



United Cerebral Palsy of OC Receives \$50,000 Donation from loanDepot

Foothill Ranch, Calif. (April 4, 2017) - United Cerebral Palsy of Orange County (UCP-OC) supporters gathered at the Foothill Ranch headquarters of loanDepot on Friday, March 31 to presumably receive a check for \$25,000. However, loanDepot CEO Anthony Hsieh was so moved by the nonprofit's efforts in serving children with disabilities, that he doubled the amount to \$50,000.

The cause is very personal to loanDepot executive licensed lending officer Brian Ramos. His oldest son Carter has developmental delays from a rare condition called Spinocerebellar Ataxia Type 29. Four-year-old Carter began receiving treatment from UCP-OC just over two years ago and is making great progress - even learning to walk and talk - through the multi-disciplinary therapy he receives.

Brian, with the leadership of SVP of Sales, Direct Lending Alex Madonna, rallied colleagues to give back through loanDepot's "Together We Give" charitable program. In support of Carter and March Cerebral Palsy Awareness month, loanDepot employees launched a two-day giving campaign that far exceeded their initial \$20,000 goal.

"We come to work every day and provide great products and service to our customers—that's the easy part. When you watch kids like my son and what they go through, that changes your life. If you have anyone in your family who is directly impacted by a disability that's hard," explains Brian Ramos. "I thank everyone who supported UCP-OC, especially our CEO Anthony Hsieh for his generous donation."

Last April, more than 250 loanDepot employees from across the country came together to support Carter, his family and UCP-OC raising \$30,000 in less than 24 hours. The latest donation brings their new total raised to \$80,000.

“What loanDepot does to take care of families in their community is amazing,” said Deborah Levy, UCP-OC’s president and CEO. “I only wish more companies had the kind of heart that loanDepot shows year after year.”

As part of their ongoing support of the organization, loanDepot will sponsor UCP-OC’s *Life Without Limits* Gala on April 22 at the Balboa Bay Resort. For more information, call 949.333.6401 or visit www.ucp-oc.org/gala

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From left: Alex Madonna, SVP, direct lending; Anthony Hsieh, CEO and founder; Chad Smith, EVP, production and direct lending; Deborah Levy, UCP-OC president and chief executive officer; Brian Ramos, licensed lending officer; Melissa Ramos; Elizabeth Beas, director of development; Carter Ramos, Jackson Ramos.

About United Cerebral Palsy of Orange County

For more than 60 years, United Cerebral Palsy of Orange County (UCP-OC) has helped children with a wide range of disabilities to lead a *Life Without Limits* and achieve their full potential and inclusion into society at all levels. UCP-OC provides vital services that support more than 5600 children and families each year to improve individual well-being from birth through early adulthood. For more information, call (949) 333-6452 or visit www.ucp-oc.org.

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