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### **Online Fundraiser for O.C. Disability Support, Services**

On July 16, several Orange County nonprofits will host the third annual Empowering Possibilities, a 24-hour online effort to raise crucial funds in support of county neighbors living with disabilities.

The seven participating organizations — Project Independence, Blind Children’s Learning Center of OC, Down Syndrome Association of OC, Family Support Network, Hope Center for the Arts, Special Olympics Southern California and Vocational Visions — hope to raise \$70,000 throughout the annual day of giving.

This year’s effort is especially important, as nonprofits throughout Orange County have had to cancel in-person events and services during the coronavirus pandemic. In response, nonprofits have had to find creative ways to serve their clients and stay engaged virtually.

“In the midst of the pandemic’s impact on Orange County residents, we continue to be in awe of our community’s generosity toward the nonprofits serving our most vulnerable residents,” said Shelley Hoss, president and chief executive of the Orange County Community Foundation.

“Especially now, with an increased need for services, we are proud to unite nonprofits with similar missions as they work to support of our community members with disabilities,” Hoss added.

To give online, please visit [empowering-possibilities-giving-day.ocnonprofitcentral.org](https://empowering-possibilities-giving-day.ocnonprofitcentral.org). Additional collaborative giving days will be announced throughout the coming year. For more information, please visit [oc-cf.org/iheartoc](https://oc-cf.org/iheartoc).