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The 3rd Annual Orange County Real Estate Luncheon Raised \$750,000 for Orange County Veterans and Featured Keynote Speaker Jake Wood, Co-Founder and CEO of Team Rubicon

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

IRVINE, California, April 30, 2018 – Nearly 650 professionals from top real estate companies and financial institutions attended the 3rd Annual Orange County Real Estate Luncheon on Thursday, April 19 at Hotel Irvine. The event was held in partnership with the Orange County Community Foundation (OCCF) and raised \$750,000 to support the critical needs of local veterans.

This year's event featured a powerful keynote address from Jake Wood, Co-Founder and CEO of Team Rubicon, a nonprofit organization that recruits, trains and deploys military veterans to disaster zones around the world and within the United States.

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). Since the inaugural OC Real Estate Luncheon in 2016, \$1.1 million has been granted to 13 OC veterans serving organizations. 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.

"For the third consecutive year, the Orange County Real Estate Luncheon stands as a testament to what can happen when industry leaders come together for the good of the county," said Shelley Hoss, OCCF president. "Because of their continued commitment, the Orange County Veterans Initiative will be able to extend and expand its ability to create positive futures for our hometown heroes and their families."

The 2018 presenting sponsor was Bank of America and they were joined by founding sponsors CBRE, Donahue Schriber, Mark IV Capital, Rancho Mission Viejo, Fidelity National Title, Craig Realty Group, Lyon Living, and KBS Realty Group.

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 \$510 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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