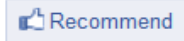


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Local groups honored



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Roosters Foundation of Orange County, Haskell & White LLP, Edwards Lifesciences Corp. and Margie Wakeham, founder of Families Forward, all received honors at the 28th annual National Philanthropy Day Awards Luncheon on Nov. 21. All are Irvine-based companies or organizations.

Roosters Foundation of Orange County received the Outstanding Philanthropic Group award. The group has assisted disadvantaged children in Orange County through donations of more than \$229,000 to 28 charities in 2013.



Eric Spitz, co-owner and president of Freedom Communications, the parent company of the Orange County Register, talks to guests gathered for the 28th annual National Philanthropy Day Awards Luncheon at the Hyatt Regency in Irvine, after accepting an award for "Celebrating 75 Years of Partnership."

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Haskell & White LLP received the Outstanding Midsize Corporation or Business award. The group makes philanthropy a part of its culture through firm-wide giving, volunteerism and leadership.

Edwards Lifesciences Corp. received the Outstanding Large Corporation or Business award. The company is dedicated to health and education, with charitable giving exceeding \$4.5 million worldwide and more than \$1 million in Orange County.

Wakeham received the Outstanding Founder award. Families Forward has served more than 20,000 Orange County families and children in 29 years through Wakeham's philanthropic leadership.

About 900 people attended the luncheon at the Hyatt Regency Irvine. Honorees received a custom piece of art glass in the shape of a heart.

National Philanthropy Day Orange County is presented by the Orange County Register with 2013 marking the 25th anniversary of the Orange County Register's event sponsorship.