youth Alliance and Polk Pride are flourishing. **Polk Pride set records** with over 6,000 in attendance.

Scholarships to college and summer camp. Grants to local GSAs. Activities each month to help our youth develop that all important circle of non-judgement friends and mentors—so that they never think that suicide is the answer. OYA and its chapters were on the go in 2022 and eagerly look forward to what we can do to support our youth in 2023.

On behalf of our Board, volunteers, and hundreds of Central Florida youth with whom we have the privilege of working, thank you for your continued support as we pursue our mission to facilitate the development of LGBTQ+ youth and provide a safe space for them to find the support they need to thrive. **Thank you for being a part of the success of the Orlando Youth Alliance in 2022!**

With thanks,



**Patrick Howell**  
President



**Michael Slaymaker**  
Chief Executive Officer

## MISSION

**The mission of the Orlando Youth Alliance and its chapters is to provide a safe space for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning youth in Central Florida.**

## BASIC OVERVIEW OF OYA

The Orlando Youth Alliance has offered a weekly peer-to-peer support group for LGBTQ youth in Central Florida since 1990. Today, four groups are offered: Orlando, Lakeland, Kissimmee and Longwood. Monthly social, educational and recreational activities occur to further help our youth to develop a core group of friends and peer supporters. In addition to the support group and activities, OYA provides LGBT History & Culture classes, scholarships, mental health referrals and career exploration. Numerous professionals have spoken to our youth about their careers and the options that await them. Developing this nucleus of friends is the key to never feeling alone. Since LGBTQ youth are five times more likely to commit suicide than their heterosexual classmates, it is vital that we provide the services of OYA to our area youth.

**The impact of OYA:** Over the past 32 years we have helped 2,300 youth. Two of those youth serve on the board of directors.

## CONTACT US

**We look forward to hearing from you!**

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## SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

The Orlando Youth Alliance awarded scholarships to area youth. Here are the mid-year reports from our scholarship recipients.

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### Chayene Ross

Marymount Manhattan College

Everything is going well, I'm just extremely busy, I started modeling with a big agency and working on my own personal nonprofit Brown Boy Ballet (<https://www.brownboyballet.org/>). I also work with another nonprofit in the city entitled Ballet and Beyond NYC! From double majoring, to modeling, and my nonprofit work I've been pretty busy, but having the opportunity to come to New York has been the best thing ever for me, I'm so grateful for your support.

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### Andres del Castillo

Pennsylvania State University

The Orlando Youth Alliance has provided me with the means as a young homosexual man to reach beyond boundaries in and out of the classroom, and even globally. OYA's financial aid has allowed me to spend this current Spring semester in Florence, Italy to fortify my undergraduate curriculum with humanities and arts classes, taught rigorously by professionals in the city which birthed the Renaissance, along with conducting human genetics research on how genetic mutations are born and diffuse through a human population to aid research behind both genetic diseases and evolutionary traits. Moreover, I plan to continue conducting academic research in genomics this coming summer with a focus on applying Artificial Intelligence to understand essential protein-gene binding interactions and conformations. OYA has made all of these qualities possible: enriching my post-secondary education as a queer man by giving me the privilege and honor to explore my passion for science, mathematics, computer science, and the humanities without being held back financially.

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### Andrew Wiater

University of Central Florida

Hi my friend, I am doing a queer and disabled panel on UCF main campus on March 1st in honor of cerebral palsy awareness month. My book The poetic tales of the crippled, the broken, and the reinvented is selling well on Amazon. I am loving UCF. I know my degree in Social Work will allow me to make a difference in the world.

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### Liam Clarke

Maryville College

I would like to say a huge thank you to all of the OYA donors, their contribution aids so many LGBT youth including myself. With the OYA scholarship I was able to graduate from Valencia College with my Associates degree and I am now on my second year at Maryville College in Tennessee. I plan to earn my Bachelor's degree in American Sign Language. I am so grateful for the opportunities this scholarship has made available to me and I can't wait to see what happens next!

## SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS (continued)



**Kevin Wonder**

University of South Florida

My third year at USF has been going well! I have been taking some of my toughest courses so far but I have enjoyed the challenge and the new things I'm learning. I'm excited that I am getting closer to finishing my degree and I am so thankful to OYA for their scholarship that's allowing me the opportunity to go to college.



