



Exceptional Children's Foundation

# Developments

Improving the lives of children and adults with special needs since 1946

## Nearly \$1.9M Raised for 70th Anniversary Gala Honoring Suzanne & Ric Kayne

On April 26, to commemorate many decades of exceptional service to children and adults with special needs and their families, ECF hosted a 70th Anniversary Gala at the Skirball Cultural Center. Over 500 guests attended the celebration, where ECF proudly honored longtime supporters and exceptional philanthropists Suzanne and Ric Kayne.

The Kaynes have been affiliated with the Eras Center, then the Kayne Eras Center, and now the Exceptional Children's Foundation, for over 20 years. Ric and Suzanne planned several highly successful Golf and Tennis Classics at the Riviera Country Club to benefit students with special needs. Suzanne also founded the Kayne Eras Center Angels, a group of philanthropic women dedicated to furthering the success of students at KEC through academic and enrichment programs, which continues to meet annually.

The Kaynes' commitment and dedication to giving back epitomizes the definition of a philanthropist: one who works and endeavors to increase the well-being of humanity. Visit [www.ECF.net/Gala](http://www.ECF.net/Gala) to hear them explain the importance of investing in people, especially those who have special needs.

### An Exceptional Evening

Award-winning television and film actress Sela Ward served as the evening's Master of Ceremonies and guests were treated to a



L to R: Ric, Saree, Suzanne, Maggie and Jenni Kayne with Scott Bowling

special performance by Paul Anka, who crafted original lyrics for a song dedicated to the Kaynes.

Other highlights of the evening were the silent and live auctions that included travel packages to vacation homes in Lake Tahoe and The Vintage in Indian Wells, and a private yacht off the coast of New Zealand with golf at the exclusive Tara Iti Golf Club.

Presenting Sponsors for the gala included Ric and Suzanne's daughters, Jenni, Maggie

***"We could not be prouder of having The Kaynes as part of the ECF family."***

— Shelley Smith, Chairperson, ECF Board of Directors

and Saree; Robert Day, and Kayne Anderson Capital Advisors Foundation. Rosa and Bob Sinnott and Laura and Bill Siart served as the Co-Chairs of the Gala Committee.

Our deepest appreciation to everyone who worked so hard to ensure a successful Gala which raised nearly \$1.9 million - an unprecedented fundraising outcome for ECF.

Please visit Pages 4 through 6 to view a list of the generous sponsors and Gala Committee Members who made the evening possible, along with photos of the evening's festivities.



Gala Co-Chairs Bob & Rosa Sinnott



Gala Co-Chairs Bill & Laura Siart

## Board of Directors

### Officers

Shelley I. Smith, Esq.  
*Chairperson*

Gene Siciliano  
*First Vice Chairperson/Treasurer*

John Holcomb, Jr., Esq.  
*Second Vice Chairperson/Secretary/  
Assistant Treasurer*

Steven J. Rose  
*Assistant Secretary*

Ralph Walter, D. Phil.  
*Immediate Past Chairperson*

### Directors

Leslie B. Abell, Esq.

Jeff Aidikoff, Esq.

Fred Alavi

William Basel

Steven P. Beltran, Esq.

Chell Chelliah

Gerald Chernin

Russell Ching, Esq.

Scott Cooper

Mark A. Flagel, Esq.

Steve Jordan

Mary Kayne

Suzanne Kayne

Ricardina Leon

Philip Miller, Esq.

Larry Rabineau, Esq.

Jocelyn B. Tetel

Paul K. Zimmerman

### Board of Governors

Barbara Cull\*

Rafer Johnson

Monte Markham

Jerry Moss

SHARE, Inc.

Carl Terzian (In memoriam)

Honorable Dickran Tevrizian

Robert D. Shushan, Ed.D.

(In memoriam)\*\*

### President and CEO

Scott D. Bowling, Psy.D.

\*Founder of Kayne Eras Center

\*\*President Emeritus

## President's Message

### Dear Friends,

Join me in celebration of this milestone year at ECF. On February 6, we marked the date when ECF's doors were first opened 70 years ago. At the end of February, ECF's dedicated staff members gathered for a festive and reflective luncheon, and on April 26 ECF supporters gathered for a memorable Anniversary Gala where nearly \$1.9 million dollars was raised to support our programs and services. On behalf of the ECF Board of Directors and staff, our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to everyone who participated in the Gala; the level of support and care for the well-being of our clients was tremendous and deeply moving.

