



# Tocqueville

ALEXIS DE TOCQUEVILLE SOCIETY

ORANGE COUNTY UNITED WAY



2024-2025

# Orange County United Way's Alexis de Tocqueville Society

*"America has a long and rich tradition of generosity that begins with simple acts of neighbor helping neighbor."*

—Alexis de Tocqueville

Orange County United Way's Alexis de Tocqueville Society is a strong alliance of more than 300 local philanthropists who give \$10,000 or more a year to address critical needs in our community.

Built on our century-long legacy of caring for Orange County, our Society works together to offer programs that directly address the biggest human challenges in Orange County.



United Way's Alexis de Tocqueville Society is named after the French diplomat, Alexis Charles-Henri de Tocqueville, who is considered a pioneer of modern philanthropy.

"Donating to United Way is a terrific way to make a meaningful impact on the lives of those around us. As transplants into Orange County, we are eager to give back to the community that has welcomed us so warmly. By contributing, we not only help to support essential services and uplift those in need, but we also foster a sense of unity and compassion."

— Leah and Mike "Cheese" Lehrburger



# Benefits of joining the Alexis de Tocqueville Society

Our Alexis de Tocqueville Society members are improving lives throughout Orange County.

Tocqueville members:

- Join a network of like-minded leaders who share a deep commitment to United Way's mission and 100-year legacy in Orange County
- Are invited to connect with hundreds of our county's top philanthropists and community leaders at special events and volunteer opportunities throughout the year
- Receive personalized communications from a dedicated donor liaison
- Receive monthly reports on the impact of your investment
- Are enrolled in United Way's Worldwide National Tocqueville Society



"We give to Orange County United Way because we feel our money goes towards very specific targeted goals that help the entire community in many ways. [The folks at United Way] have studied the needs and know where our money will have the greatest impact."

— Nancy and Mike Meyer

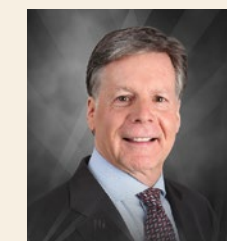
We're breaking barriers and improving lives for everyone who lives here.



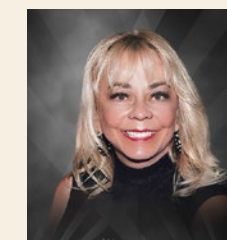
## We celebrate our members.

Every year, the Tocqueville Society hosts a celebration to honor United Way's distinguished philanthropists. Our honorees are long-time supporters who give their time, talents, and treasure.

### 2023 MEDAL HONOREES



**TAKING ACTION**  
Mike Johnson



**LEGACY**  
Melinda Masson and the Masson Family Foundation



**INSPIRATION**  
Ken and JoAnn Lickel

# Presenting the President's Circle

Within the Alexis de Tocqueville Society, we warmly acknowledge the visionaries who have distinguished themselves at the next level of commitment.

Members of the President's Circle make an annual donation of \$10,000 or more to advance Orange County United Way's mission and support its century-long dedication to making a difference in our local communities.