**Joel Figueroa**

University of South Florida

As I begin my final year at the University of South Florida, I am writing to express my deepest gratitude for awarding me the Orlando Youth Alliance scholarship. This scholarship has not only helped me financially but has also given me the motivation to pursue my career goals. Your generosity has allowed me to focus on my studies and participate in activities that broaden my educational experience such as joining USF exclusive lectures. I am honored to have been selected for this scholarship and will work hard to uphold the standards set by its donors. Thank you again for this amazing opportunity and the role it has played in my success.

The OYA Scholarship Program is grateful to **Bill Neighbors** and **Tim Warzecha**, the **Walt Disney Company Foundation**, **Bill Woods**, **Barry Miller**, **Neil Starkey**, **The 49 Fund at the Central Florida Foundation** for their gifts to help fund a major portion of the program. We thank **Maggie Martin Lloyd** for funding *The Rodney Hughley Memorial Scholarship*. OYA has been providing financial assistance for education to its members since 2009.

## SUMMER CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS

Three youth received scholarships to attend summer camp at CampOUT. Here are their applications.

*OYA has allowed me to really break out of my shell. I was never one to try and socialize as I was incredibly shy as I felt like I wasn't like the other kids. I was just seen as the weird kid and never had more than one person I could talk to. But after going down to the center I realized that I found my crowd. Even now I've made friends with several of the people who attend and it's super nice to be able to be myself and not have to feel like an outlier. – Evie*

*Hello, my name is Loki. When I first learned about the OYA I was so happy. I have only been a member of the OYA for a few months but they have already done so much for me. The OYA has given me a place where I am not dead-named or misgendered. I already knew that I am not the only one like me but I only know 2 other people outside the internet. The OYA showed me a whole group of people just like me, who understand my problems and understand me. I can't go to many meetings because my dad works a lot. But when I can go, I hold those couple of hours dearly and although I haven't met many people from the group my age I still feel like I belong there more than anywhere else. The OYA is one of the little sparks of happiness in my life. Thank you, OYA for considering my application and for showing me a place that I belong. – Sincerely, Loki*

*Hello! My name is Leo. I'm emailing to enter for the cabin trip! Ever since I started attending the OYA/SYA group meetings, I've started to feel more connected with the community. Being homeschooled ever since I moved down here, I've never been able to make any friends or have the social interaction I've desperately needed. With OYA I was given the chance to connect with people who understand me, and make friends I can regularly see when attending meetings. I have a safe place I can go to and have fun, a place where I feel I belong. I appreciate the opportunity, and your consideration! – Leo*



# CENTRAL FLORIDA COUNTIES

## LAKE/SEMINOLE/ORANGE/OSCEOLA/POLK

### POLK COUNTY UPDATE

On September 7, members cheered on the Polk County School Board as they read a Proclamation of Polk Pride Week. We had a float in the 2021 Lakeland Christmas Parade. We were recognized at the December 20 Lakeland City Commission meeting by the Junior League of Greater Lakeland and the City of Lakeland for having the best professional float. The love and support showed by the city and its residents the night of the parade made us even more proud to be members of this beautiful community. We're grateful to the city of Lakeland for the annual opportunity to be present in our community through participation in this event.

- We are currently in the planning stages for Polk Pride in the Park to be held June 17, 2023... so mark your calendar!
- Pride in the Park and all our other events are set for June 2023!
- Pride in the Park will be on Saturday, June 17, 2023, in Munn Park in downtown Lakeland. Mark your calendars!

**Scott Guira, President Polk Pride**

### WINTER PARK PRIDE PROJECT

The Winter Park PRIDE Project, Inc. and the Orlando Youth Alliance are pleased to announce "Pursue Your Dream" grants were awarded on Sunday, March 6th to students who call Winter Park their home.

Rowyn Sam (he/him) and Cory Cordero (he/they) each received \$750 grants to pursue their passions.

Both attend Lake Howell High School, Rowyn a senior and Cory a junior.

Each submitted their applications in January and the Winter Park PRIDE Project Board of Directors voted to award them grants. The Orlando Youth Alliance communicated the grant opportunity to Lake Howell High School, Winter Park High School, and Edgewater High School.

The luncheon was hosted at the Alford Inn on March 6, 2022.



