



**JULIE HUDASH - Founder and CEO, Team Kids**  
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Julie Hudash is a tireless social entrepreneur who founded the nonprofit Team Kids in 2001. After garnering skills and experience from her work in the corporate sector, Julie followed her dream to make a difference in the world through empowering our next generation of youth leaders, entrepreneurs and philanthropists. The only thing that differentiates Team Kids from a for-profit business, is that the bottom line is not measured in profit but in lives changed and communities strengthened.

Julie specializes in advancing systemic community change for and with youth through harnessing innovative partnerships with business, government, education and public safety. Julie's vision for youth is best illustrated in the power of the empirically validated Team Kids Challenge (TKC) Program; a 5-week, school-based youth empowerment, prevention, and mentorship program that is implemented in schools from Compton (CA) to Brooklyn (NY). The TKC is changing lives and empowering youth and communities to create sustainable and positive change. The TKC is proven to strengthen youth thriving and protective factors, while building early trusting and respectful relationships between youth and public safety. Articles highlighting the powerful results of a recent randomized control study in Los Angeles and New York City have been published in the American Psychological Journal of Psychology, Public Policy and Law, and in other top academic journals.

Julie is a graduate of the University of Southern California where she majored in communications. As captain of her USC track team, it was through the power of teamwork and community service in South Central Los Angeles that Julie first discovered the joy in helping others. Julie also attended graduate school at the University of Missouri St. Louis as a student in educational counseling.

Julie is also a writer who tackles difficult issues on behalf of children and has had several pieces published in *The Los Angeles Times* and *Orange County Register*. Her focus is on youth advocacy issues including youth development, child safety, and the importance of youth-led activities to help kids thrive. Julie's leadership has been recognized by the California Peace Officers Association, by former California Attorney General Kamala Harris, and by the Orange County Business Journal as one of the first nonprofit leaders to receive the Women in Business Award.

Julie and her husband, Ray, live in Irvine, CA, and are the proud parents of five grown kids. Her children served as the inspiration for the founding of Team Kids. All five kids continue to play a key role in the success and expansion of the Team Kids mission, with two serving in leadership roles at the organization.