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Stars & Stripes tournament raises \$3.7 million for youth charities

The 23rd annual fishing and golf tournament and music festival held in Baja, Mexico nets record-breaking funds



Karina Cervantes and Max Haase. (Photo by David Nash)

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More than 600 supporters of the 23rd Annual Stars & Stripes Tournament traveled from Orange County to Cabo San Lucas, Baja Mexico, to help raise more than \$3.7 million for six nonprofits aimed at helping youth in Southern California and Mexico.

Since 1997, the events – a combined fishing and golf tournaments with a music festival – has raised over \$33 million for youth charities. Organizers maintain that this is more than any other tournament benefitting children's charities in the United States.

"Without the support of our generous community who attend the tournament year after year, Stars & Stripes would not be a success," said Dick Gebhard, Stars & Stripes board chairman.



The four-day event was held June 27-30 at the Hilton Los Cabos Beach & Golf Resort in Mexico to support six youth organizations: Big Brothers Big Sisters of Orange County and the Inland Empire; Miracles For Kids; Orangewood Foundation; Tilly's Life Center; South Bay Community Services and Building Baja's Future.

A volunteer board of directors dubbed "The Knights" leads the event, which includes board chairman Dick Gebhard, who came up with the idea for the event when he served as a board member for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Orange County.

Also serving on the board are: Tim Ryan, CEO of the Honda Center and executive vice president of the Anaheim Ducks; Al Baldwin, chairman of Baldwin and Sons; Larry Kirkenslager, a senior vice president at SASCO Electric Inc.; Charles Ruck, partner at Latham & Watkins LLP; Zlatko Zadro, president of Zadro Products, Inc.; Erik Anderson, president of Anderson Financial; and Rick Hausman, a business development executive at Rudolph and Sletten.