[www.polkpridefl.org](http://www.polkpridefl.org)



[www.lakelandyouthalliance.org](http://www.lakelandyouthalliance.org)

### GSA GRANTS

The Orlando Youth Alliance provided grants to fund the creation and ongoing missions of Gay-Straight Alliances/Gender Sexuality Alliance throughout Central Florida. The grants are named after former OYA Board member Ginger Malcom who recognized that GSAs are an essential resource for LGBTQ+ youth attending school. She created the GSA grant program before her passing in 2017.

Want to apply for your school's GSA?

Visit <https://orlandoyouthalliance.org/Grants>.

#### OLDER YOUTH GROUP

The age range of our youth is 13-23. But the information and discussion needed for a 13-year-old and the 23-year-old are totally different. That is why in 2020 OYA formulated an Older Youth Alliance group for members 18-23.

#### YOUNGER YOUTH GROUP

You have to be 13 to join OYA. But youth are coming to terms with their identities younger and younger. That is why OYA partnered with Little SMYALS out of Washington, DC, to offer programming to youth ages 6-12.

Find this resource and others at

<https://orlandoyouthalliance.org/Resources>

## CHECK OUT OSCEOLAYOUTHALLIANCE.ORG!



# ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2022

## COME OUT WITH PRIDE & NATIONAL TRANS VISIBILITY MARCH



## MEDIEVAL TIMES



## PICNICS



## DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

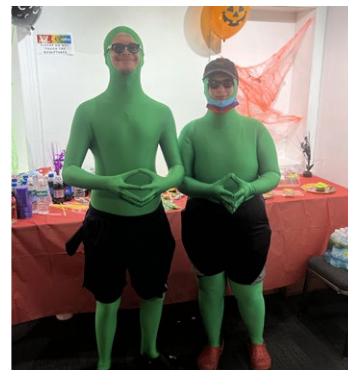




## OYA FAMILY REUNION AT WALT DISNEY WORLD



## HALLOWEEN PARTY



## HOLIDAY PARTY





# WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

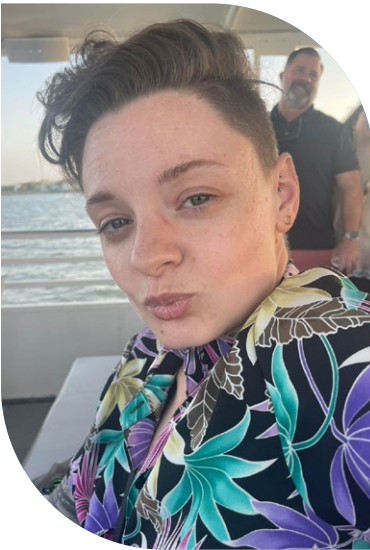
## DIEGO SANCHEZ



I joined OYA in 2009 at a really formative time of my life. I had just moved to Orlando and hadn't known many openly queer people. I came from a really religious conservative family where being Gay was viewed as a ticket to hell so it was incredibly liberating to meet so many really supportive people with different backgrounds. I made friendships and memories that sincerely have shaped who I am: trips to Disney, shopping mall hangs after group, "Glee" viewing parties (this was 2009 after all). These were people who had my back when I felt the rest of the world had left me behind and we still keep in touch. I believe that everyone deserves the opportunity to be part of a 'pack', some sort of group where you feel deeply included and validated, so long as you feel seen. That's a pretty rare thing even in "hetero" communities. It could be friends or family and OYA was, fortunately enough, both for me. So thank you 😊



## EMILY MOUND



My name is Em, or Emily. I am from and still reside in Orlando, FL. I am 25 and identify as a gay woman. I joined OYA my sophomore year of high school, when a good friend of mine found out that I had a crush on a girl in my geometry class. She then dragged me along to the Thursday night meeting to "broaden my queer horizons!" During this time, I was troubled with an unstable home due to parents and direct family who were deeply occupied by substance abuse and mental illness. Joining OYA I found lifelong friendship, laughs, cool experiences, a little independence, useful education about my peers and the LGBTQ+ community, volunteerism, a safe space and a home. I was a member of the Orlando Youth Alliance from 2013-2018. In those 5+ years I learned so much about myself, our community and Orlando as a whole. I felt that I transformed from an attendee to a mentor and friend of my fellow LGBTQ+ people. I only stopped attending as I had been accepted into nursing



school to achieve my goal of becoming a cardiac ICU nurse. I worked through high school and when I graduated, I went to full-time work as a server, in addition to full time school. I was a busy bee and to my blessing, OYA was offering a scholarship which I was granted. This saved me from any debt I could have racked up from school. Years later, I am happily in a relationship with an amazing woman, I have two cats, I've traveled and I have been an ICU nurse for almost 4 years. I started my career at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic in the ICU which was unnerving to say the least but I am so proud of my progress now. As a nurse, part of the LGBTQ+ community and a person. Thank you so much to OYA and those who attend now can share this same experience in their own way.



