

You're Invited...

23rd Annual

Blue Ribbon Month Kick-Off Ceremony

Wednesday, April 5, 2017

9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

at Bowers Museum (outdoor courtyard)
2002 N. Main Street, Santa Ana

Join us to kick off "National Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month." Help us honor the memory of local children who died from child abuse and neglect, and hear the latest on what is being done to help prevent and stop the cycle of child abuse and neglect in Orange County. Applaud inspiring Blue Ribbon heroes, enjoy a Blue Ribbon youth art exhibit, and leave with important lifesaving information to share with others. It's important to attend!



EMCEE

Vikki Vargas, Orange County Bureau Chief, NBC4 Southern California 

A vital part of the NBC4 news team for 30 years, Vikki Vargas gathers and reports on Orange County's major news stories. She is recognized for her versatility and journalistic integrity, as evidenced by the numerous industry awards she has earned — among them the Orange County Press Club's highest honor, a Golden Mike, and part of the team that won a Los Angeles Area Emmy Award for "Best Newscast." She is equally as passionate about helping the community, providing numerous volunteer hours to her alma mater California State University, Fullerton (CSUF), and working with foster youth at Orangewood Children's Foundation.



IMPACT SPEAKER

Mark Casas, Former Foster Youth and Inspiring Young Adult

Being abused and neglected, homeless, separated from six of his seven siblings, and entering the foster care system all took place during Mark's childhood. He now thrives as a Guardian Scholar, senior in college, Peer Mentor, California Youth Ambassador, Foster Youth Outreach Coordinator, and recipient of international and local awards. He also has helped children during his studies abroad and while inspiring legislative bills to advocate for foster youth. Next he plans to pursue a Master's Degree and career in social work and social policy.

Kindly RSVP your attendance by March 31st

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Orange County's Child Abuse Prevention Council

The 2017 Blue Ribbon Task Force, who helped plan the month-long campaign, is comprised of representatives from the American Academy of Pediatrics, OC Fire Authority, OC Sheriff's Department, OC Social Services Agency, OC Department of Education, Families and Communities Together (FaCT), Faith in Motion, and The Raise Foundation. A special thank you to OC School of the Arts for their involvement in the ceremony.

To learn more about month-long Blue Ribbon efforts, or to plan one of your own, please contact us at: www.ocblueribbon.org or call (714) 884-3421, ext. 104.

