

Ojai Valley News: Mar 2, 2023 – 150-plus Celebrate Grand Opening



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The grand opening for Nate's Place, A Wellness and Recovery Center, named for Nordhoff High School graduate Nathan Rhoades, was packed Feb. 23 with volunteers, friends, family and city, county and state officials, celebrating the accomplishment of Nate's parents, Larry and Heidi Rhoades, to honor the memory of their son and help young people struggling with life challenges or recovering from substance abuse.

Their 21-year-old son passed away in January 2022, following a traffic collision. His organs were donated and have saved the lives of several people, some of whom Nate's parents have met.

Cutting the ribbon are Nathan Rhoades' parents, Larry and Heidi Rhoades, and Nate's uncle, Steve Lieberman, at the grand opening of Nate's Place, A Wellness and Recovery Center, at 3840 Channel Islands Blvd., Oxnard, on Feb. 23.



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Actor and musician Emily Ricks, left, and Autumn Rojelio, who was Nathan Rhoades' girlfriend, visit at Nate's Place grand opening in Oxnard on Feb. 23. Pictured behind them is Nate's former classmate, Chance Kelejian of Ojai.