Garden Grove – Building on 60 Years of Success

Over the past 60 years, the City of Garden Grove has built a community ideally suited to thriving businesses. From geography to demographics to lifestyle, Garden Grove is home to more than 14,000 successful businesses.

Garden Grove Community

Adjacent to historic downtown Main Street and standing at the entrance to Garden Grove’s oldest park, the Village Green, the “Tower on the Green” clock tower symbolizes the proud spirit of Garden Grove’s community of nearly 175,000 residents.

According to a 2015 study by WalletHub.com, Garden Grove ranks among the Top 50 California cities for economic class diversity and among the Top 50 for ethnic-racial and linguistic diversity. It is among the county’s most ethnically-balanced communities, with a nearly equal percentage of Asian, Latino, and Caucasian residents. Garden Grove’s cohesive blend of cultures, languages, and ethnicities creates a rich employment pool to drive business innovation and success.

Education quality also contributes to Garden Grove’s dynamic workforce. All seven Garden Grove Unified School District comprehensive high schools are listed among the state and nation’s elite in rankings released by U.S. News & World Report magazine, and have earned full, 8-year accreditation from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. The district has made major investments in technology and school modernization.

Higher education opportunities abound at Coastline Community College, which offers A.A. degrees, professional certificates and the ability to transfer to a four-year university; likewise, California State University, Fullerton Garden Grove Center offers continuing professional development through the University’s Extended Education.

Geography

Strategically located in central Orange County, Garden Grove is within close proximity to major Orange and LA County attractions, beaches, airports, and freeways.

Grove District Anaheim Resort

Located within a walkable one-mile distance of the Disneyland Resort, the Grove District Anaheim Resort provides top-notch amenities to 45 million tourists who visit the area each year.

Through successful private/public partnerships, the City of Garden Grove has continued attracting new hotel developments to the area. The Grove District is home to 10 modern hotels, nationally recognized restaurants, and nearby world-class shopping and fine dining. With more than 3,600 hotel rooms, 105,000 square-feet of event space, and internationally-acclaimed hotel brands such as Hyatt, Marriott, Hilton and Wyndham, the Grove District Anaheim Resort offers an array of services and overnight options for travelers exploring the best of Southern California. Hotel shuttle services provide door-to-door service to major nearby attractions.

Further private/public development plans for the Grove District Anaheim Resort include more than 1,500 new hotel rooms, several themed restaurants and new entertainment venues. The City is working with developer Kari Sang Co. to soon become home to one of the first hotels in the United States associated with television giant Nickelodeon. The Nickelodeon Resort Hotel would be a 600-room, four-diamond resort on 2 acres with an expanded pool area. Potential tax revenue from the project is estimated to be $6 million to $8 million annually to the City.
Things to Do
One of the City’s biggest claims to fame is the annual Strawberry Festival, which debuted in 1958, and takes place over the 4-day Memorial Day weekend. The Strawberry Festival is the second largest community-sponsored event in the western U.S., second only to the Rose Parade. The festival features a star-studded parade and the world’s largest strawberry shortcake.

From free outdoor summer concerts and Friday night car shows, to live, outdoor Shakespeare performances and Ciclavia-type open street events, there’s always something to do in Garden Grove!

Flavors of Garden Grove
In addition to offering businesses a rich workforce, Garden Grove’s diverse demographics have resulted in a tapestry of ethnic neighborhoods where residents and visitors alike are immersed in authentic cultural sights, sounds and flavors.

Little Saigon, which straddles neighboring Westminster, is home to the largest population of Vietnamese, outside of Vietnam. Its roughly three square-miles are home to more than 4,000 Vietnamese-American businesses, including hundreds of shops and restaurants.

