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**ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION APPOINTS NEW BOARD MEMBERS
MARIA MINON, M.D., AND ARNOLD PINKSTON**

*Senior Vice President of Medical Affairs for CHOC Children’s and Edwards Lifesciences Corporate
Vice President, General Counsel, Bring Vision and Expertise to the Foundation*

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. (January 15, 2020) – The Orange County Community Foundation (OCCF) recently appointed Dr. Maria Minon, CHOC Children’s senior vice president of medical affairs and chief medical officer, and Arnold Pinkston, Edwards Lifesciences’ corporate vice president, general counsel, to its Board of Governors. Dr. Minon’s wealth of experience serving the health needs of children and families in Orange County, as well as Pinkston’s business leadership and longtime involvement with OneOC—Orange County’s nonprofit resource center—will provide invaluable insights to inform OCCF’s service to the Orange County community in the years to come.

“We are delighted to welcome Dr. Maria Minon and Arnold Pinkston to our Board of Governors,” said Shelley Hoss, president and CEO, OCCF. “With her invaluable medical and community health experience, Dr. Minon is an unparalleled advocate for the needs of local children and families. Mr. Pinkston’s corporate expertise and insight into the local nonprofit sector will elevate OCCF’s continued leadership in the Orange County community.”

Dr. Minon began her career at CHOC Children’s in 1998. In her current capacity, she oversees medical staff activities; medical quality and patient safety; pediatric psychology and mental health; and operations for the clinical and basic science research departments. Further, Dr. Minon’s leadership has been instrumental in the development of the new Thompson Autism Center at CHOC Children’s that will open later this month.

A notable highlight within Dr. Minon’s career was her four-year service on the California First Five Commission, a role to which she was appointed by Governor Schwarzenegger. Both the state and local commissions, where she serves as commission chair, oversee the distribution of Proposition 10 funding to meet the needs of California and Orange County children and their families.

Dr. Minon is a graduate of the University of California, Irvine, School of Medicine and received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from Chapman University last year. Her many awards and accolades include being named Alumna of the Year by the UC Irvine Department of Pediatrics in 2015 and frequent designation as one of Orange County’s Physicians of Excellence; the 2007 OCMA Physician of the Year; and the Award of Distinction in Healthcare by the Merage Foundation Invest in Children Fund. In 2013, Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez recognized Dr. Minon as an Outstanding Woman in the field of health.

Pinkston has more than 30 years of experience as a lawyer and business leader. Prior to joining Edwards Lifesciences, he served as general counsel at Core Logic, Inc., Allergan, Inc., Beckman Coulter, Inc., and deputy general counsel at Eli Lilly and Company. In 2009, Pinkston joined OneOC’s board of directors and served as its chairman in 2013 and 2014.

Throughout his career, Pinkston has built and led high-performing global teams and managed complex business and legal issues relating to litigation, intellectual property, mergers and acquisitions, board governance, compliance, finance and securities.

Pinkston currently serves as a board member for Bio-Rad Laboratories [NYSE: BIO] and the Forum for Corporate Directors. He is also a member of the Board of Visitors of UCI School of Law. He received a bachelor's degree in geophysics from Yale College and a juris doctor degree from Yale Law School.

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 \$630 million in grants and scholarships and ranks in the top one 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 2019 annual report [here](#).

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