

## Elizabeth A. Orozco

**Elizabeth Orozco** is an individual with a deep passion for helping others and through her efforts countless individuals have benefited from her dedication, generosity, and personal example. Elizabeth was born on July 23, 1955, in Ciudad Juarez Mexico. She attended school in El Paso, Texas and later moved to Southern California where she graduated from high school in San Pedro. After attending Marymount College in Palos Verdes, CA, she moved to South Orange County where she graduated from Saddleback College in Mission Viejo, CA with a Business Administration, Fashion and Public Relations Degree. Elizabeth entered the professional world by working for a financial institution, project management of a construction and development companies. She also has experience in the financial and legal fields.

Elizabeth has the ability to spearhead and foster philanthropy and fundraising within organizations, while maintaining accountability and compliance standards for donors and funding sources. She is highly skilled in attracting donors and volunteers as well as building support from local, state, and federal elected officials to achieve total community involvement.

From 1997 to 2005, she owned and operated Elizabeth's Image, an Image Consulting firm. In conjunction from 2000 to 2005, Elizabeth represented American Legal Centre firm as Public Relations specialist. From 2000 to 2007, Elizabeth provided her public relations skills and knowledge completely pro-bono by spearheading and coordinating conferences and educational programs for local governmental officials and Congress of the United States House Assembly Representatives, as well as the Consul of Mexico in the City of Santa Ana. In addition to these positions, along with her husband Miguel Orozco, she owned and operated a retail flower store and Café Toscana in the city of Santa Ana.

Through a combination of all her professional and civic accomplishments in 2005 and 2006, Elizabeth was voted one of the most influential first One Hundred Latina Professionals that have impacted Orange County.

In taking time off to raise her daughter Yesenia Monett and caring for nephew Carlos Adrian, Elizabeth became involved in various community, church and social organizations dedicated to assisting others in need. It was then that she truly discovered the meaning of the phrase ***"It is in giving that we receive."*** Her most recent endeavours, however, have been most rewarding.

*Yesenia's Dream Dress Drive* ~ a subdivision of *Yesenia's Humanitarian Foundation* (YHF), was the idea of her daughter Yesenia, to collect formal dress gowns, shoes and accessories and donate them to female high school seniors with limited financial means, so that they could enjoy a memorable graduation prom. Elizabeth made it her primary goal to see Yesenia's dream and Legacy come true. She put all her energy into this project and received recognition on local television stations and newspapers. As a result, more than 2,000 young women have been able to attend their graduation prom. Elizabeth is currently leading Yesenia's Humanitarian Foundation.

In January of 2007 Yesenia and Elizabeth were advocates of cultural and ambassadors to her father's native country Ecuador, donating gifts to 230 children and provided food and comfort to the elderly in the City of Ambato. Currently, Elizabeth's YHF organization, leads Financial Literacy classes in various communities throughout Orange County, California to teenagers ages 14 to 19 years old. In 2022, YHF celebrated it's 14 years anniversary, and continuous to be a yearly commitment to Jr. and High School OC communities.

Elizabeth's other civic activities include being a Board Member of The American Red Cross, Orange County Chapter. She has held membership in the Financial Women International Organization, National Latina Businesswomen Association, and the Orange Coast Christian Outreach. One of Elizabeth's deep interests is promoting Mexican culture across all ethnic lines.

She has served as President of the City of Santa Ana's Mexican Independence Parade, which attracted over 100,000 spectators and had over 3,500 participants in bands and floats, voted to be the second-best parade after the US Rose Parade in Los Angeles. Additionally, she was the Vice President in 2005 and President in 2006 of the Comité Fiestas Patrias de Orange County, a non-profit organization dedicated to educating the community about Mexican culture. In these capacities, she has been able to fulfill a heartfelt interest in educating the community on issues as learning English, politics, voting and health related matters.

On December 15, 2017, Elizabeth was recognized with one of the greatest awards in Mexico City, a "Doctor Honoris Causa", by virtue of her work and dedication for the benefit of education, her leadership in social service to values and sustainable development in favor of the homeland and humanity.

In 2018, "Claustro Académico Universitario del Centro Educativo - Universitario Morelos (University Academic Senate), grants Elizabeth Orozco, a second "Doctor Honoris Causa", authorized by its government statute, in accordance with the principles and humanitarian values in the Charter of the United Nations (UN) within the Constitutional Magna Carta that establishes the educational purposes of the Mexican Nation for her professional merits and contribution to the development of Mexican society.

Elizabeth Orozco resides in Irvine, California with her husband Miguel, and they have been married 47 years. Both like spending time with family, friends, enjoy all kinds of music, travel, and take pleasure of international gastronomy.