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ORANGE COUNTY COMES TOGETHER TO SALUTE LOCAL VETERANS, RAISING MORE THAN \$90,444 IN ONLY 24 HOURS

Launched by the Orange County Community Foundation, Stand & Salute Giving Day Attracts 241 Donors

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. (June 13, 2019) — On June 12, 11 local nonprofit organizations partnered with the Orange County Community Foundation (OCCF) to host the second annual Stand & Salute, a Giving Day to honor OC veterans and military families. The 24-hour effort raised \$90,444 with participation from more than 241 donors.

OCCF launched this bold initiative to build 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. The inaugural Stand & Salute Giving Day held last year raised \$91,068 with participation from more than 283 donors.

“OCCF remains committed to creating positive outcomes for our military veterans and their families through the Orange County Veterans Initiative (OCVI),” said Shelley Hoss, president, OCCF. “We are thrilled with the success of this second annual Stand & Salute Giving Day – and we congratulate the efforts of our valued nonprofit partners.”

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. 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 included 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.

Additional collaborative Giving Days will be announced throughout the remainder of 2019. 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.

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