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The Oasis Senior Center in Corona del Mar was the site for Susan G. Komen Orange County's inaugural Circle of Promise Day event on Saturday.

SIBLINGS HONORED IN FIGHT AGAINST BREAST CANCER

SUSAN G. KOMEN ORANGE COUNTY

Susan G. Komen Orange County held its inaugural Circle of Promise Day event on Saturday, during its annual Survivor Celebration and Awards Luncheon at the Oasis Senior Center in Corona del Mar.

Community members pledged their commitment to eliminating barriers to breast health services for women of color. Four Orange County residents were recognized for their impact on the breast cancer community and support for the Komen mission of saving lives.

Tustin residents, breast cancer co-survivors and siblings Alison and James Kaprielian lost their mother, Barbara, to breast cancer in 2014 after a 14-year battle. When she was diagnosed in 2000, Alison was only 8; James was 6.

Since their mother died, the siblings have honored their mother's courageous



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life by using their journey to fuel breast cancer research and give back to the community. James pitched for the UCLA baseball team and was drafted by the New York Yankees in the first round of the 2015 draft, living out a dream in honor of his mother.

While in high school, Alison created the Pink Ribbon Club and received national recognition for her

efforts, which inspired a model for other high school clubs. She has raised more than \$40,000 in her mother's name to support breast cancer research and recently joined the team at Kure It Cancer Research, where she works to ensure funding for vital and innovative cancer research.

- Submitted by Susan G. Komen Orange County