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## **Anaheim Family YMCA Hosts 95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala: “A Celebration of Generations”**

ANAHEIM, Calif. — The Anaheim Family YMCA will host its 95th Anniversary Gala, “A Celebration of Generations,” on Thursday, Nov. 30 at the Anaheim Marriott. The event will celebrate the organization’s 95-year history and honor five families who have made significant contributions to the YMCA.

The honored families include those of John and Donna Crean, Jim and Debbie Klein, Paul and Lisa Kott, Bob and Delight Nease, and Lew and Edith Overholt.

Sponsored by the Disneyland Resort, the event will feature a gourmet dinner, live and silent auction, special message from Tiger Woods, and recognition of YMCA endowment fund contributors. Tickets are \$95 and can be purchased online at [www.anaheimymca.org](http://www.anaheimymca.org) or by calling (714) 635-9622 by Friday, Nov. 10. Proceeds benefit youth through the YMCA endowment fund.

For more information or to learn about sponsorship opportunities, please contact Carolyn Carpenter at (714) 635-9622 Ext. 1506 or [ccarpenter@anaheimymca.org](mailto:ccarpenter@anaheimymca.org).

The Anaheim YMCA was started in 1911 by Charles Pearson, who would later go on to become the mayor of Anaheim. The Y started in a house on Philadelphia Street, and has had many places to call home along the way, including Citron Street, North Street and its current Euclid Street location. Hi-Y Clubs, camping and Indian Guides were among the most popular Y programs for youth in the 1920s. Through the years, the Anaheim YMCA continually expanded its character-based programs, bringing such programs as youth sports, childcare and Youth & Government to Anaheim. In 1999, the award-winning Anaheim Achieves after-school program was launched through a collaboration with the City of Anaheim, California Department of Education and local school districts. Today, the Anaheim Family YMCA serves 10,000 youth and families annually and continues to focus on new programs, particularly in the areas of health and fitness, youth development and after-school care.

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