Shirin Behzadi and Perzan Irani

## President's Circle Members Listing as of September 2024

- |   |  |   |
|---|--|---|
| Thomas and Bonnie Abate                   | Susan and Gil Goodridge                        | Susan and Dennis Parks                  |
| Alex and Alan Airth                       | Adrian and Kristen Griggs                      | Maya Patel                              |
| Steve and Kristy Allison                  | Handel Sunrise Foundation                      | Peggy Penjoyan                          |
| The Bob and Joni Alter Family             | Mark and Laurie Henigan                        | The Podlich Family Fund                 |
| Ben and Charmaine Alvarado                | Jacqueline Jacques                             | Shirley and Steve Quackenbush           |
| Charles and Dawn Antis                    | Michael A. Johnson                             | Win Rhodes                              |
| Harlan and Susan Arita                    | Michele D. Johnson                             | Tom Rogers and Sally Anderson           |
| Lawrence R. and Sandy Armstrong           | Kai and Sinan Kanatsiz                         | Steve and Kimberly Roush                |
| Greg and Cathleen Backley                 | The Kehl Family Fund                           | Ernest and Donna Schroeder              |
| Jacques Ballard                           | Jackie and Steve Kelley                        | Denise Schuler                          |
| Dawn and Paul Behnke                      | Robert E. Kent                                 | Erin Schwarz                            |
| Shirin Behzadi and Perzan Irani           | Sarah and Randy Lake                           | Scott and Karen Sherman                 |
| Dennis and Carol Berryman                 | Mike and Leah Lehrburger                       | John and Renee Simonis*                 |
| Karen Bigman                              | Marc and Tina Ley                              | Amy Smith & Jeff Petsche                |
| John and Tasia Boyle                      | Kenneth and JoAnn Lickel                       | Brenda Springer*                        |
| Rusty and Debi Brown                      | Lisa and Mark Locklear                         | The Nancy and Geoffrey Stack Foundation |
| Darryl and Karla Button                   | Mike and Debe Lucki                            | Susan Stoneburner                       |
| Antonella Castro and Bradley Schumacher   | Lyons-Smith Family Foundation                  | Tom and Marilyn Sutton                  |
| Nandakumar and Mrudula Jyothi Cheruvatath | Melinda Masson                                 | Peter and Muff Tennyson                 |
| Steve and Cinda Churm                     | Pierre Masson                                  | Jeffrey Thomas                          |
| David Collins                             | Goran Matijasevic                              | Shelley Thunen                          |
| Roger and Marjorie Davisson               | Chris and Devon McCall                         | John and Kirsten Valenta                |
| Shirish Dayal                             | Rashmi Menon                                   | Rao and Rani Varanasi                   |
| Delia Delgado                             | Gene and Rose Mergelmeyer                      | Raju and Vani Varma                     |
| Ido Dotan                                 | Norman and Suzanne Metcalfe                    | John and Megan Waldeck                  |
| Laurie and Scott Dubchansky               | Nancy and Mike Meyer                           | Nella Webster O'Grady and Kevin O'Grady |
| Kari and Chris Durham                     | James J. Moloney and Erin Walsh-Moloney        | Larry Wood                              |
| Mary Beth and Daniel Eckert               | The Linda and Mike Mussallem Foundation        | John and Kimberly Word                  |
| Warren Felson and Lucy Sun                | The Myers Family Foundation                    | Anne Michaelson Yahn and Don Yahn       |
| Bruce and Anne Fettel                     | Shaku and Jaywant Nitturkar                    | Richard and Lisa Yates                  |
| Doug Frederick                            | Peter and Gail Ochs                            |   |
| Artyn and Max Gardner                     | Jay and Lisa Orlandi                           |   |
| Tom Gibbons                               | Maggie O'Sullivan                              |   |
| Christine Gibson                          | Stephen G. Oswald and Regina Oswald Foundation |   |

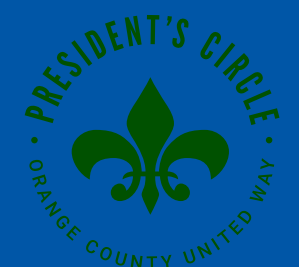
\*President's Circle Co-Chairs

7 President's Circle members have elected to remain anonymous.



"We support Orange County United Way because they make a difference—it's that simple. They give us tremendous confidence our donations will be put to work in the most effective way possible to drive maximum positive impact in our community, and that's important to us."

— Karla and Darryl Button



## Tocqueville members are making a real difference in people's lives.

You may already know how much need there is right here in our backyard. Thanks to our supporters, we're tackling our community's critical issues head-on every day.

In 2023, our donors enabled us to acquire and strengthen the 2-1-1 Orange County hotline, connecting people to crucial health and human services.

Tocqueville members are providing long-term solutions to support our neighbors during their most challenging times.

Because of our supporters, we're able to run innovative, strategic programs that address the most pressing, unmet challenges here in Orange County: **homelessness, financial insecurity, and workforce and college readiness for underserved high school students.**

Our Tocqueville family members are changing lives every single day, and making Orange County a better place for all of us to live.



"When people need a helping hand and we can provide a solution when they most need it, there's nothing more powerful."

— Mike Johnson



"We give to Orange County United Way because we want our contribution to have the greatest possible positive effect in our community. The organization's approach has a long history of efficiently improving the underlying factors of social disparities."

— Agnes and Hendrik Michels

# Thank you to the 2024–2025 Orange County United Way Alexis de Tocqueville Society.

You are creating sustainable change in our community. Thank you for your commitment to helping vulnerable Orange County residents create the lives they've always dreamt of—for themselves and their families.

And if you're not yet a member and want to learn more, please reach out to us. Become a part of this exceptional association of people making an impact on the lives of families and children throughout our community.



