UCP OF ORANGE COUNTY PARTNERS WITH ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION TO HOST THE SECOND ANNUAL *EMPOWERING POSSIBILITIES*: A GIVING DAY FOR OC NEIGHBORS WITH DISABILITIES
UCP of Orange County (UCP-OC) Joins Seven Other Organizations with the Goal of Collectively Raising $95,000 for Community Members with Disabilities

Irvine, Calif., (May 16, 2019) — UCP-OC will partner with the Orange County Community Foundation (OCCF) and seven fellow nonprofits on May 30 to host the second annual *Empowering Possibilities*, a Giving Day for OC neighbors with disabilities. This 24-hour online effort aims to raise $95,000 in critical funds. Last year's *Empowering Possibilities* Giving Day raised $86,523 with participation from more than 306 donors.

Empowering Possibilities is part of a bold initiative by OCCF to boost the capacity of local nonprofits through a series of Collaborative Giving Days over the coming year. Nonprofits with shared missions are invited to come together to boost collective giving for their causes. OCCF will power the campaign by providing seed funding to support the marketing assets, campaign resources, and collaborative partnerships. The seven Giving Days held throughout 2018 raised a total of $1.4 million for local organizations.

"We are grateful to be collaborating with the Orange County Community Foundation and seven other like-minded organizations again this year to raise vital funds for Orange County neighbors with disabilities," said UCP-OC President & CEO Ramin Baschshi, M.D. "Through the work of these amazing Orange County based nonprofits, lives are being changed every day, but this work would not be possible if it wasn't for the generosity of compassionate community members who choose to invest in our mission. For UCP-OC this means helping children reach their full potential and live a *Life Without Limits*."

The eight organizations participating in *Empowering Possibilities* include Dayle McIntosh Center, Down Syndrome Association of Orange County, Family Support Network, Free Wheelchair Mission, Project Independence, Rehabilitation Institute of Southern California, Speech and Language Development Center, United Cerebral Palsy Association of Orange County and Vocational Visions.

"We are excited to continue empowering aligned nonprofits to work together to maximize their impact," said Shelley Hoss, president, OCCF. "It takes committed and experienced leadership to care for our community members with disabilities, and we are thrilled to provide this group with the support they need to succeed."

OCCF first challenged Orange County residents to "give where their heart lives" during the inaugural i♥oc Giving Day in 2015, raising more than $1.8 million through gifts to 347 participating nonprofits in just 30 hours. OCCF nearly doubled those results in 2016 during the second annual i♥oc Giving Day, receiving contributions totaling $3.2 million for 418 participating nonprofits. In 2017, OCCF re-envisioned i♥oc as an expanded opportunity for nonprofits to connect with one another in support of their shared missions.

To give online, please visit empowering-possibilities.funraise.org. For more information on the 2019 Collaborative Giving Days, visit oc-cf.org/iheartoc.

About UCP of Orange County
UCP of Orange County (UCP-OC) helps children with disabilities reach their full potential and improves the quality of life for their families. Founded in 1953, UCP-OC was originally established to assist individuals of all ages affected by cerebral palsy. To meet a growing demand for services 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. For more information, visit ucpoc.org or call 949-333-6400.

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 $600 million in grants and scholarships and ranks in the top two percent in grantmaking activity among more than 780 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 2018 annual report here.

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