7 Leaves Café
Favorite food stops include:
- Garlic & Chives – one of the star attractions at the Mall of Fortune, this hot spot has been featured in Jonathan Gold’s L.A. Times reviews, and features gourmet Asian fusion cuisine with an expansive menu. Garlic & Chives, 9890 Westminster Ave., (714) 591-5196
- Brocading Restaurant – Revered as one of the most popular Vietnamese restaurants in Orange County, this is the place to go for famous spring rolls, as well as delectable pastries like the celebratory Moon Cakes eaten during festivals. Brocading Restaurant, 9892 Westminster Ave., (714) 530-1744
- 7 Leaves Café – A favorite on Yelp, this cheerful spot serves up coffee, tea and treats like Mung Bean Milk Tea and Sea Cream Jasmine Green Tea. 7 Leaves Café, 9786 Westminster Ave., (714) 590-2790; and 13481 Euclid St. (714) 534-7999
- Dong Loi – Seafood lovers will delight in this market, where ambitious cooks can find all manner of creatures from sea east and west. Offerings include giant freshwater head-on shrimp; live mussels in buckets; beautiful whole tilapia and striped bass; and live Dungeness crab and lobsters in tanks. Dong Loi Seafood, 13900 Brookhurst St., (714) 534-1410

Along the city’s namesake Garden Grove Boulevard is the Korean Business District, a Korean community known by some estimations as the second largest Korean business district in the nation. This area is home to more than 1,000 businesses serving Koreans and the local community, including insurance giant Chun-Ha Insurance Services, Inc.

The Korean Business District is likewise a major draw for hungry visitors and residents. From bibimbap (warm rice bowl) to Korean BBQ to naengmyun (buckwheat noodles), area restaurants serve up the many flavors of Korea. Here are some local favorites:
- Mo Ran Gak – a casual spot for Korean barbecue, this place ranks among the “must try” eateries for its flavorful meats, delicious noodles and friendly service. Mo Ran Gak, 9851 Garden Grove Blvd., (714) 678-1177
- Kaju Tofu Restaurant – a haven for vegetarians, this is also a popular late-night spot serving up soul-pleasing soups and an array of ban-chon (complimentary side dishes). Kaju Tofu Restaurant, 8695 Garden Grove Blvd., (714) 636-2849
- H-Mart – Cooks delight in the array of Korean food products on sale at this bustling super market. From traditional side dishes and meats to hard-to-find product to sweets and snacks, this place has it all. H-Mart, 8911 Garden Grove Blvd., (714) 534-4113

Garden Grove Industrial Area
Garden Grove is strategically located in Orange County enabling companies to serve both Orange and Los Angeles counties with ease. With convenient access to the Garden Grove (22) Freeway from most of the industrial base, the Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles are approximately 20 miles away. The city is also approximately 12 miles from Long Beach Airport and 15 miles from John Wayne Airport.

"With over 20 years of experience with Garden Grove, I have found the city to be very pro-business, as they have always embraced their manufacturing and distribution companies that are located in the city, not only with attracting new businesses, but making accommodations where they can to keep existing companies within the city," says Michael J. Bouma, SIOR, Senior Vice President Voit Real Estate Services.

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“Based on its close proximity to the ports, airports, retail support facilities, skilled labor base, executive and affordable housing, and pro-business city government, Garden Grove will continue to be an area of strong industrial tenant demand.” The current vacancy rate in Garden Grove is 1.52 percent, which is an all-time low, and currently the lowest vacancy in the western Orange County industrial market. The peak was in the third quarter of 2006 at 8.1 percent.

Another recognized landmark in Garden Grove is the glorious Christ Cathedral (formerly the Crystal Cathedral). The main structure stands as the world’s largest glass building and home to one of the world’s largest musical instruments, the Hazel Wright Memorial Organ. The building is currently undergoing a major renovation, and is expected to reopen in 2017 as the official seat of the Diocese of Orange.

**Garden Grove Business Spotlight**

“The City of Garden Grove has been a great partner for both of our dealerships helping make Garden Grove Kia and Garden Grove Hyundai national top ranking dealerships.”

-- Jared Hardin, owner Garden Grove Kia and Garden Grove Hyundai

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-- Charles Lee, owner Garden Grove Plaza H-Mart Center

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For more information and other development opportunities in Garden Grove, contact Greg Blodgett, Senior Project Manager for the City of Garden Grove, at (714) 741-5124 or greg1@ci.garden-grove.ca.us.
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For 60 years, Garden Grove, Calif. has served as home to one of the most iconic and influential religious ministries in the world. It was 1955 when Rev. Robert H. Schuller climbed atop the snack bar of the Orange Drive-In Theater in Garden Grove to lead his first drive-in church service. There were approximately 50 people in attendance, his wife played the organ, the choir was borrowed from a nearby church and the pulpit, altar and adorning cross all were handmade by Rev. Schuller himself. Growth of the small gathering was exponential and soon became Garden Grove Community Church, which boasted thousands of local congregants, and, in 1970, became the first nationally televised church service as the Hour of Power.

