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## ORANGE COUNTY VISIONARIES



**EXPANSION OF OFFICE SPACES AND INDUSTRIAL COMPLEXES**



**INNOVATIONS AND NEW INVESTMENTS IN HEALTHCARE SECTOR**



**PROMINENT LEADERSHIP POSITIONS FILLED**

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## EDUCATION AND NONPROFIT

**Angie Rowe***President & CEO  
Beyond Blindness*

**A**ngie Rowe is a dedicated and accomplished nonprofit executive with over 25 years of experience driving growth and excellence across a wide range of organizations. As president and CEO of Beyond Blindness, she has been instrumental in expanding the organization's impact and reach while also championing initiatives to spur revenue and donor growth, community participation, and programmatic and operational excellence. Prior to joining Beyond Blindness, she served as interim executive director at Global Genes, a leading rare disease patient advocacy organization. Also, she served as the event and program director at the OC Marathon.

Rowe's work at Beyond Blindness and other organizations has been instrumental in driving growth and excellence across the sector while also expanding opportunities and support for individuals with disabilities and other marginalized communities.

**U**nder Lucy Santana's more than 20 years of leadership, Girls Inc. of Orange County has grown into one of the strongest chapters of Girls Inc. nationally. Santana and her team directly impact more than 4,500 girls in the OC each year, with transformative programs designed to empower girls from economically disadvantaged circumstances to become "strong, smart, and bold"

Under her stewardship, the organization's programs address the full range of topics for girls and young women — healthy bodies/body image, literacy and financial literacy, making good life choices, building life skills, and preparing for college and careers. Thanks to Santana's efforts, Girls Inc. of OC will share \$10 million in funding from Melinda French Gates' Pivotal Ventures' Equality Can't Wait Challenge with a handful of Girls Inc. chapters nationwide, launching Project Accelerate this year.

**Lucy Santana***Chief Executive Officer  
Girls Inc. of Orange County***Melanie Marie Schlotterbeck***Conservation Consultant  
Hills For Everyone*

**M**elanie Marie Schlotterbeck has served on the Brea Planning Commission for over six years, advocating for sustainable development and natural resource protection. She led the commission through multiple contentious residential and mixed-use projects to approve or recommend approval on all projects. She also serves as a community emergency response team volunteer, which includes basic disaster response skills including fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and triage.

Schlotterbeck secured \$243.5 million for an innovative Environmental Mitigation Program within the Orange County Transportation Authority's (OCTA) Renewed Measure M. Two restoration projects were funded, and one acquisition (301 acres) was purchased adjacent to Chino Hills State Park through this mitigation program, advancing Hills For Everyone's mission/goals. She has been involved with the conservation of over 63,000 acres in Southern California and more than 350,000 acres statewide.

**S**ix years into a flourishing law career and a few months after the birth of her first child, Sona Shah decided it was time to invest her energy into something more meaningful to her. So, despite a plethora of naysayers, she left the legal profession and mustered up the courage to go back to focusing on something that had fulfilled her for decades — tutoring. With My Private Professor, she incorporated a giveback model through which part of the proceeds of each tutoring hour is used to give students in underserved communities or experiencing homelessness access to free tutoring. She also added a sliding scale for tutoring rates to make this resource accessible.

Shah's mission at MPP is to provide top-notch, individualized tutoring from a team of experts to help all students reach their greatest potential.

**Sona Shah***CEO & Founder  
My Private Professor, LLC***Chris Simonsen***Chief Executive Officer  
Orangewood Foundation*

**C**hris Simonsen's background is in finance and his career progressed to the point where he became the CFO of the Automobile Club of Southern California in 2005. Two years later, he made a significant career shift by becoming the CFO of Orangewood Foundation, a nonprofit in Santa Ana that serves teens and young adults who need assistance with housing, employment, education, and their physical/emotional wellness needs. In 2013, he was promoted to CEO of Orangewood Foundation which coincided with the creation of Orangewood's public charter high school, Samueli Academy. The school campus and related \$72-million capital campaign were recently completed.

As the Orangewood Foundation CEO, Simonsen has been the architect of an operating model that brings in revenue from several different sources, such as the state, county, and federal government and the private donor community.

**Carla Therese Sramek***Founder  
CMR-Carla's Movie Restaurant*

**C**arla Sramek is "the C in CMR" as the founder and driving force of CMR-Carla's Movie Restaurant, the nonprofit organization that provides community-based environments for artists of all abilities to present their work to the public, and for the community to engage with and support emerging artists. She was born with a passion for films and entertainment and is also an artist, performer, and writer. As a child she was segregated in education and her family was told she would never learn to read.

CMR is now in its 11th year as a pop-up at local restaurants for eight years, two years with online shows during the lockdown, and back in person now at the Farmers' Market with "Dog Photo Pup-Ups." CMR has hosted over 1,500 guests in person at local pop-ups and screened 100+ films.