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**ORANGE COUNTY COMES TOGETHER TO SALUTE LOCAL VETERANS,  
RAISING A RECORD-BREAKING \$91,068 IN ONLY 24 HOURS**

*Launched by the Orange County Community Foundation, 11 Nonprofits Providing Support and Resources to Local Veterans and Military Families Hosted A Giving Day on June 14, Attracting 283 Donors*

**NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. (June 18, 2018)** — Eleven local nonprofit organizations partnered with the Orange County Community Foundation (OCCF) to host Stand and Salute, a Giving Day to honor OC veterans and military families, on June 14, which raised \$91,068 with participation from more than 283 donors.

OCCF launched this bold initiative to boost the capacity of local nonprofits to meet our community's needs through a series of Collaborative Giving Days over the coming year. Nonprofits with shared missions are invited to come together to boost collective giving for their causes.

"We have a longstanding commitment to creating positive futures for our military veterans and their families through the Orange County Veterans Initiative (OCVI)," said Shelley Hoss, president, OCCF. "The success of this campaign is a testament to our community's generosity and the vision of local nonprofit leaders. We are proud to support exemplary local nonprofits who came together based on a shared mission to tackle the most important issues facing our county."

OCCF first challenged Orange County residents to "give where their heart lives" during the inaugural i♥oc Giving Day in 2015, raising more than \$1.8 million through 6,000 gifts to 347 participating nonprofits in just 30 hours. OCCF nearly doubled those results in 2016 during the second annual i♥oc Giving Day, receiving 7,000 contributions totaling \$3.2 million for 418 participating nonprofits. In 2017, OCCF re-envisioned iheartoc as an expanded opportunity for nonprofits to connect with one another in support of their shared missions. This year, OCCF is inviting local nonprofits to come together for collaborative online giving events on the day of their choosing.

The 11 participating organizations in the Stand and Salute Giving Day included 211 Orange County, Bob Hope USO, Easter Seals, Honoring Our Fallen, Lestonnac Free Clinic, Patriots and Paws, Strength in Support, Strong Families Strong Children, Support the Enlisted Project (STEP), Veterans Legal Institute and Zero8hundred.

Additional collaborative Giving Days will be announced throughout the remainder of 2018. For more information, please visit [oc-cf.org/iheartoc](http://oc-cf.org/iheartoc).

**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 \$510 million in grants and scholarships and ranks among the top 10 percent in asset size among more than 780 U.S. community foundations. For more information, visit [oc-cf.org](http://oc-cf.org) or call 949-553-4202. Be a part of our conversation on [Facebook](#) [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#). View OCCF's 2017 annual report [here](#).

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