

New video plus, how much do you know about Children's Hospital of Orange County?

I'm putting a lot of work recently into my videos for OC Family and I'm having a blast making them and I'm getting to meet some incredible Orange County people in the process. In this new one from CHOC Night at the Honda Center I worked with the ever-patient Bryce from Post Fifth Pictures for the new intro & the shooting and editing. I really feel like the look and the feeling of these segments are coming together. With every new one, I get more excited about the series.

Take a look...there are some shots from the Ducks locker room where a CHOC Patient and his family gets to meet some of the players. So great. I tried to make the piece fun and light to capture the feeling of the night. We also tried mixing my FLIP footage with the other camera footage.

And speaking of meeting incredible OC People, Pam De Jong, who is CHOC's Marketing Manager, is a friend of mine and fellow blogger. A few days ago Pam took me on a tour of Children's Hospital of Orange County and I was, to say the very least, astonished at the amount of work CHOC does for our community and our children.

Like most Orange County-ians, I wasn't crystal clear on why CHOC was having to raise money. In my (*small*) mind a hospital is supported by its patients and the insurance companies that pay them. CHOC is actually a non-profit. I feel a little stupid even admitting that, but it's not a world I think of very often because my children haven't need anything more than stitches there.

Did you know that CHOC NEVER turns away a child? Ever! Did you

know that 60% of the kids they treat don't have medical insurance? They spent over \$190,000,000 last year on treating kids for everything from cancer to broken arms. Did you know that CHOC is Orange County's ONLY all Children's hospital—treating kids from birth to age 21? CHOC saw 200,000 kids come through their doors last year and treated each one, again, regardless of whether the family was able to pay.

After my tour I told Pam I felt overwhelmed and a little silly not knowing the impact CHOC had on our community. She said I was like a lot of people, "They don't really know about CHOC until they need it."

Well, I'm joining Pam in helping to change that, stay tuned! More to come. I'm not being overly dramatic (who, me?) when I say I believe CHOC is one of Orange County's greatest resources.

The Anaheim Ducks organization has figured this out already and have partnered with CHOC in fundraising and building their own wing. I snapped these photos when I was walking through with Pam. Again, hockey players (and their wives) they're the best...

