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OC COMMUNITY RESILIENCE FUND FORMED TO COLLECTIVELY SUPPORT VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES MOST IMPACTED BY COVID-19 REACHES \$2 MILLION IN CONTRIBUTIONS IN JUST 10 DAYS

Fundraising will Continue to Bolster the Efforts of Local Nonprofits Struggling to Serve the Community During the Pandemic

Newport Beach, Calif. (March 27, 2020) – The Orange County Community Foundation (OCCF), St. Joseph Community Partnership Fund, Charitable Ventures and OC Grantmakers, along with a number of local foundations, launched the OC Community Resilience Fund on March 16 to collectively tackle the immediate impact of COVID-19 on our most vulnerable communities. Just ten days later, thanks to an outpouring of generosity from the Orange County community, the Fund reached its initial \$2 million goal a week ahead of schedule.

This rapid response will enable the quick and strategic deployment of funds to tackle the unprecedented challenges facing our local nonprofits, and all those who depend on them. Additional contributions will be accepted on an ongoing basis, and every contribution, no matter the size, helps meet the challenges to the community that are to come. OCCF and St. Joseph Community Partnership Fund are covering 100% of the administrative costs associated with this pooled fund, so all contributions go directly to those who need them most.

“The response to the Resilience Fund is a testament to the heart and generosity of the Orange County community, as we come together to support those facing the greatest impact from COVID-19,” said Shelley Hoss, president and CEO, OCCF. “The generous response to the Fund will allow us to focus resources, reduce duplication, support innovative nonprofit efforts, and maximize impact in areas of greatest need.”

The OC Community Resilience Fund will provide three types of grants to local nonprofits:

- Support **community clinic operations** to provide preventative and medical services for those affected by COVID-19, especially those caring for uninsured or underinsured patients to offset the costs of uncompensated care.
- Support **emergency grants to individuals** affected by COVID-19 due to quarantine (i.e., as a result of personal illness or to care for a family member), business closures and/or layoffs and school or other community program closures and/or layoffs.
- Support **community-based organizational operations** for nonprofits serving vulnerable populations directly impacted by the medical or economic effects of the pandemic.

A review committee comprised of staff from OCCF, St. Joseph Community Partnership Fund and Charitable Ventures will review applications and make funding decisions. To learn more and contribute to the Fund, visit: <https://charitableventuresoc.org/resiliencefund/>. Questions on the grant opportunities can be directed to ResilienceFund@charitableventuresoc.org.

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](#).

About St. Joseph Health Community Partnership Fund

The St. Joseph Health Community Partnership Fund makes strategic investments in the health and well-being of communities across the Western United States. The Fund works to reduce health disparities and promote equity by investing in systems-level impacts on community health issues, and strengthening partnerships and collaboration. Our investments fall into the following four categories: building capacity and partnerships, promoting justice and community leaders, investing in best practices and new ideas, and caring for the vulnerable. For more information, please visit: <http://stjosephcpf.org/>

About Charitable Ventures

Charitable Ventures of Orange County was launched in 2007 to encourage the growth of innovative regional nonprofits and to build the capacity of the nonprofit sector. As a regional incubator, Charitable Ventures has fiscally sponsored more than 60 community projects and regional initiatives since inception. In 2020, Charitable Ventures anticipates sponsoring more than 35 active projects on track to raise between \$14 and \$16 million, and is the region's Administrative Community Based Organization for the 2020 Census. Visit charitableventuresoc.org for more information.

About Orange County Grantmakers

Orange County Grantmakers is a community of philanthropists committed to improving outcomes for Orange County and beyond. Our mission is to advance social impact by supporting, strengthening and building adaptive leadership across our nonprofit and philanthropic community.

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