As the size of the congregation grew, so did the need for a new sanctuary. Ten years after the first episode of Hour of Power aired, Dr. Schuller, along with his family and friends, welcomed nearly 3,000 people to the dedication of the Crystal Cathedral. Since then, the building – an architectural masterpiece designed by F.A.I.A Gold Medalist Philip Johnson – has served as a Garden Grove landmark, an iconic symbol of hope to millions of people around the world and the birthplace of a thriving international ministry.

This ministry and its legacy have always been much more than a building, though. Through teachings on “possibility thinking” and the redemptive power of God’s love, Dr. Schuller was known internationally as a beacon of positivity, innovation, hope and love. Though Dr. Schuller passed away in 2015, this legacy now continues through a local church with a global mission.

“We’ve always had a posture of focusing outward toward hurting people, which began with my grandpa,” said Bobby Schuller, Dr. Schuller’s grandson and current leader of the ministry. “He was an innovator and ministry pioneer, and under his leadership, our church helped launch the megachurch movement and television evangelism. He knew the power television would have in bringing the Gospel message from a church in Garden Grove to people around the world.”

For more than 35 years, millions of people have received God’s love and hope by watching Hour of Power on television. Though the ministry has gone through several changes during this time – including naming Schuller as leader and renaming the church Shepherd’s Grove – the mission of the ministry has remained unchanged for six decades: to bring God’s love to the world.

“There are hurting hearts around the world that need healing, lost minds that need direction and thirsty souls that need satisfying,” said Schuller. “Shepherd’s Grove is uniquely designed to meet these needs; we are a local church of missionaries who desire to bring dignity and discipleship to those outside the church.”

Just as in its early days, the Garden Grove-based church continues to grow on a local level and will add a third worship service this summer.

“We’re so excited to see the continued growth of the local church and can’t wait to see how God uses our third service,” said Chad Blake, executive pastor of Shepherd’s Grove. “We hope God continues to use this church as a place for our community to gather to receive a refreshing encounter with God and people. It’s our goal to be a welcoming, loving and nurturing place for everyone, and we aim to create happy students of Jesus who treat others with love and dignity.”

As “happy students of Jesus,” the Shepherd’s Grove community is committed to bringing God’s love and dignity to the world. Just as his grandfather did years ago, Schuller brings this message and mission beyond the walls of the church by telecasting services on two programs: the 60-minute Hour of Power with Bobby Schuller and 30-minute Bobby Schuller.

The programs, which together boast more than 1 million viewers domestically and more than 2 million internationally, broadcast on national networks, including Freeform and Trinity Broadcasting Network, as well as local station affiliates, like KCAL 9, in several states across the U.S. Shepherd’s Grove worship services also are now available every day on the recently launched Hillsong Channel – a first in the ministry’s history.

“Our recent expansion on Hillsong Channel is a tremendous opportunity to share the Gospel with even more people around the world,” said Russ Jacobson, executive pastor and chief operating officer for the ministry. “Serving our brothers and sisters in other nations is incredibly important to us. This is why we are so proud of the work our international offices are doing in the name of Jesus.”

International ministry offices are located in seven countries – Australia, Canada, Germany, Hong Kong, the Netherlands, New Zealand and Switzerland – and support and foster the local church’s global reach by making Hour of Power with Bobby Schuller available to viewers in those countries.

Though the ministry already has a broad local and global reach, it seems it is just getting started.

“It’s always our goal to reach more people with the message that we love them, God loves them and that they are valued just as they are,” said Schuller. “We are committed to bringing this message to the world and will continue seeking more resources – both locally and globally – to do so. As an organization, we have, and always will, foster a culture of ingenuity, innovation and collaboration. We are constantly looking for new and unique ways to reach people wherever they are – whether here in Garden Grove or across the globe.”

