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FOURTH ANNUAL ORANGE COUNTY REAL ESTATE LUNCHEON RAISES OVER \$700,000 FOR ORANGE COUNTY VETERANS

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

IRVINE, California, May 1, 2019 – Nearly 600 professionals from top real estate companies and financial institutions attended the fourth annual Orange County Real Estate Luncheon on Thursday, April 18 at Hotel Irvine. The event was held in partnership with the Orange County Community Foundation (OCCF) and raised over \$700,000 to support the critical needs of local veterans and their families.

This year's event featured a powerful keynote address from 26th National Security Advisor Gerald H.R. McMaster, who spoke about the very real threat of international terrorism on America's Homeland and the soundness of policies to thwart terrorism overseas.

"The Orange County Real Estate Luncheon demonstrates how leaders from one of the county's most-important sectors can grow the good not only for veterans and their families, but for our community as a whole," said Shelley Hoss, OCCF president. "Their continued commitment and generosity is instrumental to helping the Orange County Veterans Initiative create positive futures for local servicemen and women and their families."

Again this year, the Orange County Real Estate Luncheon partnered with OCCF to raise funds for the Orange County Veterans Initiative (OCVI). To date, OCVI has granted over \$3 million to nonprofits reaching more than 17,000 veterans and their families. 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; transition support programs; health, education and employment support programs.

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."

Of note at this year's luncheon was the introduction of The Hub at the Tierney Center for Veteran Services ("The Hub"). The Hub has been the long-range goal of Donahue and the organizers of the Orange County Real Estate Luncheon and will bring together OC veteran organizations under one roof to provide services for veterans and their families to help them successfully transition into their communities. It was announced that Goodwill Orange County will provide 11,000 square feet of rent free space at their Tustin headquarters for The Hub to build out space to house these organizations. Many attendees at the luncheon offered goods and services to help get The Hub off and running. Anticipated opening of The Hub is Spring, 2020.

The 2019 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, strengthens the local nonprofit sector and works to find solutions to community needs. Since its inception, OCCF has awarded nearly \$600 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 2018 annual report [here](#).

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. 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 Veterans Initiative, OCVI has provided more than \$3 million in support for nonprofits focused on serving veterans and their families. Learn more about OCVI [here](#).

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