



UCP of Orange County's Life Without Limits Gala Honors Scott Pievac & loanDepot and Raises \$470K

Newport Beach, Calif. (May 9, 2018) – UCP of Orange County (UCP-OC) held its stunning *Life Without Limits* gala on May 5 with guest host Tarek El Moussa of HGTV's popular *Flip or Flop*. Over 300 guests helped raise just over \$470K at the Latin-inspired black tie fundraiser which honored the significant support from Scott Pievac and loanDepot. UCP-OC also celebrated its 65th year of providing comprehensive services to children and families affected by developmental disabilities including autism, Down syndrome, cerebral palsy and developmental delay.

Guests were welcomed on the red carpet by UCP-OC ambassador families before enjoying a hosted cocktail reception and online silent auction. Dinner and program followed with a welcome by celebrity host Tarek El Moussa and UCP-OC President and CEO Ramin Baschshi, M.D.

Actress Lauren Potter, best known for her role as Becky Jackson in the television show *Glee*, joined UCP-OC ambassador Brianna Pievac on stage to present the Individual Impact Award to longtime supporter Scott Pievac (Brianna's father).

Brian Ramos, loanDepot Executive Licensed Lending Officer and father of a five year-old UCP-OC child, accepted the Corporate Impact award on behalf of loanDepot with a powerful testimonial. Within two years of working together, loanDepot team members raised almost a quarter of a million dollars for UCP-OC programs allowing for several children to move off of the services waitlist while creating memorable onsite events for UCP-OC children, families and staff.

"We are very humbled to receive this honor," said Alex Madonna, Senior Vice President of Sales for loanDepot. "For us, getting to know the children and families of UCP-OC has

been a tremendous privilege, and we are so proud and grateful to be a part of helping Orange County children and families live lives without limits. It's a great feeling knowing that our efforts help ensure that children and families move off of waitlists and into programs which can help them grow and thrive."

The evening's live auction was led by auctioneer Jim Nye with the fund-a-need generating \$158K to support therapy programs for 31 children with disabilities currently on a wait list.

Another event highlight was a spectacular musical performance by 2018 American Idol participant Effie Passero. Guests and ambassadors enjoyed live music and dancing throughout the evening.

Life Without Limits gala co-chairs were Laura Meier of Meier Law Firm and Michele Maryott of Gibson Dunn.

For more information about the gala or UCP-OC, call 949.333.6452 or visit www.ucpoc.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 65th 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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