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ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES KEY HIRES FOR ADVANCING IMPACT

**Bruce Branstine Named Director of Planned Giving & Justin Foster
Hired as Director of Information Technology**

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. (March 22, 2021) — Today, the [Orange County Community Foundation \(OCCF\)](#) announced the addition of Bruce Branstine as director of planned giving and Justin Foster as the director of information technology (IT) to their leadership team. These positions are critical to OCCF's Vision 2024 goals, including a bold aim to reach \$1 billion in cumulative granting by 2024, becoming one of only 35 community foundations in the U.S. ever to reach that milestone.

Branstine brings to OCCF more than 26 years of experience as a charitable gift planning specialist and financial advisor. He has helped individuals and families optimize philanthropic strategies for themselves and organizations such as The Salvation Army, the University of Southern California, Chapman University, and Mission Hospital Foundation. As a planned giving specialist, he has educated donors and assisted professional advisors with the process of creating sophisticated philanthropic giving plans through wills, trusts, and tax-favored agreements. In the role of OCCF's director of planned giving, he will support and partner with professional advisors and serve as a resource to individuals, families and business owners seeking tax-advantaged tools and strategies to achieve their philanthropic goals.

"I am honored to join the Orange County Community Foundation as the director of planned giving," said Branstine. "I enjoy the privilege of helping people navigate the complexities of strategic charitable giving and legacy planning. I look forward to building meaningful relationships with philanthropists and professional advisors throughout Orange County."

Bruce earned a bachelor's degree in economics from San Diego State University, a certificate in personal financial planning from the University of California, Irvine, and attended graduate business courses at Chapman University. Branstine is a Certified Financial Planner™ (CFP®).

Justin Foster, OCCF's first-ever director of information and technology, brings more than 20 years of experience driving technology solutions while positioning teams and companies for success. Foster's broad range of skills and knowledge with technology frameworks, platforms, and tools to employ for system optimization and security will serve OCCF well as the organization continues to grow its impact in Orange County.

Previously, Foster served as director of IT for Chemco Products and was the principal owner of Symetrical Data, LLC. Additional experience includes tenure as a technical engineer and network engineer. Foster obtained his Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and Criminology from California State University, Dominguez Hills, and is a Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer (MCSE).

“We are pleased to welcome Bruce and Justin to OCCF’s leadership team,” said Tammy Tumbling, executive vice president and COO at the Orange County Community Foundation. “Their collective experience will help drive OCCF’s impact on the Orange County community and the philanthropists and nonprofit partners we serve. They are a welcome addition to the team as we work to achieve our Vision 2024 goals.”

OCCF has served as a resource for philanthropists and their families for more than 30 years by offering unique insights, deep knowledge, and a diverse array of giving opportunities. To learn more about the Orange County Community Foundation, visit www.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 \$780 million in grants and scholarships, placing the organization in the top two percent in grantmaking among 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 2020 annual report [here](#).

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