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**\$231,199 RAISED IN 24 HOURS TO SUPPORT
ANAHEIM YOUTH DURING
“IMPACT ANAHEIM” COLLABORATIVE GIVING DAY**

**Hosted by the Orange County Community Foundation,
the funds raised will benefit Orange County’s next generation**

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. (July 28, 2022) — On July 27, the [Orange County Community Foundation](#) (OCCF) hosted [ImpACT Anaheim](#) – a collaborative online Giving Day to support 10 local nonprofits serving underserved Anaheim youth. OCCF announced that 467 donors contributed \$231,199 to participating nonprofits to support their vital missions on behalf of Orange County’s next generation.

The COVID-19 pandemic has created significant and persistent challenges for our community, with adolescents being hit particularly hard. Orange County youth have suffered from the economic downturn, housing and food security, academic disruption and increasing mental health issues. Per a 2021 U.S. Census report, more than 80,000 youth aged 17 and under live in Anaheim, equating to nearly 24% of the city’s population.¹ As Anaheim youth grapple with the continued fallout from the pandemic, programs designed to meet their specific needs and help them prepare for positive futures are needed now more than ever.

The nonprofit participants in *ImpACT Anaheim* will utilize contributions received to offer a range of essential programs-- including STEM, arts, recreational programs, leadership training and more—to help youth thrive in their educational, physical and emotional development.

ImpACT Anaheim nonprofit participants included [Anaheim Ballet](#), [Anaheim Community Foundation](#), [Anaheim Family YMCA](#), [Big Brothers Big Sisters of Orange County](#), [Chance Theater](#), [Girls Inc. of Orange County](#), [Higher Ground Youth & Family Services](#), [Love Anaheim](#), [Pure Game](#) and [Voice of Refugees](#).

“We thank the Orange County community for their generous support for Anaheim youth who have faced immense challenges in recent years,” said Shelley Hoss, president and CEO of the Orange County Community Foundation. “OCCF is proud to support the nonprofits equipping these deserving youth with the resources they need to reach their full potential.”

¹ <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/anaheimcitycalifornia>

ImpACT Anaheim is part of OCCF's iheartOC Collaborative Giving Days, an annual initiative that designates cause-specific giving days focused on critical community issues. The online giving model matches OC nonprofits with shared missions – from homelessness and workforce development to preserving ecosystems and supporting local veterans – to create momentum on one shared day and leverage a combined outreach effort for collective success. In 2021, the 10 days secured support from 8,485 donors and raised a record \$4.5 million for 112 local nonprofits. Since its start in 2015, OCCF's Collaborative Giving Days have raised nearly \$18 million for Orange County nonprofits.

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 more than \$870 million in grants and scholarships, ranking the organization as the 3rd most active grantmaker among all 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 2021 annual report [here](#).

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