



Keynote Speaker

JIM ABBOTT

Jim Abbott beat the odds to become an amazing professional Major League Baseball pitcher, a gold medal Olympian for the U.S. baseball team and an inspiration to those around him.

Abbott was born on Sept. 19, 1967, in Flint, Michigan without a right hand. He attended college at University of Michigan on a baseball scholarship, leading the Wolverines to Big Ten titles in his freshmen and junior years. He earned many awards in college including being the first baseball player to win the AAU's Sullivan Award as the top amateur athlete of the year. In 1988 Abbott traveled to Seoul, Korea as a member of the U.S. Olympic baseball team where he pitched a complete game leading the United States to a gold medal victory over Japan.

Despite being born with only one hand, in 1988 Abbott was drafted by the California Angels. In his first season as a professional, he won more games as a rookie than any other previous player without Major League experience. On the mound, Abbott wore a right-hander's fielder's glove at the end of his right arm. While completing his follow-through after delivering a pitch, he rapidly switched the glove to his left hand so he could handle any balls hit back to him. Abbott played for 10 seasons on four different teams. In 1993 he threw a 4-0 no-hitter for the New York Yankees versus Cleveland. He ended his big league playing career in 1999.

Today Abbott is a popular motivational speaker in addition to being a Guest Pitching Instructor during Spring Training for the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim. He has been featured in many national magazines and on news, sports, and interview TV programs. Abbott is a popular speaker even among those who are not sports fans. His stories of overcoming adversity and his anecdotes from his career as a professional baseball player are sure to inspire guests at this year's Ambassador Luncheon. Abbott lives in California with his wife, two children and their dog Billie.

The Orangewood Children's Foundation Ambassador Committee cordially invites you to attend

11th ANNUAL Ambassador Luncheon

Featuring Keynote Speaker Jim Abbott

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2008

11:30 a.m. Check-In

12:00 p.m. Lunch

The Luncheon will begin sharply at Noon

Hilton Irvine/Orange County Airport

18800 Mac Arthur Blvd, Irvine, CA 92612

Admission is complimentary, however seating is limited.

Please RSVP by October 24 online at www.orangewoodfoundation.org, using the enclosed reply card or by calling 714-619-0204

For more information contact Teena Gibbs, Special Events Manager
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About Orangewood Ambassadors

Ambassadors are philanthropic partners whose annual gifts of \$1,000 or more support the Foundation's efforts for Orange County's abused and neglected children. Ambassadors serve the Foundation not only as contributors but also as a voice in the community. By sharing their leadership and devotion to Orangewood's children, Ambassadors give our youth an even greater opportunity to soar.

The General William Lyon

CRYSTAL VISION PHILANTHROPY AWARD

The Orangewood Children's Foundation Ambassador Committee will present the sixth annual General William Lyon Crystal Vision Philanthropy Award in honor of General William Lyon. It was General Lyon's leadership that brought the community together to build the Orangewood Children's Home over twenty-five years ago. It has been his continued involvement that has presented a clear vision for the development and growth of Orangewood Children's Foundation.

The annual award is given to a worthy recipient who has given of their time and resources and who reflects the unending commitment to Orange County children that has been demonstrated by General Lyon. Past recipients have been Marian Bergeson, Tom Dobyms, Harry S. Rinker, Susan Samuelli and David Wilson.



2008 Award Recipients

TIM & MICHELE RYAN

About Orangewood Children's Foundation

Orangewood Children's Foundation is one of the leading providers of services to children in foster care. Through financial assistance, mentors, daily living skills workshops, transitional housing and college scholarships, we give these innocent victims of child abuse a second chance at happy, productive lives. Last year alone Orangewood scholarships helped 241 former foster children attend colleges and universities throughout the United States. Beyond our programs, for thousands of foster children Orangewood means "family," "opportunity" and "hope." With your help, Orangewood kids soar!