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*Thank you for helping to make the Joyful Feast 2016 a great success!  
We could not do this important work without you!*



The Joyful Child Foundation Board of Directors

(From left to right: Jason Demas, David Carr, Kenneth Donnelly, Erin Runnion, Arthur Cummins, Daryl Tallon, Allison Martin, Patrick Helgeson and not pictured here, Allison Lusk-Mauvezin and joyful new mother, Nicole Varner-Orue.)

Allison Lusk-Mauvezin received special recognition at the end of the evening as a small token of our appreciation for her ten years of volunteer service on the Joyful Feast event committee. We are very grateful to have her as a member of The Joyful Child's Board of Director.



*Thank you, Allison!*

*Congratulations*

*Melanie Sinclair*

*Volunteer of the Year!*



After Melanie gave an incredibly powerful speech, The Joyful Child Board of Directors presented her with our Volunteer of the Year award for her dedication to the integrity of the BRAVE Programs and the mission of The Joyful Child. This honor represents our appreciation for the totality of an individual's contribution and dedication (past recipients include Séverine Hebras, Gina Ramirez, and Allison Lusk-Mauvezin). Melanie has been an invaluable instructor for over five years and has become an indispensable member of The Joyful Child team as a mentor to trained instructors at our community partner agencies, such as the Women's Transitional Living Center, the Stanton Community Center, and American Family Housing. She is the embodiment of our motto, to Be BRAVE.



*The Joyful Feast  
Photos*

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## THANK YOU FOR A SUCCESSFUL YEAR!

In 2016, The Joyful Child had the privilege of training 115 teachers (to teach approximately 2,500 students!) as phase 1 of a three-year implementation of the **BRAVE Curriculum** in all 13 elementary schools within Westminster School District. We are training another 100+ WSD teachers in the year to come. BRAVE is also being shared in classrooms in Garden Grove, Irvine and Tustin school districts! Our reach is growing!

Meanwhile, your support sponsored community partnerships that led to 1,500 children and 540 parents empowered by **BRAVE Parent Meetings and Workshops** offered by trained staff at the Stanton Community Center, Cornucopia Services, Women's Transitional Living Centers, Jurupa Valley Adopt-A-Family, Operation Safe House, the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, and the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department. Your donations also provided **BRAVE Workshops** to children of all ages through the Orange County Department of Education, Capistrano Valley High School, the Corona Public Library, St. Joachim Church of Costa Mesa, Orange County Girl Scout Troops and the community of Ladera Ranch. What an exciting year of expanding our partnerships!

We are immensely thankful to our generous corporate sponsors, including EPIC Insurance Brokers, Ueberroth Family Foundation, Building Block Foundation, Margaret Finkel Foundation, Zacky Family Foundation, Soroptomists International of Westminster, Edwards Life-sciences Foundation, all of our BRAVEmaker fundraisers and donors like YOU for allowing The Joyful Child to make a direct and positive impact on children by teaching them safety skills to last a lifetime!! #BeBRAVE