

2nd Annual Orange County Real Estate Luncheon Featuring Air Force Veteran and Three-Time Super Bowl Champion, Chad Hennings Raised \$680,000 for Orange County Veterans

Held in Partnership with Orange County Community Foundation, Proceeds From the Event Will Benefit Orange County Nonprofits Serving the Veteran Community

IRVINE, California, April 26, 2017 – More than 575 professionals from top real estate companies and financial institutions attended the 2nd Annual Orange County Real Estate Luncheon on Thursday, April 20 at Hotel Irvine. The event was held in partnership with the Orange County Community Foundation (OCCF) and raised over \$680,000 to support the critical needs of local veterans.

This year's event featured a powerful keynote address from decorated Air Force veteran and three-time Super Bowl champion, Chad Hennings. His message of leadership, character, and vision, was both powerful and inspiring. Patrick S. Donahue, chairman and chief executive officer of Donahue Schriber, said, "People want to help, but they want to see their money put to good use with measurable results. That is why Donahue Schriber and its executives underwrite the cost of the luncheon. We want sponsors and attendees to know that their money is going directly to the nonprofits that support our local vets."

Again this year, the [Orange County Real Estate Luncheon](#) partnered with OCCF to raise funds for the [Orange County Veterans Initiative](#) (OCVI). More than half a million dollars was raised at the inaugural luncheon in 2016, enabling OCCF to distribute grants to ten nonprofit organizations serving local veterans. The grantees were selected based on their ability to effectively provide services for veterans and their families in alignment with OCVI's mission, including improving assessment and referral services; holistic transition support programs; and education and employment support programs.

OCVI is administered through OCCF and seeks to line up philanthropic, public and private sector resources with timely opportunities to address critical gaps in services to veterans and their families in Orange County. The initiative, founded in 2011 and expanded in 2015 based on new findings from the first-ever study, [The State of the American Veteran: The Orange County Veterans Study](#), has received support from generous donors and businesses in Orange County seeking to help give veterans the welcome home they deserve.

"This year's Orange County Real Estate Luncheon demonstrated how leaders from one of the county's most-important sectors can grow the good," said Shelley Hoss, OCCF president. "Thanks to their commitment, the Orange County Veterans Initiative can continue to create positive outcomes not only for veterans and their families but also for our community as a whole."

The 2017 presenting sponsor was Bank of America and they were joined by founding sponsors CBRE, Craig Realty Group, Fidelity National Title, Donahue Schriber Realty Group, KBS, Lyon Living, Mark IV Capital and Rancho Mission Viejo.

About Orange County Community Foundation

Founded in 1989, the Orange County Community Foundation (OCCF) works with donors to strengthen the local nonprofit sector and find solutions to community needs. Since its inception, OCCF has awarded more than \$425 million in grants and scholarships and ranks among the top 10 percent in asset size among more than 750 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 [2016 annual report](#).

About Orange County Veterans Initiative

The Orange County Veterans Initiative (OCVI) was launched by the Orange County Community Foundation (OCCF) in 2011 to support veterans transitioning to civilian life with access to employment readiness and job skills, secure housing for themselves and their families, and access to physical and mental health care

services. In 2015 OCVI was expanded based on findings from [The State of the American Veteran: The Orange County Veterans Study](#), which brought much-needed attention to the challenges facing OC veterans. Through the support of generous donors and in partnership with the Orange County Real Estate Luncheon Initiative, OCVI has provided more than \$1.3 million in support for nonprofits focused on serving veterans and their families. Learn more about OCVI by visiting oc-cf.org/community.

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