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$147,271 RAISED IN 24 HOURS TO SUSTAIN
ECOSYSTEMS IN ORANGE COUNTY

Hosted by the Orange County Community Foundation, Seven Local Nonprofits
Came Together for *Protect and Preserve* Giving Day

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. (October 8, 2020) — On October 7, the Orange County Community Foundation (OCCF) hosted Protect and Preserve, a Giving Day to sustain the ecosystems of Orange County. With the help of 303 donors, this 24-hour online effort raised $147,271 for seven local nonprofit organizations with a shared commitment to environmental education and conservation of natural resources.

The seven participating organizations included Crystal Cove Conservancy, Get Inspired, Laguna Canyon Foundation, Ocean Defenders Alliance, Ocean Institute, Orange County CoastKeeper and Pacific Marine Mammal Center.

"We are thrilled with the success of our Protect and Preserve Giving Day," said Shelley Hoss, president and CEO, OCCF. "The funds raised will help support local nonprofits working to sustain Orange County's ecosystems and increase environmental education and conservation, ensuring that our natural resources flourish for years to come."

COVID-19 has forced these environmental-focused nonprofits to revamp their ability to serve the public and generate the vital funds keeping them afloat. The funds raised during Protect and Preserve provide the seven participating nonprofits with critically important operational funding.

This Giving Day is the latest of a series that, to date, has raised more than $10 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.

For more information about collaborative Giving Days, 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 more than $730 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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