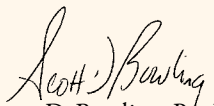


I am particularly grateful to Suzanne and Ric Kayne for their unwavering commitment to ECF. It was my pleasure to recognize their Exceptional Philanthropy at the event. Many thanks to the event's co-chairs, Rosa and Bob Sinnott and Laura and Bill Siart, as well as the entire Gala Committee – we could not have accomplished this without each of you!

Throughout the evening of the Gala, I thought of Dr. Shushan (ECF's first President and my mentor) and how proud I believe he would have been of the endorsements expressed that night for ECF's collective efforts to improve the lives of children and adults with special needs. I also had thoughts of the excitement yet to come, including a new ECF program center in Inglewood later this year, made possible by lessons Dr. Shushan taught ECF's leadership about investing in the future. While ECF is 70 years old, our leadership does not rest on its reputation. Together, we continue to identify and seek out new opportunities that will benefit the next generation of individuals with special needs.

Thank you to everyone who is making this a milestone year. Whether you've been supporting ECF since the 1950s, like the generous ladies of SHARE, Inc. (featured on page 3), or you are a more recent supporter, like new board member Russell Ching, Esq. (featured on this page), you help us improve the lives of thousands of children and adults with special needs every year. Here's to seeing what we can all accomplish together moving forward – the future is bright!

Sincerely,

  
Scott D. Bowling, Psy.D.  
*President and CEO*



[www.linkedin.com/in/ScottBowlingPsyD](http://www.linkedin.com/in/ScottBowlingPsyD)

## Introducing ECF's Newest Board Member: Russell Ching, Esq.



Russell joined ECF's Board of Directors because he believes people with developmental challenges are too often marginalized in society. Personally and professionally, he advocates for equal opportunity, and for fostering a diverse community by creating opportunities for people of different races or ethnicities – and different abilities. "We need to embrace diversity, and that should mean giving everyone the chance to participate. That's what ECF does," he says.

Russell earned a Bachelor's Degree of Science in Education from the University of Hawaii and his Juris Doctorate from the University of Laverne's San Fernando Valley campus. He serves as Board Secretary of Susan G. Komen Foundation and as a Board Member of The Adult Skills Center (TASC). Prior to opening his own firm, Russell worked with Knox Ricksen LLP.

## Thank You from ECF

ECF is grateful to its new funding partner, the Los Angeles Trial Lawyers' Charities (LATLC), for a grant to support our core operations. LATLC strives to make a positive difference in the quality of life for people in Los Angeles, focusing on issues related to education, children, battered women and homelessness. We also extend our thanks to the following longtime partners for recent support of ECF programs and services.



### Early Start Program

- The Louis & Harold Price Foundation
- SHARE, Inc.



### ECF Kayne Eras Center

- The Green Foundation
- The Hugh & Hazel Darling Foundation
- The Siragusa Foundation



### Supported Employment Program

- The Albertsons Companies Foundation and The Vons Foundation
- The Audrey & Sydney Irmas Charitable Foundation



The generous and lovely ladies of SHARE, Inc. circa the 1950s



L-R: Diane Forester of SHARE, Inc. presenting grant to Scott Bowling, ECF President & CEO and Maxine Moshay, ECF Director of Donor Relations (Photo Credit: Maxine Picard)

## A Gift of Enduring Support

The historic occasion of ECF's 70th anniversary calls for a special thanks to SHARE, Inc., our longest-standing source of support for more than 60 years! SHARE is a Hollywood-based philanthropic organization composed of women passionately dedicated to raising funds for developmentally disabled, abused, and neglected children, as well as medical research for all forms of disabilities.

Grants from SHARE are treasured gifts that have helped ECF in many ways, such as establishing one of the first early intervention programs for children in Los Angeles County. Today, with SHARE's continued support, ECF's Early Start Program serves over 1,400 infants and toddlers each year by providing a personalized combination of occupational, speech and physical therapies to help them grow and learn. We are truly grateful to the ladies of SHARE, who literally stand for "Share Happily and Reap Endlessly!"

