



## **THE RAISE FOUNDATION GALA EVENT — OCTOBER 18**

**Funds Raised Will Support Much Needed Services Aimed at Promoting Strong Families and Stopping the Cycle of Child Abuse in Orange County**

The Raise Foundation, Orange County's official child abuse prevention council, announced today that it will host its annual Gala Dinner event on October 18, 2008 at the Fairmont Hotel in Newport Beach. This year's event honorees will be **Marian Bergeson**, former California Secretary of Education, State Senator and Assemblywoman, and **Michael Riley, Ph.D.**, chief deputy director of the Orange County Social Services Agency. Proceeds raised from the dinner event and auction will help fund major capital projects for the Foundation, including a Mobile Family Resource Service Center, The Raise Foundation's "Parents Guide Book," as well as ongoing programs and initiatives to fight child abuse throughout Orange County.

**Tickets for the Gala event are \$175. The Raise Foundation is also accepting auction donations and other financial assistance or donations to the event. To purchase tickets, make a donation or find out more about The Raise Foundation's services, contact Kristen Jefferson at (949) 955-1578 or visit [www.theraisefoundation.org](http://www.theraisefoundation.org).**

*The Raise Foundation is a private non-profit 501(c)3 agency and Orange County's official child abuse coalition. The Raise Foundation a collaborative partner in seven family resource centers throughout the county that provide services to at-risk families. Services include parent education, WIC assistance, counseling, family advocacy, and other support. Initially incorporated as The Child Abuse Council of Orange County in 1987, The Raise Foundation was founded to prevent child abuse and help others prevent child abuse through building better stronger, more self-sufficient families. In 2007 alone, the Raise Foundation provided services to nearly 20,000 families in Orange County. Russell Brammer, Executive Director. 17875 Sky Park Circle, Suite D1, Irvine, CA 92614. Ph: 949.955.1578 Fax: 949.955.1592 Web: [www.theraisefoundation.org](http://www.theraisefoundation.org)*