

ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION HOLDS 2017 ANNUAL MEETING, GRANTS MORE THAN A QUARTER OF A BILLION DOLLARS OVER PAST FIVE YEARS

OCCF Presents Stories of Prominent Orange County Philanthropists during Powerhouse, Sold-Out Event

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif., Nov. 10, 2017 – Nearly 700 philanthropists and business and community leaders discovered how their charitable passions can change their communities at Orange County Community Foundation’s 2017 Annual Meeting. Addressing the sold-out Nov. 8 event at Hotel Irvine, OCCF President Shelley Hoss announced that foundation assets grew to \$302 million during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017 – more than doubling from \$144 million in 2012.

“During the same five-year period, OCCF also granted more than a quarter of a billion dollars to philanthropic causes in Orange County, across the nation and around the world,” Hoss said. “Of course, the driver of this achievement is the passionate and inspired donors whose contributions to OCCF totaled \$82 million over the past year.”

For the second consecutive year, OCCF grants and scholarships reached an all-time high of nearly \$60 million.

“OCCF has been through a period of dramatic growth over the last five years in particular,” said outgoing OCCF Board Chair Doug Holte, president of Irvine Company Office Properties. “Our financial strength puts OCCF in the top 5 percent in grantmaking among U.S. community foundations and in the top 10 percent in assets among more than 780 U.S. community foundations.”

Also during the annual meeting, OCCF recognized Holte for his leadership as board chair over the past two years and welcomed Keith Swayne, founder and director of Keith and Judy Swayne Family Foundation, as the new chairman.

Donor Stories Lie at the Heart of OCCF

During intimate fireside chat-style segments, prominent Orange County community and business leaders shared their reasons for investing in philanthropy and why they work with OCCF.

Buchanan Street Partners CEO Robert Brunswick shared how he leverages entrepreneurial creativity to bolster Buchanan Children’s Charities, while Ginny Ueberroth and her daughter Vicki Booth, chairman and president of the Peter and Ginny Ueberroth Family Foundation respectively, discussed how their family’s philanthropy reflects the values closest to their hearts. Finally, Donnie Crevier of Crevier BMW and Crevier Classic Cars, reflecting on his youth, recalled the many challenges his single mother faced and how he found stability at a local nonprofit — providing the impetus for his philanthropy today and fueling his commitment to giving local youth opportunities they otherwise wouldn’t have.

OCCF Recognizes Judith Swayne Leadership Fund Award Recipient

As part of the annual meeting, Swayne presented the Judith Swayne Leadership Fund award — named after his late wife who founded OCCF — to Rusty Kennedy, who became executive director of the Orange County Human Relations Commission in 1981 and founded the nonprofit OC Human Relations Council in 1991.

“Rusty has devoted his professional career to building bridges of understanding among all residents of Orange County; addressing the core causes of divisiveness in our communities; seeking justice, fair play and equity; and imparting calm and reason when tensions rose within our communities,” Swayne said.

The Judith Swayne Leadership Fund was established to recognize leaders of Orange County-based nonprofits who demonstrate leadership within their organizations and throughout the community.

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