Shepherd’s Grove hosts two worship services every Sunday – a traditional service at 9:25 am featuring classical hymns, an orchestra and choir, and a contemporary service at 11:15 am with modern music led by a worship band. For church service times, television listings for Hour of Power with Bobby Schuller, or for more information about Shepherd’s Grove, visit shepherdsgrove.org, call 714.971.4001 or email info@shepherdsgrove.org. Additional media inquiries may be sent directly to melanie.vogel@hourofpower.org.
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HAPPY AND WHOLE STUDENTS OF JESUS
McWhinney, Great Wolf Resorts and the city of Garden Grove unveiled Southern California’s splashiest and newest hospitality destination in February 2016. Located on Harbor Blvd., just two miles south of Disneyland and the Anaheim Convention Center, it is the perfect location for families traveling to Southern California. While the project broke ground in 2014, the vision to develop a new indoor waterpark resort to help revitalize Garden Grove, began more than a decade ago when public and private sectors came together to discuss the city’s current offerings, development opportunities, and potential plans for future growth and increased tourism to ultimately help generate new revenue for the city.

In 2009, a joint public/private venture was formed with Garden Grove and industry leaders, McWhinney and Great Wolf Resorts. Together, the project partners planned to successfully open Southern California’s only indoor waterpark resort, a 600,000-square-foot destination, on time and under budget. During the two-year construction period, more than 2,800 construction jobs were created. To date, the waterpark resort employs 790 pack members to operate the full-service resort.

California’s First Indoor Waterpark Resort Opens Its Doors in Garden Grove
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Guest favorite, the “Howlin’ Tornado” – a prominent red and yellow funnel structure noticeable from Harbor Boulevard – is a six-story massive slide that sends riders sliding up the attraction’s steep walls before an exciting splash landing in the catch pool below. “Great Wolf Lodge Southern California is a complete resort destination experience. The resort has strong appeal for local families looking for a staycation getaway, as well as to those traveling to Southern California to experience the many famous attractions in the area,” commented Phil Cunningham, General Manager, Great Wolf Lodge Southern California.

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The acquisition of Crystal Cathedral was a providential response to the needs of our Church of Orange. Thanks to the generosity of more than 24,000 donors, Christ Cathedral campus has quickly become a beautiful, updated, and vibrant center for our Diocese. Christ Cathedral’s 34 acre campus is a beacon of Christ’s light that shines on more than 11,000 attendees of weekend Mass, the poor and homeless who are fed and clothed by our outreach ministries, the oppressed and the depressed who call our suicide hotline through New Hope Ministries, the hundreds of students of Christ Cathedral Academy, and the thousands of pilgrims who are drawn to the world renowned icon that was once called Crystal Cathedral.

Beyond caring for the temporal needs of the poor, the Christ Cathedral campus uplifts the spirit of all who spend time here and allows them to connect to the divine through art – whether architecture, music, drama or the liturgy.

The beautifully renovated Arboretum has won numerous architectural awards and has become a spiritual home on the campus. Ten weekend Masses for Christ Cathedral parish, celebrated in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese, bring together a vibrant congregation of more than 11,000 parishioners. The Tower of Hope, once the tallest building in Orange County, has become a major intersection of faith and culture by virtue of its tenants. In addition to Christ Cathedral Parish offices, the Tower houses New Hope Ministries, the first ever 24-hour suicide prevention hotline operated under the auspices of Catholic Charities of Orange County. Immaculate Heart Radio has a presence, as well as EWTN Global Catholic Network that has its West Coast television news and broadcast studio here. A unique opportunity was established for worldwide Catholic ministries to have executive offices on the same floor of the Tower. These include Dynamic Catholic, the Augustine Institute, and the Magis Institute. The top floor features the 130-seat ecumenical Robert H. Schuler Chapel in the Sky, with a breathtaking panoramic view of Orange County.

The Diocese of Orange Pastoral Center and Christ Cathedral Academy are located in one remarkable 4-story building. Christ Cathedral Academy, a Catholic preschool to grade 8, state of the art educational facility is housed on the first and second floors. The third and fourth floor houses the offices of the Most Reverend Bishop Kevin Vann, the ministries of the diocese, and the Orange Catholic Foundation.

Memorial Gardens is a magnificent, ecumenical, inspirational, garden-like cemetery. This picturesque cemetery offers traditional lawn burial and wall crypts in its mausoleum.

