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ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION'S IHEART OC COLLABORATIVE GIVING DAYS RAISE \$4.5 MILLION IN 2021

*The philanthropic organization surpasses 2020 effort
amid lingering affects from unprecedented year*

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. (October 7, 2021) – The [Orange County Community Foundation](#) (OCCF) is pleased to announce that its **2021 iheartOC Collaborative Giving Days** raised \$4.5 million for local nonprofits, making it the most successful year to date of the annual program, and far exceeding the 2020 total of \$3.2 million. Having grown from a single countywide day of giving in 2015, the effort now comprises a year-long series of Giving Days bringing together donors and nonprofits tackling Orange County's greatest challenges. In total, OCCF's Giving Days have raised nearly \$15 million.

OCCF's [Collaborative Giving Days](#) use an online giving model to match local donors to Orange County nonprofits with shared missions – from homelessness and workforce development to preserving ecosystems and supporting local veterans – to create momentum on a single shared day and leverage combined outreach efforts. OCCF held 10 Giving Days in 2021, garnering support from 8,485 donors and yielding \$4,470,106 for 112 local nonprofits.

"We are thrilled to see the overwhelming response from the Orange County community in support of these organizations and their crucial efforts," said Shelley Hoss, president and CEO of the Orange County Community Foundation. "The heart of OCCF's mission is to inspire a passion for lifelong giving and drive sustainable impact in our community. We are proud to lead these collaborative initiatives to build a stronger, more resilient Orange County for all."

The growing success of OCCF's Collaborative Giving Days confirms that giving is most impactful when nonprofits work together. All ten 24-hour Giving Days exceeded their original fundraising goals, with several doubling their targets. In April, [Help Them Home](#) sought to raise \$1 million for Orange County's most vulnerable residents in need of shelter and housing. The Giving Day raised more than \$2 million from 3,793 donors, benefitting 20 homeless-serving organizations.

"We are incredibly proud of all the leaders and organizers who mobilized to make each Giving Day a huge success," said Carol Ferguson, director of donor relations and programs at the Orange County Community Foundation. "We send a heartfelt thank you to all the donors whose generous contributions will be felt across Orange County, and we look forward to even greater impact in 2022."

For more information about Orange County Community Foundation Collaborative Giving Days, please visit oc-cf.org/givingdays.

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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