With love, Em.



## OYA VETTED MENTAL HEALTH REFERRAL PROGRAM

Orlando Youth Alliance welcomes local mental health professionals who have an interest in supporting the needs of LGBTQI+ youth to join our referral program. Such professionals are listed on our web site ([www.orlandoyouthalliance.org](http://www.orlandoyouthalliance.org)) and on informational materials (e.g. brochures) so that our youth and their families may access them as needed.

Participating in the OYA referral program is free to you and requires that the following 5 criteria be met in order to be listed as a referral:

1. A criminal background check (standard for all OYA volunteers and affiliates)
2. A copy of your current license to practice counseling/psychotherapy
3. Proof of malpractice insurance (e.g. a copy of your certificate)
4. A current fee schedule
5. A statement that you repudiate aversion and reparative therapy



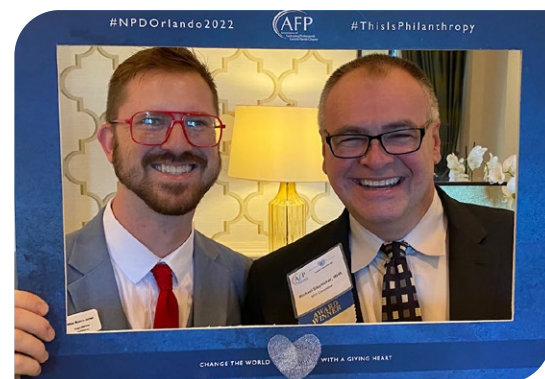
If you are interested in being listed as a referral source for OYA youth or have any questions, please feel free to email [info@orlandoyouthalliance.org](mailto:info@orlandoyouthalliance.org) or call **407-244-1222**.

OYA appreciates the support and dedication of our professional referrals. The mental health needs of LGBTQI+ youth can be unique, and access to informed and inclusive care is vital. Thank you for being part of our efforts!

Greg Meeks, PhD

## NATIONAL PHILANTHROPY DAY

Mike Musco-Jones of the Orlando Youth Alliance accepted the Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Award from the Association of Fundraising Professionals, Central Florida Chapter, at their November 2022 National Philanthropy Day breakfast at The Ritz-Carlton Orlando, Grande Lakes. Over 400 local leaders and philanthropists learned of the amazing work of OYA!



## FUNDRAISING EVENTS

OYA created a new fundraising event to benefit our youth programs. **Celebrity Servers** vied to see who could generate the most money in tips.

### THANK YOU TO OUR CELEBRITY SERVERS!

- Barry Miller, Esquire
- Dr. David Baker-Hargrove
- Gary Lambert
- Dr. George Wallace
- Jason Lambert
- Jeff Speicher, DVM
- Patrick Howell, Esquire
- Rick Todd
- Trina & VA Gregory-Propst

A total of \$68,500 was generated to support the youth of the Orlando Youth Alliance!



**Orange County Sheriff John Mina** presents Michael Slaymaker with a \$5,000 grant to support our youth programs. In addition to the OCSO grant, OYA received grants from **Orange County Government, Contigo Fund, a fiscal sponsorship project of Proteus Fund** and an anonymous grant. Funds from grants totally over \$81,000.

**Hamburger Mary's** hosted a Charity Bingo event for OYA in May 2022. Trixie Deluxe provided excellent entertainment and every auction prize was sold. The event generated \$3,500.



The staff at **Casselberry Patio Bar and Lounge** once again hosted a June Pride fundraising event to benefit OYA. Over \$1,000 was raised.

