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**ORANGE COUNTY OPENED THEIR HEARTS TO EMPOWER POSSIBILITIES,  
RAISING A RECORD-BREAKING \$77,387 IN ONLY 24 HOURS**

*Launched by the Orange County Community Foundation, Eight Nonprofits Providing Support and Resources For OC Neighbors with Disabilities Hosted A Giving Day, Attracting 325 Donors*

**NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. (June 3, 2019)** — Orange County Community Foundation (OCCF) partnered with eight local nonprofits to host *Empowering Possibilities*, a Giving Day for OC neighbors with disabilities. The 24-hour Giving Day held on May 30 raised \$77,387 with participation from more than 325 donors.

OCCF launched this bold initiative to boost the capacity of local nonprofits to meet our community's needs through a series of Collaborative Giving Days. Nonprofits with shared missions were invited to come together to boost collective giving for their causes. The seven Giving Days held throughout 2018 raised a total of \$1.4 million for local organizations.

"We're proud to support our local organizations in serving our community members with disabilities," said Shelley Hoss, president, OCCF. "Once again, we are inspired by the generosity of our community and the commitment of our nonprofits in tackling our county's most important issues."

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 iheartoc as an expanded opportunity for nonprofits to connect with one another in support of their shared missions.

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.

Additional collaborative Giving Days will be announced over the coming year. For more information, visit [oc-cf.org/iheartoc](http://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](http://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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