

Local Happenings — Free Wheelchair Mission Raises More Than 1.9 Million

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Free Wheelchair Mission, a nonprofit based in Irvine, California, hosted its annual Miracle of Mobility Live, presented by Advisors Mortgage, LLC. On July 21, the event was held in person at Turnip Rose in Costa Mesa and was streamed online with watch parties across the country.

More than \$1,920,000 was raised, exceeding the total of any Miracle of Mobility events over the past 20 years. The funds will enable the organization to distribute more than 20,000 wheelchairs worldwide to those living with disabilities in developing countries.

The Orange County event featured fun activities for guests, including a 360-degree video photo booth, virtual reality experience, silent disco dance floor, wheelchair container auction, and interactive performance from Drum Café North America.

"We are amazed by the overwhelming support and generosity of sponsors, donors, and volunteers who joined our event this year," said Free Wheelchair Mission CEO Nuka Solomon.

The program featured special guests, musical performances, and stories from wheelchair recipients, all to raise awareness and resources to support the organization's work in providing life-transforming mobility.

Two-time Emmy® award-winning entertainer, Mario Lopez, hosted the event in Orange County and on the live stream. The in-person events and live stream program also featured musical performances by acclaimed artists We Are Messengers and Hannah Kerr.

"It was a blessing to be part of Miracle of Mobility once again," said event host Mario Lopez. "This year, it was even more special to join hundreds of supporters at the in-person event in Orange County," he continued. "Free Wheelchair Mission is transforming the lives of many in need."

The in-person event had more than 350 attendees and included Advisors Mortgage Group, LLC members, this year's presenting sponsor. "We are proud to partner with Free Wheelchair Mission as the presenting sponsor of this inspiring event," said Advisors Mortgage Group Branch Manager Perla Wright. "They are truly impacting lives through

the work that they are doing, and it was an honor for us to be part of such a special evening."

For more information visit their site here: <https://www.freewheelchairmission.org>.



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