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ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION HOSTS SECOND ANNUAL GIVING DAY FOR OC VETERANS AND MILITARY FAMILIES
Eleven Local Nonprofits Set Collective Goal of Raising $100,000 During 24-Hour Online Effort

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. (May 27, 2019) — On June 12, the Orange County Community Foundation (OCCF) will host the second annual Stand and Salute, a Giving Day to honor OC veterans and military families. This 24-hour online effort aims to raise $100,000 in critical funds for 11 local organizations. The inaugural Stand and Salute Giving Day held last year raised $91,068 with participation from more than 283 donors.

"We have a longstanding commitment to our local military veterans and their families through the Orange County Veterans Initiative (OCVI)," said Shelley Hoss, president, OCCF. "We are thrilled to build on that work and the success of last year's Stand and Salute Giving Day to ensure that OC's veterans and their families have the support they need to thrive following their service to our country."

Stand and Salute is part of a bold initiative by OCCF to boost the capacity of local nonprofits 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. OCCF then provides seed funding for the campaign's marketing assets, resources, and collaborative partnerships. The seven Giving Days held throughout 2018 raised a total of $1.4 million for local organizations.

The 11 participating organizations in the Stand & Salute Giving Day include 211 Orange County, Bob Hope USO, California State University Fullerton Veterans Resource Center, Honoring Our Fallen, Lestonnac Free Clinic, Goodwill of Orange County Tierney Center for Veterans, Strength in Support, Strong Families Strong Children, Foundation for Women Warriors, Support The Enlisted Project (STEP) and Zero8hundred.

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 stand-and-salute.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.

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