



## **HGTV's Tarek El Moussa to Host UCP of Orange County *Life Without Limits* Gala** ***Appearance by Glee Star and Special Needs Advocate Lauren Potter***

**Newport Beach, Calif.** (March 28, 2018) – Tarek El Moussa, star of HGTV's popular *Flip or Flop*, will serve as host of UCP of Orange County's *Life Without Limits* fundraising gala on Saturday, May 5 at Fashion Island Hotel Newport Beach. The Latin-inspired black tie fundraiser will celebrate UCP of Orange County's 65<sup>th</sup> year providing comprehensive services to children and families affected by developmental disabilities including autism, Down syndrome, cerebral palsy and developmental delay.

Southern California real estate investor and two-time cancer survivor, La Moussa is father to two young children and supports UCP of Orange County with great enthusiasm. The Irvine-based nonprofit will be part of his newly launched program *Pick Me Up* which assists families nationwide.

Best known for her role as Becky Jackson in the television show *Glee*, actress and special needs advocate Lauren Potter will assist in recognizing the evening's honorees Scott Pievac and loanDepot.

President and CEO of the Sam Pievac Company, Scott Pievac will receive the Individual Impact Award for his long term support of the organization. Pievac established the Brianna Fund in honor of his daughter, founded and hosted the Brianna Cup Golf Tournament, served on the UCP of Orange County board of directors and donated both his time and financial resources over the past ten years.

Corporate Impact honoree loanDepot support stems from executive loan officer Brian Ramos' oldest son Carter who has cerebral palsy and began participating in therapy programs at UCP-OC two years ago. CEO and Founder Anthony Hsieh is at the core of

loanDepot's giving culture which has supported UCP of Orange County extensively over the past two years. The Irvine-based company provides support through matching donations and a nationwide "Together We Give" charitable program.

*Life Without Limits* Gala co-chairs are Laura Meier of Meier Law Firm and Michele Maryott of Gibson Dunn and the Gala is the first for the organization's new President and CEO, Ramin Baschshi, M.D.

The evening begins at 5:30 p.m. with cocktail reception and silent auction followed by gourmet dinner, awards ceremony, live auction and dancing to live entertainment. Fashion Island Hotel Newport Beach is located at 690 Newport Center Drive in Newport Beach.

Individual tickets are \$500 and table and other event sponsorships are available. For more information about the gala or UCP-OC, call 949.333.6452 or visit [www.ucp-oc.org/gala](http://www.ucp-oc.org/gala).

### **About United Cerebral Palsy of Orange County**

UCP of Orange County (UCP-OC) is Orange County's only nonprofit organization delivering comprehensive services and support for children with disabilities and their families. Now in its 65<sup>th</sup> year, UCP-OC was originally established to assist individuals of all ages affected by cerebral palsy. To meet a growing demand for children with a variety of disabilities, the organization broadened their programs and disability range to include autism, cerebral palsy, Down syndrome and other developmental delays. Caregivers, specialists and therapists actively work with children and families through six comprehensive programs to provide support and resources for families to advocate for their children and meet demands of everyday life.

UCP-OC currently provides specialized care for more than 5,300 children and families each year.

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