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## **“IMPACT ANAHEIM” GIVING DAY TO SUPPORT UNDERSERVED YOUTH IN ANAHEIM**

**Hosted by the Orange County Community Foundation,  
virtual fundraiser seeks to raise \$125K in 24 Hours for Orange County’s next generation**

**NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. (July 21, 2022)** — On July 27, the [Orange County Community Foundation](#) (OCCF) will host [ImpACT Anaheim](#) – a collaborative online Giving Day aiming to raise \$125,000 for 10 local nonprofits serving Anaheim youth.

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.<sup>1</sup> 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.

OCCF’s *ImpACT Anaheim* Giving Day will raise funds for 10 nonprofits that support youth to thrive in their educational, physical and emotional development. These organizations offer a range of essential programs, including STEM, arts, recreational, leadership and more.

*ImpACT Anaheim* nonprofit participants include [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](#).

“Orange County’s youth have faced greater challenges than ever throughout the pandemic and continue to deal with obstacles both seen and unseen,” said Shelley Hoss, president and CEO of the Orange County Community Foundation. “OCCF is proud to support nonprofits providing Anaheim’s youth the resources they need to fulfill their full potential.”

*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

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

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.

To give online during the 24-hour Giving Day, please visit [impact-anaheim-giving-day.ocnonprofitcentral.org](https://impact-anaheim-giving-day.ocnonprofitcentral.org). For more information about Orange County Community Foundation Collaborative Giving Days, please visit [oc-cf.org/givingdays](https://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 3<sup>rd</sup> most active grantmaker among all U.S. community foundations. For more information, visit [oc-cf.org](https://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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