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**44 Women for Orangewood** hosted its **17th Annual Scholarship Luncheon** on June 11, raising more than \$160,000 for college scholarships benefitting **Orangewood Foundation's** foster youth who are pursuing dreams of higher education. Founded in 1999 by **Susan Samuelli**, who also runs **The Samuelli Foundation**, the group has raised approximately \$4 million to support Orangewood's college scholarship and peer mentor programs.

This year's event was offered in three different formats: virtually, either individually or virtually with a group, or, for those who chose to sponsor a table, various Orange County restaurants, which hosted private rooms with A/V setups where people could "attend" from the restaurants with their group. Restaurant partners included **The Newport Beach Country Club, 501 Park Ave, The Village Inn, Water Grill, The Winery in Tustin** and **Zov's**.

The luncheon included an online auction, opportunity drawing, special commentary from **Chris Simonsen**, CEO, Orangewood, and a youth testimonial. The event also featured guest speaker **Leigh Anne Tuohy**, who was the inspiration for the movie, "The Blind Side."

For more on Susan and **Broadcom** co-founder **Henry Samuelli**, see pages 1 and 34.