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ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES NEW STAFF MEMBERS TO SUPPORT AND FACILITATE PHILANTHROPY IN ORANGE COUNTY

New Director of Gift Planning and Marketing & Communications Officer to Bring Vast Knowledge to the OCCF Team

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. (September, 2018) – Orange County Community Foundation announced the addition of two new staff members, Heather Estus, director of gift planning, and Rebecca Wardell, marketing and communications officer.

San Clemente resident, Heather Estus joins OCCF as the new Director of Gift Planning to work with professional advisors, including top CPAs, trust and estate planning attorneys, in building awareness about the philanthropic vehicles that can benefit their clients. She will also work with donors to help them fulfill their philanthropic and financial objectives. Estus brings more than 20 years of donor relations and gift planning experience, working with organizations including The American Red Cross and The Boys & Girls Clubs of America. She graduated from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, where she majored in Communications and Public Relations.

Newport Beach resident, Rebecca Wardell will serve as the marketing and communications officer, bringing eight years of experience from across a variety of sectors and industries. In her role, Wardell will work to raise awareness of the OCCF's philanthropic services and community impact. She was previously at the Motion Picture Association of America, where she served as the primary speechwriter for Ambassador Charles Rivkin and former Senator Chris Dodd. Prior to that, Wardell worked at Edelman on behalf of large for- and non-profit organizations, including Taco Bell, Samsung and Wounded Warrior Project. Wardell graduated from Georgetown University, where she majored in English and Psychology.

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 \$560 million in grants and scholarships and ranks in the top two percent in grantmaking activity among more than 780 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 2017 annual report [here](#).

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