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**ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION'S TRACY BRANSON
AWARDED NONPROFIT CFO OF THE YEAR
BY THE ORANGE COUNTY BUSINESS JOURNAL**

**The honor recognizes senior financial professionals for their
outstanding performance as corporate stewards**

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. (Sept. 30, 2021) — Today, the [Orange County Community Foundation \(OCCF\)](#) announced that its chief financial officer of 30 years, Tracy Branson, has been named CFO of the Year by the Orange County Business Journal (OCBJ) for the nonprofit sector.

Since joining OCCF in 1991, Branson has played a pivotal role in OCCF's emergence as one of the largest and fastest-growing community foundations in the nation. As a key executive, Branson has helped propel OCCF to top-tier status among more than 780 U.S. community foundations, ranking in the top 7% in assets with \$500 million in charitable funds and the top 2% in annual granting activity. OCCF has granted more than \$200 million in the past two years and a total of \$830 million since its inception to nonprofits in Orange County, across the nation and around the world.

The *CFO of the Year* award is one of Orange County's premier business events to honor financial executives in five categories: Public, Private, Not-for-Profit, Rising Star, and Lifetime Achievement. Each outstanding award recipient promotes and supports excellence in financial reporting, establishes procedures and sets an example of ethical behavior throughout their organization, manages growth, employs efficiencies, ensures a solid financial position, and contributes to the advancement of their industry and community. This year's honorees represented some of Orange County's top companies, including Vizio, Inc., Virgin Galactic, Tilly's, OCCF, and Landmark Health LLC.

"Tracy represents the best of both the head and the heart," said Shelley Hoss, president and CEO of the Orange County Community Foundation. "After more than three decades with OCCF, she continues to inspire our staff, board, donors and nonprofit partners with her expertise, dedication and selfless service to our community. This honor is a well-earned recognition of the legacy she continues to create in Orange County, and we're all the better because of her."

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Branson, who holds an economics degree from the University of California, Los Angeles, became passionate about financial best practices and accountability early in her career while working at Ernst & Young. She approaches business decisions not only with an eye for impact on the bottom line, but on the needs of the Orange County community. She is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the California Society of Certified Public Accountants.

OCCF is recognized as the center of gravity for Orange County philanthropy, acting as an unparalleled resource for local philanthropists and their families for more than 30 years by offering unique insights, deep knowledge, and a diverse array of tools to support both lifetime and legacy giving. 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 \$830 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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