# Our Thanks for a Truly Milestone Gala

Our heartfelt gratitude for the generosity of our many Gala sponsors.

## PRESENTING SPONSORS

Jenni, Maggie and Saree Kayne  
Robert Day  
Kayne Anderson Capital Advisors Foundation

## PATRON SPONSORS

Nancy and Leslie Abell  
Easton Foundations  
Paul K. Zimmerman

## PARTNER SPONSORS

The Ahmanson Foundation  
Annenberg Foundation  
Melinda and Greg Armstrong  
Mose J. Firestone Living Trust  
Hale Thornhill Foundation  
Richard Merkin, M.D.  
Miriam Muscarolas and Grant Abramson  
Helen and Jack Nethercutt with  
Merle Norman Cosmetics  
Bruce and Nancy Newberg  
Nicholas Family Foundation  
The Riordan Foundation  
Rosa and Robert Sinnott  
Gillian and John Wagner

## PLATINUM SPONSORS

Activision  
Robert and Catherine Beyer  
Capital Group  
City National Bank  
Erika K. Glazer  
Lenore and Fred Kayne

## GOLD SPONSORS

Marion and John E. Anderson Foundation  
Debbie and Mark Attanasio  
Robert and Cheryl Baker  
Ambassador Frank E. and Kathrine Baxter  
The Sheri and Les Biller Family Foundation  
Carol and Frank Biondi & Jill and Ken Iscol  
Children's Hospital Los Angeles  
Kelvin Davis  
Joan and Jerry Doren  
Jonathan and Karin Fielding  
Larry and Joan Flax & Esther and Rick Rosenfield  
Thomas H. Gilmour Inc.  
Mary Ann and Kip Hagopian  
John Holcomb, Jr., Esq. & The Kaul Foundation  
Maggie and Jim Hunt  
Lilly and Bruce Karatz

Allen D. Kohl Charitable Foundation  
Kresa Family Foundation  
Nadine and Mike Levitt  
Ellen and Mike Lipson  
Los Angeles Trial Lawyers' Charities  
MUFG Union Bank N.A.  
Howard and Lorelee Murad  
PwC  
Lynne and Larry Rabineau  
Paula and Allan Rudnick &  
Carrie Odell and Simon T  
SAGE Publications  
Rhonda and Larry Sheakley  
Laura and Bill Siart  
Shelley and Grady Smith  
Eva and Marc Stern  
Jane and Jim Stern  
Sharzad and Michael Targoff  
Jocelyn B. Tetel  
David and Kathy Walsh  
Ralph Walter  
Wendy and Jay Wintrob

## SILVER SPONSORS

Pamela and Dennis Beck  
Canyon Partners, LLC  
Johnny Carson Foundation  
Chell Chelliah  
Patricia and Terry Christensen  
EH National Bank  
J.C. and Kristi Frey  
Jill T. and James Higgins  
Linda Janger  
Adrienne Grant and Paul Jennings  
Mary and Stephen Kayne  
Bridget Gless Keller and Paul Keller  
Light4Life Cause  
Carol and Doug Mancino  
Nancy and Howard Marks  
Morgan Stanley  
Terry and Victoria Quinn  
Michael and Patty Rosenfeld  
UCLA Anderson  
Marcie and Howard Zelikow







## Honoring Ric and Suzanne

Our deepest thanks to the Gala Committee Chairs and Members for their time and effort towards helping to create an exceptional evening for ECF, and for the Kaynes.

### Gala Committee Chairs

Laura & William Siart  
Rosa & Robert Sinnott

### Gala Committee Members

Nancy and Les Abell  
Sandra and Mark Flagel  
Mary and Stephen Kayne  
Bridget Gless Keller and Paul Keller  
Robert Kotick  
Carol and Doug Mancino  
Nancy and Howard Marks  
Lorelee and Howard Murad  
Lynne and Larry Rabineau  
Shelley and Grady Smith  
Jocelyn B. Tetel  
Gillian and John Wagner  
Casey Wasserman  
Paul K. Zimmerman



## NEWS

This summer, ECF headquarters and the West L.A. Art Center Program and PAR West will be moving to new locations. Keep an eye out for announcements coming soon with new addresses and contact information for programs and administrative offices.