# OYA 2022 DONOR LISTING

## Legacy Society

Sandy Neubarth\*  
Michael Slaymaker

## Over \$10,000

Anonymous  
Contigo Fund, a fiscally sponsored  
project of the Proteus Fund  
Orange County Government  
Walt Disney World  
Watermark Media

## \$5,000 - \$9,999

eBay Charity Sellers  
Scott & Niki Friedman  
Patrick Howell & Jason Martinez  
Barry Miller  
Network for Good  
Daniel Niccum  
Orange County Sheriff's Office  
Neil Starkey  
The 49 Fund at  
Central Florida Foundation  
Walt Disney Foundation

## \$2,500 - \$4,999

Born This Way Foundation  
Lucas & Jeremy Bourgeois-Knox  
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Pinero Preventative  
Medical Care, P.A.  
Frank Santos  
David Schuler  
Thearon Scurlock  
Se7en Bites  
The Hammered Lamb  
Matthew Vierra-Briggs  
Tim Warzecha & Bill Neighbors

## \$1,000 - \$2,499

26Health  
Dr. Shelley Abrahams  
Anonymous  
Gary Ashland  
Dr. David & Robert Baker-Hargrove  
Brooke R. Barker  
Vanessa Brewster  
Jim & Barbara Caldwell  
Casselberry Patio Bar  
Century 21 Professional Group  
Carole Conroy  
Wayne & Lynn Dictor

Dictor Financial  
Diversity Health Care  
David Dorman & Scott Penyak  
Martin Dupuis  
Thor Faulk  
Niki & Scott Friedman  
Haunters Against Hate  
Sally Hogshead & Ed Normand  
Keith Jackson  
Bill Kitchen & Camilo Espinel  
Paul Lanner

Louis & Kimberly Lorenz  
Kalub McPherson  
Milner Technologies Inc.  
Mukti Fund  
Opera Orlando  
Stephen Roberts  
SALO-Polk State College  
Michael Slaymaker &  
George Bridges  
UUC Lakeland  
V 3 Family Foundation  
Winter Park Pride Project  
Phillip & Judy Wood

## \$500 - \$999

Ridge Barte & Erik Gomes  
Benevity  
Casualty Actuarial Society  
Central Florida Health Care  
Christ's Promise UCC  
Jorge Colon-Acevedo  
Joshua Cooper  
Michael Dively  
Dreams Come True Entertainment/  
Enchanted Fairytale Hollow  
Scott Dunkle & David Fake  
Frontier c/o First Step Marketing  
Tim Gough  
Brad Hodum  
Shelli Johnson  
Vincent Koehle  
Gary Lambert  
Than Lawton  
Longwood Hills Congregational  
Church  
Maggie Martin Lloyd  
Matt McKnight  
Plume  
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Ranger's Pet Outpost and Retreat®  
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Laura Stiles  
The Center Orlando  
Dr. Mark Trolice  
Universal Orlando  
Vision Land Service

George Wallace  
Chad Whitman  
Bill Woods  
Richard Zajac

## \$250 - \$499

Roy & Patricia Ambinder  
Brian Azzarello  
Bowled Over Promotions  
Brita Pro  
Lisa Brown & Dawn Kallio  
Raychel Cesaro  
Darden Restaurants  
DoubleTree by Hilton San Diego  
Downtown  
Tom Dyer  
John Fleming  
Foley Immigration Law  
Glenn Grether  
Hamburger Mary's  
Neil Hamilton  
Emma Henderson  
Michael Hollmen  
Venetta Jones  
Hayden Jones  
Michael Jungen  
Tracey Kagan  
Bob & Judy Kiley  
Lou King  
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LEGOLAND Florida Resort  
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Joel Mckelvey  
Susan McKenna & Suzan Abramson  
Mister Sparky  
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Ron Schorsch & Bernd Hilbert  
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Jeff Speicher  
Mark Speicher  
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Tessier Law Firm, PA  
Steven Toribio  
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Counties  
UUAC at First Parish in Sherborn  
Westgate Resort  
Scott Will

## \$100 - \$249

Bob Adams & Gary Ouzts  
Anonymous  
Anonymous  
Anonymous  
Gregory Atchley  
Ridge Barte & Erik Gomes  
Katherine Bauer & William Mecke  
Body Street  
Scott Bowman  
Allan Bradley  
Beverly Campbell  
Amy Cantley  
Alexander Carr  
Amanda Cozza  
Mary Elizabeth Craine  
Christine Dance & Karen Schultz  
Keith Folse  
Don Friedman  
Anne Gager  
James Garas  
Robert Garcia  
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Givn LLC  
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Robert Gottfried  
David Hall  
Mike, Catriona & Reilly Harris  
Kayla Hernandez  
Michael Hodges  
Jeff Horn  
Ned Jones  
Eva Krzewinski  
Laurel McNear  
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Pat Michaels  
Georgie Miller  
Randall Mizelle  
Mike Musco-Jones  
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### Up to \$99

