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**ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION TO HOST “THE FUTURE IS WORKING” GIVING DAY
TO DEVELOP A STRONGER WORKFORCE IN ORANGE COUNTY**

Collaborative Giving Days Continue in 2020 to Support Nonprofits Addressing the Needs of Unemployed and Underemployed Local Residents

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. (March 4, 2020) — On March 12, the Orange County Community Foundation (OCCF) will host *The Future is Working*, a Giving Day to develop a stronger workforce for Orange County and build pathways to success for our community’s most vulnerable populations.

In Orange County, over 12 percent of the population lives in poverty and 15 percent of adults have less than a high school diploma. [The 2018 Orange County Community Indicators Report](#) revealed that these factors are linked by the fact that educational attainment provides the greatest protection against a lifetime in poverty. In response, *The Future is Working* Giving Day will deliver crucial support to local nonprofits striving to build, secure, and promote education and workforce development.

The 24-hour online effort aims to raise \$70,000 to encourage brighter futures for Orange County residents who may not have the means to advance their employment opportunities due to barriers such as poverty and lack of access to education and job training. The participating organizations seek to foster career development by providing the resources and support needed for individuals to find and retain employment. They include: Anaheim Family YMCA; Chrysalis; Community Action Partnership of Orange County; High School, Inc.; Hope Builders; JVS SoCal; and Orange County Conservation Corps.

“The Future is Working Giving Day will fuel successful outcomes to enhance the quality of life for Orange County residents while simultaneously driving our community’s economic growth,” said Shelley Hoss, president and CEO, OCCF. “We are proud to support collaboration among nonprofits that are bringing about positive change for individuals, families and the community.”

This Giving Day is the latest of a series that, to date, has raised more than \$8 million for Orange County nonprofits. 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 for 347 participating nonprofits in just 30 hours. In 2018, OCCF restructured i♥oc as an expanded opportunity for nonprofits to connect with one another in support of their shared missions. In 2019, the eight collaborative Giving Days raised more than \$1.6 million to benefit local organizations.

To give online during *The Future is Working* Giving Day on March 12, please visit the-future-is-working-giving-day.ocnonprofitcentral.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 \$690 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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