The Christ Cathedral Sanctuary level is presently under renovation. The initial phase includes the restoration of 10,600 window frames. Construction on the interior of the Sanctuary is scheduled to begin in early 2017 and will conclude by the end of 2018.

Christ Cathedral campus tours originate from the Cathedral Cultural Center and begin with the exhibit, “Becoming Christ Cathedral: Faith and Transformation.” The Cathedral Cultural Center is a welcoming facility that includes a 300 seat theater and magnificent reception area named The Atrium.

The Orange Catholic Foundation

For more information on Christ Cathedral, visit ChristCathedralCalifornia.org
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• 5k, 1k and Rosary Walk: 6:30-9:00 a.m.
• 40th Anniversary Outdoor Mass: 9:30-11:00 a.m.
• Special Presentations in the Fried Theater: 10:00-5:00 p.m.
• Speakers: Father Robert Spitzer, S.J., Dr. Tim Gray, and others
• Christ Fest - 40th Anniversary Music Festival: 3:00-9:00 p.m. (Ticketed event)
• Headliners: Matt Maher, Colton Dixon, Phil Wickham, Andy Mineo & Jordan Feliz
• Family friendly games, rides, etc: 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
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Key to This Agency’s Success? Old School Meets New Technology

There is a saying: “The more things change, the more they stay the same.” For Joe Jimenez, CEO of CSIS Insurance, this saying couldn’t ring more true. Joe, who is a bit of a rogue in the insurance industry (and he wouldn’t have it any other way), has seen his fair share of change since he entered the insurance business in 1985. He’s done battle in the insurance arena long before the era of faxes, email, cell phones and even the Internet. But what brands him as the rogue is his steadfast fight to make sure one thing NEVER changes in the face of all this technology. More on that later.

You see, just like so many other industries in the past several years, technology, in particular online e-commerce, has transformed the face of how the insurance business is run with a steady progression of changes and innovations. “The insurance industry is no different,” explains Joe. “Going paperless, online quotes, claims handled over the Internet by specialized teams and other technologies have had sweeping changes on our industry. In addition, there is a controversial flirtation with moving away from independent agents as technology marches and pushes the industry toward the completely online agency and selling insurance direct.”

What has made Joe as successful as he has been — he has grown his business from a family-owned single office to seven offices across Southern California — is his ability to stay on the cutting-edge of many of these new innovations and technologies as they are introduced. “We were one of the first offices to go paperless,” explains Joe. “I can’t tell you how many paper shredders we’ve gone through in our quest to go paperless. We also were quick to harness the incredible benefits of ‘real time’ processing of information from the carriers, too. I can remember before faxes, before pagers and before emails. I can’t believe the incredible benefits of ‘real time’ processing of information from the carriers, too. I can remember before faxes, before pagers and before emails. I can’t believe how we did business without them, but we did!”

But where Joe takes on the rogue identity is his steadfast bucking of an industry trend of separating the sales process from the service process. “I see the trends,” Joe adds, “but I talk to my clients all the time and that’s the one thing they tell me why they stay on with us.”

What makes CSIS special is how they have turned technology and innovations into service enhancers, instead of letting innovations and technology breakthroughs become the facilitators of the demise of one-to-one personal service. “We empower our team so they can be more efficient at both the sales end and the service end,” explains Joe. “We treat every client like family, and they remain loyal and refer their friends and keep all the members of the family’s insurance needs under our roof because of that.”

Perhaps the reason customers feel like family is that CSIS is, for the large part, a family-run business, employing his brothers, sisters, cousins and even his own children. Jimenez started in the business at the bottom as a sales rep when he was invited to work at his future wife’s parents’ agency. Joe was hungry and rose up the ranks, eventually buying the agency from his in-laws. Under his watch, the agency has grown to seven locations, with the main office in Garden Grove.

Despite the inclusion of all the latest technologies, Joe instills in his team to interact with the clients and prospects as if they were a mom and pop business down the street. He explains, “we’re really still operating in the old-fashioned mode of dealing with one client at a time, but doing it in a new-fashioned way, thanks to technology. Insurance marketing is still all about relationships and good service. We can never forget that. The key is communication. Technology just allows us to communicate more efficiently.”

