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ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION HOSTS SECOND ANNUAL GIVING DAY FOR OC NEIGHBORS WITH DISABILITIES

Eight Local Nonprofits Set Collective Goal of Raising \$95,000

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. (May 13, 2019) — On May 30, the Orange County Community Foundation (OCCF) will host the second annual *Empowering Possibilities*, a Giving Day for OC neighbors with disabilities. This 24-hour online effort aims to raise \$95,000 in critical funds for eight local organizations.

Empowering Possibilities is part of a bold initiative by OCCF to boost the capacity of local nonprofits through a series of Collaborative Giving Days. Nonprofits with shared missions are invited to come together to boost collective giving for their causes. OCCF will power the campaign by providing seed funding to support the marketing assets, campaign resources, and collaborative partnerships. The seven Giving Days held throughout 2018 raised a total of \$1.4 million for local organizations.

“The success of last year’s inaugural *Empowering Possibilities* Giving Day, which raised \$86,523 with participation from more than 300 donors, is a testament to our community’s generosity and the vision of our nonprofit leaders,” said Shelley Hoss, president, OCCF. “We are proud to unite nonprofits with similar missions to better support our community members with disabilities.”

The eight participating organizations in the *Empowering Possibilities* Giving Day included Dayle McIntosh Center, Down Syndrome Association of Orange County, Family Support Network, Free Wheelchair Mission, Project Independence, Speech and Language Development Center, United Cerebral Palsy Association of Orange County and Vocational Visions.

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 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 contributions totaling \$3.2 million for 418 participating nonprofits. In 2017, OCCF re-envisioned i♥oc as an expanded opportunity for nonprofits to connect with one another in support of their shared missions.

To give online, please visit empowering-possibilities.funraise.org. Additional collaborative Giving Days will be announced over the coming year. For more information, please visit 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 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](#).