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[ranggin@reveilleinc.com](mailto:ranggin@reveilleinc.com)**ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION APPOINTS MARGITA LABHARD BLATTNER AS SENIOR DIRECTOR OF PHILANTHROPIC STRATEGY***Blattner Brings 20 Years of Business Development Experience and Organizational Leadership to Local Foundation*

**NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. (July 7, 2020)** – The Orange County Community Foundation (OCCF), which has awarded nearly \$690 million in grants and scholarships and is ranked in the top one percent in grantmaking among 780 community foundations nationwide, welcomes Margita Labhard Blattner to its leadership team as senior director of philanthropic strategy. Starting on July 6, Blattner will lead the Foundation’s outreach efforts and serve as a resource and partner for local philanthropists and their professional advisors.

Blattner joins OCCF with 20 years of experience developing innovative growth plans, business models and operational capabilities. Most recently, she served as senior director, business development, at EDUCAUSE, a nonprofit association that advances higher education through the use of information technology, where she developed new services and launched an enhanced membership model for over 2,000 Association members. Blattner’s other professional achievements include implementing emerging digital business models for Best Buy Inc. during the height of digital gaming and music streaming and redesigning administrative and student services for higher education institutions including Stanford, Caltech and the California State University System.

“Generous donors are the lifeblood of the philanthropic community. With their support, nonprofits flourish and those in need receive vital services. Especially in the midst of today’s unprecedented challenges, I am thrilled to join the OCCF team and play a part in helping donors maximize the impact of their philanthropy in Orange County, across the country and around the world,” said Blattner. “It will be a privilege to help facilitate giving by sharing OCCF’s mission throughout the Orange County community.”

A Dana Point resident, Blattner earned her Master of Business Administration in Marketing from Capella University and her Bachelor of Arts in French and Women’s Studies from the University of Wisconsin, Madison. She has a Foresight Certification from the Institute for the Future, which provides tools and techniques for embracing strategic foresight, navigating large-scale change and leading organizations toward reaching long-term strategic goals. In addition, she earned her White Belt in the discipline of Lean Six Sigma, which reduces process defects and waste while changing the mindset of employees and managers to a perspective that focuses on growth and continuous improvement through process optimization.

“We are thrilled to have Margita on board to further our mission to inspire a lifelong passion for philanthropy,” said Shelley Hoss, OCCF president and CEO. “Now more than ever, we are committed to creating sustainable change in the areas of greatest need in our community. Margita will play a vital role in helping us achieve that goal.”

For more information about Orange County Community Foundation, visit [oc-cf.org](http://oc-cf.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 nearly \$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](http://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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