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FIRST GRANT FROM LOCAL FOUNDATION HELPS YOUNG SINGLE MOTHER KEEP HOME

Brotherhood of the Leaf Furthers Mission of Assisting Neighbors in Acute Financial Crises

San Juan Capistrano, CA. January, 20, 2026 – With only a couple of days to spare, The Brotherhood of the Leaf (BOTL), a new Orange County based charitable foundation, kept a young mother of two from being evicted from her home. BOTL paid three-fourths of the outstanding rent balance. The mother, whose name is withheld to protect her privacy, had saved up the rest.

“We’ve been looking for our first opportunity to make an impact,” said John Fiore, treasure of BOTL, who discovered the recipient’s need through outreach to the Mission Basilica Food Pantry in San Juan Capistrano. “This situation fit in well with our mission. We want to assist Orange County residents who are facing one-time, acute financial crises that left unresolved could have devastating consequences.”

“There are a lot of other non-profit and government programs for folks who are ‘in the system.’ We want to do what we can when we can to provide swift, compassionate assistance to help keep our neighbors from becoming part of the system,” said Fiore.

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The Brotherhood of the Leaf Foundation was created in mid-2025 by the founding members of The Winston's Club, a private cigar lounge and bar in San Juan Capistrano. Initial fundraising was through dues paid to become a member of The BOTL. Since then, the foundation has conducted multiple auctions and raffles of donated items to bolster its giving ability. Its biggest fundraiser to date will be held June 5 when it hosts a charity golf tournament at Arroyo Trabuco Golf Club.

For more information on The BOTL go to: www.thebrotherhoodoftheleaf.org or email: info@thebrotherhoodoftheleaf.org.

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