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ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION'S "GREATNESS AMPLIFIED" GIVING DAY RAISES \$474,625

**Funds help 14 Boys & Girls Clubs provide programs and services
enabling youth to reach their full potential**

ORANGE COUNTY, Calif. (Aug. 19, 2021) — On August 18, the [Orange County Community Foundation](#) (OCCF) hosted [Greatness Amplified](#) - a collaborative Giving Day to support local Boys & Girls Clubs. During the 24-hour online effort, 479 donors contributed \$474,625 for the Boys & Girls Clubs, which offer a full range of programs and services to help youth reach their full potential.

Orange County continues to suffer the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, which left the County's [486,179 students](#) separated from peers and reliant on distance learning until schools could reopen fully in March of this year. Isolation and lack of social activity have severely impacted youth's mental and physical health. According to a national health study from the [Kaiser Family Foundation](#), more than 25% of high school students reported a decline in their emotional and cognitive health during the pandemic, and one in five parents of students ages five to 12 reported similar conditions in their children.

Boys & Girls Clubs of America empowers youth to excel in school and positively contribute to their communities through academic, health, and leadership programs. The Greatness Amplified Giving Day contributed directly to initiatives that help students improve academic, vocational and life skills, develop healthy relationships, and learn how to give back to others.

The Giving Day participating Clubs included [Boys & Girls Clubs of Brea – Placentia – Yorba Linda](#), [Boys & Girls Club of Buena Park](#), [Boys & Girls Clubs of Capistrano Valley](#), [Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Orange Coast](#), [Boys & Girls Club of Fullerton](#), [Boys & Girls Clubs of Garden Grove](#), [Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Anaheim-Cypress](#), [Boys & Girls Clubs of Huntington Valley](#), [Boys & Girls Clubs of La Habra](#), [Boys & Girls Club of Laguna Beach](#), [Boys & Girls Club of the South Coast](#), [Boys & Girls Club of Stanton](#), [Boys & Girls Clubs of Tustin](#), and [Boys & Girls Club of Westminster](#).

"We are thrilled with the final results of the *Greatness Amplified* Giving Day and appreciate the many contributors who supported our local Boys and Girls Clubs," said Shelley Hoss, president and CEO of Orange County Community Foundation. "As a result of their generosity, Orange County youth will be

provided with the resources to feel safe, build relationships, and stay on track for success in school and in life.”

Greatness Amplified is part of OCCF’s iheartOC Collaborative Giving Days, an annual initiative that designates cause-specific giving days focused on critical community issues. The online giving model matches OC nonprofits with shared missions – from homelessness and workforce development to preserving ecosystems and supporting local veterans – to create momentum on one shared day and leverage a combined outreach effort for collective success. In 2020, the 10 days secured support from nearly 6,500 donors and raised a record \$3.2 million for 98 nonprofits. Since its start in 2015, OCCF’s Collaborative Giving Days have raised more than \$13 million for Orange County nonprofits.

For more information about Orange County Community Foundation Collaborative Giving Days, please visit oc-cf.org/givingdays.

About Orange County Community Foundation

Founded in 1989, the Orange County Community Foundation (OCCF) works with donors, strengthens the local nonprofit sector and works to find solutions to community needs. Since its inception, OCCF has awarded nearly \$830 million in grants and scholarships, placing the organization in the top two percent in grantmaking among U.S. community foundations. For more information, visit oc-cf.org or call 949-553-4202. Be a part of our conversation on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#). View OCCF’s 2020 annual report [here](#).

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