ABC Fine Wines  
William Albertson  
Alicia Aleman  
Anonymous  
Wildo Ballenilla  
Frank Barnes  
Melanie Barrientes  
Hannah Barwig  
Baylis Beard  
Gail Bennett  
Kal Bhakta  
Kelsey Binninger  
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Randy Carpenter  
Jen Carr  
Alex Colon  
CrossFit Iron Shamrock  
Nuria Curtis  
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Dell EMC Employee Volunteer Reward  
David Doget  
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Jonathan Eisenberg  
Robert Matthew Elliott  
Bryan Etzell  
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Troy & Angela Goetz  
Friday & Brittany Greenlaw  
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Stephanie Harris  
Hatch & Duncan  
Randall Henry  
Mary Beth Hertz  
Jeffrey Houser  
Hannah Howell  
Lee Howell  
Lupe Howell  
Chris Hully  
Tim Im  
Syd & Enid Jackowitz  
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Brandon Llewellyn  
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Rachel & Brian Mosteller  
Emily Myers  
Lindsey Myers McClure  
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Nordstrom  
David Rhys Owen  
Anna Patounakis  
Richard Pearson  
Glennie Pearson  
Carla Perez  
J. Beth Petteway  
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Justin Rickert  
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Ann Seymour  
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Rebecca & Gerald Silva  
Gerald Silva  
Kiani Sims  
Tamara Smith  
Fit Sun  
Target Corporation  
Wes Tattinger  
Third Uncle Violet  
Mark Tobin  
Rick Todd  
Michelle Tolhurst  
Randy Walvoord  
Jeremy Williams  
Marilyn Williams & Shane Williams  
Katharine Zimmerman

\* *deceased*

## OYA'S LARGEST GIFT

The largest gift OYA received in 2022 was the gift of volunteer time. OYA has over 30 volunteers who serve our youth on the board of directors, group facilitators, chaperones for activities, drop-ins, fundraising, marketing and program design and implementation. As of July 2022, the estimated national value of each volunteer hour is \$28.54. Our dedicated volunteers donated 1,851 hours to support the youth. That calculates to **over \$68,781 in volunteer time** to OYA and its chapters.



**PLEASE REMEMBER  
ORLANDO YOUTH  
ALLIANCE IN YOUR  
WILL OR TRUST.**

### Ways to donate:

#### 1. Make an online gift.

Log onto

<http://orlandoyouthalliance.org/donate>

Just click on the "donate" button to make a credit card gift via PayPal.

#### 2. Mail your gift.

Send a gift through the mail to:

**Orlando Youth Alliance**

**PO Box 536944**

**Orlando, FL 32853-6944**

#### 3. Put OYA in your Will or Trust.

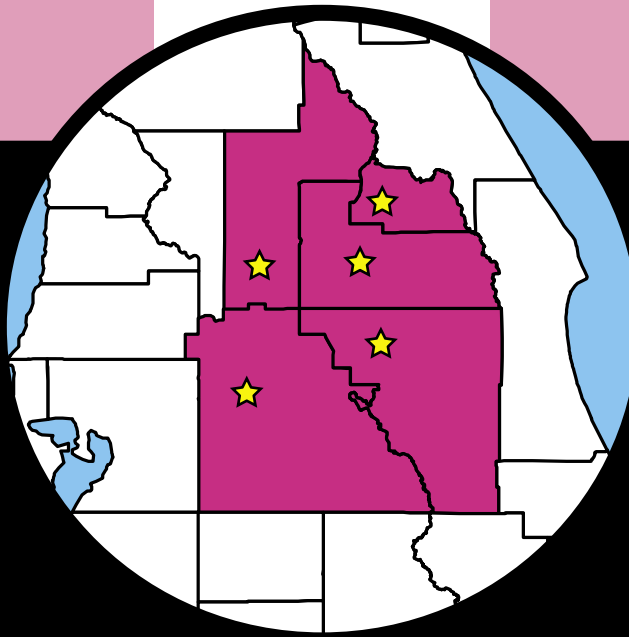
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