What started out as an affordable agency with a niche focus of providing affordable insurance to college students has blossomed into a full-service agency handling every insurance need from auto to health to home to even business insurance under Joe’s watch. “Many of our clients had graduated and started families of their own,” Joe points out. “We’ve continued to handle their insurance needs and are now handling the needs of second- and even third-generation clients. While it may be the affordable coverage that brings them to our agency, it’s the service that keeps families coming back,” he adds proudly. “It even applies to our business insurance book of business. Everyone appreciates that one-to-one attention and having a familiar face and voice when an insurance need arises.”

Joe Jimenez is a man on a mission. His goal? First, permanently set up camp on the cutting-edge when it comes to new technology that affect the insurance industry. Second, don’t let that modernization undermine his rather “old school” service philosophy. In fact, his goal is to harness that technology to provide even more human, one-to-one service and attention.

For more information, contact Joe Jimenez at joe@csisinsurance.com.
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The RIGHT Decision?
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The HUMAN Factor? Yeah, Right.
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A park. A gym. Two completely separate cultures and demographics come to mind— but an Orange County company is starting to change that. Greenfields Outdoor Fitness, designer, manufacturer and distributor of outdoor fitness equipment, knows that the best place to get fit is in the great outdoors. To date, the company has installed dozens of outdoor gyms in Orange County, with more in the works.

Garden Grove, one of the earliest to see the potential in the idea, recently was awarded a Go Greenfields Grant to install its latest outdoor gym, this one in Garden Grove Park.

John Montanchez, community services manager for the city of Garden Grove, has seen the positive impact that a fitness zone can have on a neighborhood. "The community feedback has been that the equipment is very durable, and they really enjoy the low-impact pieces," he said.

The city's biggest installation yet, the upcoming Garden Grove Park installation will boast 15 fitness units, including a leg press, butterfly press and accessible chest press.

A champion of bringing fitness to as many individuals as possible—regardless of age, disability or fitness level—Greenfields first debuted wheelchair-accessible equipment in 2012, and has since installed these unique apparatuses in outdoor gyms all over North America and beyond. The Signature Accessible line is endorsed by U.S. Paralympian Jen French, who uses the equipment near her home in Florida.

"The Signature Accessible units allow wheelchair users to exercise alongside their able-bodied friends, family, and colleagues, and enjoy fitness just like anyone else would," says French.

In addition to the unique accessible component, the fitness zones are also noted for their strong social aspect. According to Greenfields, the goal is to minimize excuses used to avoid exercising, achieved by making fitness unintimidating and enjoyable for someone who might not feel comfortable at a private indoor gym.

Across Orange County, Garden Grove and many other cities have seen parents, grandparents, teens, siblings, and friends enjoying the benefits of fitness together in a relaxing and invigorating outdoor setting. The low-impact nature of the equipment makes it appealing to seniors; challenging static units, such as dip bars and pull-up stations, appeal to athletes and fitness enthusiasts; and the Professional Series, which incorporates adjustable resistance, enjoy a universal appeal.

Anaheim-based Greenfields says it has seen a wide variety of public and private spaces utilized and repurposed for its gyms. Tennis courts, shuffleboard courts, parking lots, outdated playgrounds and more have provided canvases that planners have repurposed in exciting new ways. A shuffleboard court at the Westminster Senior Center was transformed into an outdoor gym in 2009 and continues to enjoy heavy use by those in the area.

With hundreds of installations across North America and beyond, Greenfields Outdoor Fitness has forged a reputation for durable equipment, personalized service, and a commitment to excellence. As Greenfields approaches its 10th anniversary milestone in January 2017, the goal remains a simple one: to continue pursuing its mission of “Promoting Wellness and Fighting Obesity One Community at a Time.”

For more information, contact Greenfields Outdoor Fitness at 888.315.9037 or info@greenfieldsfitness.com. Visit greenfieldsfitness.com.
Turner Construction Company Is Breaking New Ground in Hospitality Construction

With its booming convention and tourism business, Southern California has become a key economic engine for the state and West Coast as a whole. Already home to some of the largest convention centers on the West Coast, theme parks, and famous beaches, cities throughout Southern California are taking a proactive approach in an increasingly competitive market by moving to expand and refurbish the hospitality industry.