The Tarsadia Foundation

## Distinguished Donors

### Twelve Million Dollar Roundtable

Laura Khouri and Michael K. Hayde

### Five Million Dollar Roundtable

*1 distinguished donor has elected to remain anonymous*

### Million Dollar Roundtable

Jeffrey, Carol and Becky Burch

The Masson Family Foundation 🌟

### Ten Million Dollar Roundtable

The Nancy and Geoffrey Stack Family Foundation 🌟

### Two Million Dollar Roundtable

The Bob and Joni Alter Family

Peter and Gail Ochs 🌟

*1 distinguished donor has elected to remain anonymous*

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Jack and Kingsley Croul

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Artyn and Max Gardner 🌟

Kenneth and JoAnn Lickel 🌟

Michael L. and Nancy B. Meyer 🌟

The Linda and Mike Mussallem Foundation 🌟

Tarsadia Foundation 🌟

## ALEXIS DE TOCQUEVILLE SOCIETY CABINET

### Co-Chairs

Greg Backley  
Becki Procsal

### Women United Co-Chair

Haunani Nakabara

### President's Circle Co-Chairs

John Simonis  
Brenda Springer

### Committee Members

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Karen Grundhofer  
Dan Hagedorn  
Jackie Kelley  
Mike Lehrburger

Goran Matijasevic  
Jim Moloney  
Maggie O'Sullivan  
Matt Rink

Steve Roush  
Jim Scheinkman  
Susan Stoneburner  
John Waldeck

Don Yahn  
Casper Yen

**ALEXIS DE TOCQUEVILLE SOCIETY MEMBERS** Listing as of September 2024

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|--|---|-----------------------------------|--|
| Thomas and Bonnie Abate 🌸 ❖                      | Darryl and Karla Button 🌸 ❖                     | Clinton and Nancy Gee ❖           | Robert and Lisa Lambert ❖                          |
| Panteha Abdollahi-Paknejad and Pouria Paknejad ❖ | Antonella Castro and Bradley Schumacher 🌸 ❖     | Tom Gibbons 🌸                     | Mike Le  |
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| Jacqueline and Robert Akerblom ❖                 | Cade H. Cherry 🌸                                | Loreen Gilbert ❖                  | Kim Letch and Nigel Stobart ❖                      |
| Steve and Kristy Allison 🌸 ❖                     | Nandakumar and Mrudula Jyothi Cheruvatath 🌸 ❖   | Hazen Gonzalez                    | Marc and Tina Ley 🌸 ❖                              |
| The Bob and Joni Alter Family 🌸 ❖                | Steve and Cinda Churm 🌸 ❖                       | Eric and Roxanne Goodman          | Tim and Margaret Leyden 🌸                          |
| Ben and Charmaine Alvarado 🌸                     | Mark and Kim Clemens                            | Susan and Gil Goodridge 🌸         | Kenneth and JoAnn Lickel 🌸 ❖                       |
| Nicole and Peter Anderson ❖                      | David Collins 🌸                                 | Adrian and Kristen Griggs 🌸 ❖     | Lisa and Mark Locklear 🌸 ❖                         |
| Charles and Dawn Antis 🌸                         | Martha Daniel ❖                                 | Karen Grundhofer ❖                | Mike and Debe Lucki 🌸 ❖                            |
| Harlan and Susan Arita 🌸 ❖                       | Janet Davidson and Richard Plat ❖               | Dan Hagedorn                      | Heidi Lynn ❖                                       |
| Lawrence R. and Sandra C. Armstrong 🌸 ❖          | Roger and Marjorie Davisson 🌸                   | Handel Sunrise Foundation 🌸 ❖     | Lyons-Smith Family Foundation 🌸 ❖                  |
| Greg and Cathleen Backley 🌸 ❖                    | Shirish Dayal 🌸                                 | Karl and Marilyn Hardesty ❖       | Brian and Michele Maryott ❖                        |
| Tara and Bill Balfour ❖                          | Susan and Al DeGrassi ❖                         | The Hardtke Family 🌸              | Melinda Masson 🌸 ❖                                 |
| Jacques Ballard 🌸                                | Delia Delgado 🌸 ❖                               | Mark and Laurie Henigan 🌸         | Pierre Masson 🌸                                    |
| Carolyn and William Beaver ❖                     | Ido Dotan 🌸                                     | Peter and Susan Hitch             | Amy Mathieson and Brett Faucett ❖                  |
| Dawn and Paul Behnke 🌸 ❖                         | Laurie and Scott Dubchansky 🌸 ❖                 | Scharrell Jackson ❖               | Goran Matijasevic 🌸                                |
| Shirin Behzadi and Perzan Irani 🌸 ❖              | Kari and Chris Durham 🌸 ❖                       | Jacqueline Jacques 🌸 ❖            | Paula Mattson ❖                                    |
| Letitia and Brandon Berbaum ❖                    | Mary Beth and Daniel Eckert 🌸 ❖                 | Corey Jarvis                      | Chris and Devon McCall 🌸 ❖                         |
| Dennis and Carol Berryman 🌸                      | Mehdi Eddebarh                                  | James and Sonya Johnson           | Kristen and Dennis McCarthy ❖                      |
| Karen Bigman 🌸 ❖                                 | Jacqueline Erickson Russell and Grant Russell ❖ | Michael A. Johnson 🌸              | Howard McCowen                                     |
| Sherri Bovino ❖                                  | Warren Felson and Lucy Sun 🌸 ❖                  | Michele D. Johnson 🌸 ❖            | Diana and Matt McCutchen ❖                         |
| John and Tasia Boyle 🌸 ❖                         | Bruce and Anne Fettel 🌸 ❖                       | Christopher and Lauren Johnston ❖ | Bill Mecklenburg and Christine Condino-Mecklenburg |
| John A. Brierley                                 | Doug Frederick 🌸 ❖                              | Kai and Sinan Kanatsiz 🌸          | Rashmi Menon 🌸 ❖                                   |
| Rusty and Debi Brown 🌸 ❖                         | Artyn and Max Gardner 🌸 ❖                       | Stephen Kane                      | Gene and Rose Mergelmeyer 🌸 ❖                      |
| Jeffrey, Carol and Becky Burch                   | The Garrett Family ❖                            | The Kehl Family Fund 🌸 ❖          | Norman and Suzanne Metcalfe 🌸 ❖                    |
| Greg Burden                                      |   | Jackie and Steve Kelley 🌸 ❖       | Nancy and Mike Meyer 🌸 ❖                           |
|  |   | Robert E. Kent 🌸                  |  |
|  |   | Sarah and Randy Lake 🌸 ❖          |  |



