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Local Entertainment Venue Donates Over \$10,000 to Oakland Nonprofits
plank Celebrates Fifth Anniversary by Giving Back to the Community

OAKLAND (November 7, 2019) – Oakland’s premier entertainment destination, [plank](#), in [Jack London Square](#), celebrated its fifth anniversary in October by giving back to the community. The Anniversary of Giving is a tradition *plank* started in 2015 (its first anniversary) to support the Oakland community. Every Sunday in October, *plank* donated a portion of revenues to local nonprofits. This year *plank* donated over \$10,000 to [Youth Alive](#), [East Bay SPCA](#), [Covenant House California \(Oakland Chapter\)](#) and [Arts for Oakland Kids](#).

“Being rooted in the Oakland community and supporting the local nonprofits is very important to us,” said Jorge Garcia, general manager at *plank*. “While food, drinks and entertainment are our business, charitable giving and supporting these valuable organizations is one of our top priorities.”

During October, each nonprofit was presented with a separate check donation and a grand total of over \$10,000 was raised throughout the month. Oakland Mayor Libby Schaaf visited *plank* on Sunday, October 20, to celebrate the Anniversary of Giving and greet *plank* staff and nonprofit representatives.

Each nonprofit fills a unique need within the Oakland community. *Youth Alive* helps violently wounded people heal themselves and their community. As mentors, youth leaders, counselors, case managers, intervention specialists and violence interrupters, *Youth Alive* has worked to prevent violence and shape young leaders since 1991.

The *East Bay SPCA* has been an innovator in animal welfare since 1874. The nonprofit strives to eliminate animal cruelty, neglect and overpopulation by providing programs and education to support people and companion animals.

Covenant House California provides sanctuary and support for youth ages 18-24 facing homelessness and human trafficking. They have three locations in Oakland, Los Angeles and Berkeley, and serve more than 3,200 youth annually.

Arts for Oakland Kids works to enhance the lives of Oakland students by funding arts education in the city’s most under-resourced schools. Since 1996, they have reached 20,000 kids in 80 public schools and awarded over \$625,000 to artists/teachers for 150 arts programs.

plank has 18 state-of-the-art bowling lanes, three bocce ball courts in the beer garden, an extensive arcade and a menu filled with delicious food and drinks. It is located at 98 Broadway in Oakland. For more information visit plankoakland.com or like them on Facebook at facebook.com/plank-oakland.

About *plank*

plank is more than just a bowling alley. With bocce ball courts, an arcade, a billiards room and a beer garden, *plank* has everything for a fun night out. Located in a picturesque setting, overlooking the waterfront, *plank* is certain to be a unique Oakland experience whether you’re with your friends, business associates or family, with over 50,000 square feet of indoor/outdoor space.

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