Tourism is not seasonal in Southern California; vacationers visit our cities year-round, meaning cities need to constantly invest in hospitality to remain competitive. At Turner, we have witnessed firsthand the increased demand for more conference and exhibit space, and have provided a wide range of services for numerous hospitality projects throughout the Southland, including Garden Grove’s own Great Wolf Lodge and Resort.

Turner is breaking new ground in hospitality construction. Currently, Turner is building the Wilshire Grand Center, soon to be the tallest building west of the Mississippi, which will serve as a model for hospitality in Southern California and bolster the economy by infusing more than $1 billion into the Los Angeles economy. Additionally, the recently completed Great Wolf Lodge is Southern California’s first indoor water park. Attractions like Great Wolf Lodge and the Wilshire Grand will continue to attract visitors for generations and grow tourism throughout Southern California.

Turner is pleased to help lead the way, not only in hospitality development, but in our shared work cementing the cities we have worked in as destinations for visitors from across the country and around the world. As home to some of the most famous vacation locations in the West, we must remain competitive and invest in the trade and exhibition industry, which has contributed directly to our local economy and bolstered our hospitality sector.

Each city in our region has an opportunity to jump on the boom in tourism and create revenue and jobs for their residents. Southern California cities have the luxury of being a freeway ride away from the next big attraction and working in tandem to create a multitude of tourism options benefits everyone. An investment in the industry is an investment in the region’s promising future and will solidify Southern California as a leader in tourism and hospitality.

For more information, please contact Turner Construction Co. at 714.940.9000 or visit www.turnerconstruction.com.

School’s Out, Jobs In
How to help your teen land a summer job

School’s out for summer. Alice Cooper laid down those lyrics more than four decades ago, but the routine for teens everywhere is very much the same. Finish your finals. Celebrate. Look for a summer job.

If your teen has yet to find employment, this is about the time of year that you — and they — start to get a little nervous. No need. According to job board website SnagaJob, the market is better than it’s been in years. Nearly 4.5 million teens were employed this March, the most since 2009. And that number is only expected to increase as summer rolls around.

Whether your teens are on the hunt because they need to make a quick buck, build their resume or both, they still need a strategy. Kim Costa, job search coach at SnagaJob, and James K. Pedderson, director of public relations at Challenger Grey & Christmas, an executive search firm, offer this advice.

Cast a wide net: According to Costa, jobs this summer are supposed to increase across all industries — hot spots include retail shopping and food service, in addition to the traditional seasonal jobs. These types of jobs place a premium on customer service, which is a skill that looks great on a resume no matter where your teen decides to take his or her career after graduation.

Make an impression: Today, so much of the hiring process takes place online that it’s easy to forget the value of connecting face-to-face. Instead of browsing online classifieds, they should visit stores and restaurants that are hiring. Even when applications are made online, Costa recommends following up in person 3 to 5 days later.

Don’t sweat the experience: Finally, it pays to tell your kids that you understand getting that first job can be intimidating. The good news: Costa says that employers are more interested in a positive attitude than they are in previous experience. A friendly smile and can-do attitude go a long way.

For more information, contact the Credit Union of Southern California at 866.287.6225 or visit CUSoCal.org.
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The resort is committed to sourcing local fresh food options. Throughout the
day, guests can choose from a variety of themed eateries from wood-fired pizza
to salad, seafood and smoked ribs, all served throughout the resort’s seven on-
site dining outlets. Guests can choose from buffet-style, quick-serve and
full-service restaurant experiences, all under the resort’s one roof.

The fun at Great Wolf Lodge extends beyond the waterpark and offers many
“dry” attractions and activities throughout the resort halls. The Main Street
includes a wide variety of entertainment options and experiences complete with
the Ten Paw Alley miniature bowling alley; a create-your-own character plush
animal shop; Scoops Kid Spa; a 24-hour Northern Lights Arcade; Howl at the
Moon glow-in-the-dark miniature golf; Howlywood XD Theater; Laser Frenzy; and
the popular MagiQuest. Great Wolf Lodge’s exclusive live action interactive game
which uses magic wands throughout the resort as players seek to become a
Master Magi. A 24-hour fitness center is also available.