Nanda Kumar, Orange County United Way Board Chair

“We’re just scratching the surface. I’m excited about what else we can do to grow the capabilities. There’s a lot more to come from United Way.” – Nanda Kumar

- Agnes and Hendrik Michels ❖
- James J. Moloney and Erin Walsh-Moloney ❖ ❖
- The Linda and Mike Mussallem Foundation ❖ ❖
- The Myers Family Foundation ❖ ❖
- Haunani Nakabara ❖ ❖
- Sean & Nicole Nearhoff ❖ ❖
- Alex Neil
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- Shaku and Jaywant Nitturkar ❖ ❖
- Chris and Tina Norton ❖
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- Michael P. and Shannon Russell ❖
- Jim Scheinkman and Cindy Eden ❖
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- Denise Schuler ❖ ❖
- Erin Schwarz ❖ ❖
- Mitchell and Maria Shenkin
- Scott and Karen Sherman ❖ ❖
- Scott and Alisa Shirk
- John and Renee Simonis ❖ ❖
- Amy Smith & Jeff Petsche ❖ ❖
- Marshall and Maria Solomon
- Brenda Springer ❖ ❖
- The Nancy and Geoffrey Stack Foundation ❖
- Tina Stoliar ❖
- Susan Stoneburner ❖ ❖
- The Straub Family
- Tom and Marilyn Sutton ❖ ❖
- Laura Tarbox ❖
- Dimpsy Teckchandani
- Mariam and Joe Tedeschi ❖
- Emilee and Al Tello ❖

- Peter and Muff Tennyson ❖ ❖
- Jeff Thomas ❖
- Shelley Thunen ❖ ❖
- John and Kirsten Valenta ❖ ❖
- Rao and Rani Varanasi ❖ ❖
- Raju and Vani Varma ❖
- Nisha Verma and Adam Klugman ❖
- Stacey and Paul Von Berg ❖
- John and Megan Waldeck ❖ ❖
- Anthony and Natalie Wang ❖ ❖
- Nella Webster O'Grady and Kevin O'Grady ❖ ❖
- Brett & Susan Williamson ❖
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- Jeannette Wistner ❖
- Larry Wood ❖
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- Anne Michaelsen Yahn and Don Yahn ❖ ❖
- Richard and Lisa Yates ❖
- Casper J. Yen
- Joseph Yurosek

*13 Alexis de Tocqueville Society members have elected to remain anonymous.*



Artyn and Max Gardner

“No other Orange County organization has the ability to bring together the people, resources and programs necessary to make a real, lasting difference in people’s lives.” – Artyn and Max Gardner



Join the Journey and commit  
to another century of impact.

**QUESTIONS ABOUT JOINING?**

Please reach out to Mike Olson, Senior Director of Philanthropy at  
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