## In Memory of Chris Helms

ECF has incredibly dedicated staff, several of whom have been serving our clients for decades. Chris Helms, who passed away on February 16, 2016, was one of these veteran staff members. During her nearly 17-year career with ECF, Chris helped hundreds of adults with a variety of disabilities develop their work skills, self-confidence and independence while participating in the PAR Services program.

Chris passed away peacefully with immediate family present. ECF staff and participants alike felt her absence immediately and continue to miss her unique energy, contagious smile and laughter. As CEO and President Dr. Bowling remembers Chris, so do many of the staff: "We will always appreciate her connection with our clients equally with her connection to her colleagues." While she is already missed, Chris will always be with us going forward."



Chris Helms showing her appreciation for a PAR participant.

# ECF 70 Years of Exceptional Service

On February 6, 1946, ECF was opened by a small group of parents who together created a safe and comfortable place for their young children with developmental disabilities. Over the past 70 years, ECF has evolved into a multi-service organization that provides a lifespan of services for young children, students and adults with learning, developmental and emotional challenges – helping them to reach their greatest potential.



then → now

<p><b>1</b> service site</p>	<p><b>15 service sites</b> across LA County, including K-12 educational, mental health and therapeutic services that were added to ECF's continuum of programs in 2008 with the merger between ECF and the Kayne Eras Center</p>
<p><b>1</b> daycare program for a small group of children</p>	<p><b>1,400 infants and toddlers</b> receive early intervention and therapeutic intervention services each year</p>
<p><b>1</b> residential property</p>	<p><b>6 residential facilities</b> provide living arrangements designed to meet a range of client needs, including individual apartments, small group homes, and a Level III Community Care Facility for those requiring more medical assistance</p>
<p><b>1</b> art program site</p>	<p><b>4 studios</b> providing fine arts training for adults; art work is exhibited locally at ECF's DAC Gallery and sold online at <a href="http://www.ECFonAmazon.com">www.ECFonAmazon.com</a></p>
<p><b>1</b> employment program</p>	<p><b>3 employment services</b> 2 PAR sites that provide on-site training and employment for 160 clients, and the Supported Employment Program that currently places 100 adults in jobs throughout the local workforce</p>



NON-PROFIT ORG  
U.S. POSTAGE  
PAID  
LOS ANGELES, CA  
PERMIT NO. 21608

Exceptional Children's Foundation

8740 Washington Boulevard

Culver City, CA 90232

Tel: 310.204.3300

 ECF.net

# Your Legacy

ECF's Planned Giving Program, the Heritage Society, provides a vehicle for donors and their families to include ECF in their estate plans. One of the most important ways that you may express your personal commitment to the mission and work of ECF is by making a gift through your will or trust. Your legacy will provide future generations the same exceptional services provided to our clients today. To learn more, visit [www.ECF.net](http://www.ECF.net) or contact Maxine Moshay at [mmoshay@ecf.net](mailto:mmoshay@ecf.net) or (310) 845-8048.

## SAVE THESE DATES



**May 23 – June 30, 2016**

**ECF's DAC Gallery presents "Outside of What?"**

"Outside of What?" is an exhibition that examines the use of the label "Outsider Artist." By including works from artists with differing abilities, outlooks and approaches, the show illuminates how the boundaries of the art world continue to overlap and dissolve. **Opening reception on Friday, May 27 from 6 – 8 p.m.** at 431 S. Broadway in downtown L.A.



**June 9, 2016**

**KEC Kayne Eras School Graduation**

Come celebrate KEC Kayne Eras School graduates as they transition from high school to young adulthood. This event is always a spirited one, and everyone is welcome to come cheer on our students.



**October 14, 2016**

**ECF's 34th Annual "First Ever" Golf Benefit**

Join us for a day on the links while supporting ECF. Enjoy golfing, lunch, and an awards dinner with wonderful raffle baskets, all while networking with colleagues and local business leaders.

For more information, contact Lisa Kelly at (310) 845-8062 or [lkelly@ecf.net](mailto:lkelly@ecf.net).