Additional on-site activities include a full array of complimentary activities for
children. The morning “Wake Up with Wiley and Friends” program includes the
ever-popular Yoga Tails class, and the Wolf Walk around the lobby. Children’s
crafts, dance parties, games and more take place throughout each day to keep
everyone engaged and entertained.

After a fun-filled day at the waterpark, guests unwind and gather in front of the
lobby’s fireplace for evening Story Time, a brand favorite, before returning to
cozy cabin-themed suites to enjoy a good night’s rest before starting a new
adventure the next day. A destination designed for multigenerational families, the
resort has several suite accommodations to pick from and can sleep up to eight
guests, with a second bedroom and bathroom. All suites come equipped with a
complimentary microwave, refrigerator and coffee maker, as well. Great Wolf
Lodge caters to families traveling with small children by offering a Diaper Den
program, which includes a complimentary package of swim diapers and in room
Pack ‘n Plays® and Diaper Genies® to parents with young children.

In addition to the on-site accommodations and entertainment offerings,
corporate clients find Great Wolf Lodge Southern California as the perfect place
to host groups and meetings. The full-service conference center features 20,000
square feet of flexible meeting space, 12 separate and configurable rooms, a
dedicated group entrance, built-in audio/video technology and custom catering
options.

Providing a full destination experience, Great Wolf Lodge Southern California is
more than just an indoor waterpark. Chad McWhinney, Chief Executive Officer
and Co-Founder at McWhinney shares, “Great Wolf Lodge has the best of
everything, all under one roof. Resort guests do not want to leave. Together, we
have built a true one-stop destination in Garden Grove unlike anything else in the
region.”

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McWhinney and Great Wolf Lodge Southern California are proud partners of
Garden Grove and extend their wishes as the city celebrates 25 years of success
in creating a great place to live, stay, play and work.

On behalf of the entities that came together to make this project possible,
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PROJECT – 942,810 total square feet (Waterpark, Hotel and Parking)
SIZE – 13 Acres
WATERSLIDES – 15 unique water park attractions
4,000 feet (length of 13 football fields)
TEMPERATURE – 84 degrees
JOBS – 790 Pack Members
WATER – 565,000 Gallons of constantly recirculated water
MINUTES FOR THE BUCKET TO FILL – 3 minutes before the giant splash
RESORT – #13 for Great Wolf Lodge
HOSPITALITY PROJECTS – #11 for McWhinney
Paradise Construction Congratulates Garden Grove

On behalf of Paradise Construction, we would like to congratulate the city of Garden Grove on celebrating its 60 years of Pride and Progress.

Our team here at Paradise Construction Inc. has more than 30 years of experience in the commercial and industrial tenant and capital improvement industries. We currently employ more than 25 in-house employees performing demolition, drywall, ceiling, electrical, painting and clean-up services. Our team also includes a group of sub-contractors to perform HVAC, electrical, roofing, plumbing, fire life safety, concrete and exterior door/window repair/replacement.

Paradise Construction was formed in 2001 in order to provide a higher level of service to our customers, streamlining overhead and to provide a better environment for our employees, management companies, owners, and many of their tenants and referrals.

Our business has been built on referrals and over the years, we have developed a strong business relationship with a majority of our clients, and in our 15 years of business, we have created a solid network of customers.

Paradise Construction is proud to be a part of the Garden Grove community – celebrating our 15th year in the city and as a long-standing member of the Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce.

We have long-term relationships in our industry and are committed to meeting and exceeding our clients’ expectations. With that, we would like to thank our employees, clients and vendors – without them we would not be the long-standing company we are today.

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Thomas House has continued its excellent standard of service as it strives to provide a safe, supportive environment and the resources necessary for homeless families with children to remain together while empowering them to become independent and self-sufficient. Through the years, more than 90% of Thomas House families have found full-time employment and permanent housing.

There are many more homeless families in Orange County who need support. As long as the need exists, the board, staff and volunteers of Thomas House are committed to making a difference. We need your help to ensure that the families and children we serve have the opportunity to thrive. Consider making a donation or giving of your time and resources to support our mission.

Contact Natalie Julien, Executive Director, at 714.554.0357 or natalie@thomashouseshelter.org.

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