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**Orange County Bar Association Charitable Fund Honors Knobbe Martens, CHOC,
And Law-Related Charitable Programs in Orange County at 2018 Annual Benefit**

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif., Aug. 21, 2018 – The Orange County Bar Association Charitable Fund will honor law firm Knobbe Martens, Children’s Hospital of Orange County (CHOC), and four law-related charities in Orange County during its annual “Raise Your Glass” benefit. Knobbe Martens was selected as the 2018 Law Firm Honoree of the OCBA Charitable Fund annual benefit, CHOC as the Corporate Honoree, and four local organizations as the Community Partner Honorees for their dedication to serving victims of domestic violence – Chapman University Fowler School of Law’s Bette and Wylie Aitken Family Protection Clinic, Human Options, Laura’s House, and Women’s Transitional Living Center (WLTC).

Each year, the OCBA Charitable Fund hosts its “Raise Your Glass” gala – a wine tasting and charity awards benefit. The benefit will be held at Newport Beach Country Club this Thursday, August 23, 2018. It includes great wines, culinary delights, live entertainment, and both a silent and live auction. The evening’s festivities are preceded by a VIP champagne reception.

Proceeds from the event will be used to fund donations to various law-related charities in the Orange County community. The OCBA Charitable Fund grants provide critically needed services to a broad range of clients including victims of domestic violence, legal services for low-income residents of Orange County and foster youth, diversity pipe-line efforts, and assistance for veterans and homeless residents.

“This year’s Charitable Fund honorees are recognized for the important legal services they provide to some of the most vulnerable and underserved members of our community,” said OCBA Charitable Fund President Michael Baroni. “The work of these organizations, lawyers, and advocates has greatly expanded the public’s access to justice and impacted countless lives and families in Orange County.”

Please see below for more details about this year’s honorees.

KNOBBE MARTENS

2018 Law Firm Honoree

Orange County-based law firm Knobbe Martens is dedicated to giving back and serving our community. Knobbe is a significant supporter of charitable causes in Orange County and provides pro bono services to individuals and organizations. See knobbe.com.

CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL OF ORANGE COUNTY

2018 Corporate Honoree

While delivering world-class medical care, CHOC developed a legal clinic, which provides patient families with legal representation to serve children without biological parents present, developmentally disabled adults, and patients fighting mental illness. See choc.org.

**CHAPMAN UNIVERSITY FOWLER SCHOOL OF LAW
BETTE AND WYLIE AITKEN FAMILY PROTECTION CLINIC**

2018 Community Partner Honoree

Law students represent victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking free of charge while learning essential lawyering skills and the value of pro bono community service. See chapman.edu/law/legal-clinics.

HUMAN OPTIONS

2018 Community Partner Honoree

Through its Legal Advocacy Program, Human Options serves survivors of domestic violence with education on legal rights, court accompaniment and support, direct assistance and referrals, and housing dispute and employment assistance. See humanoptions.org.

LAURA'S HOUSE

2018 Community Partner Honoree

Laura's House has served more than 5,000 abused men, women, and children in Orange County. Its Legal Advocacy Program provides services to empower survivors with knowledge of their legal rights so that they may lead safe, violence-free lives. See laurashouse.org.

WOMEN'S TRANSITIONAL LIVING CENTER

2018 Community Partner Honoree

Dedicated to ending the cycle of violence and exploitation, WLTC provides shelter and services to help survivors of domestic violence and human trafficking overcome legal barriers, such as navigating the court system through its accredited Legal Advocacy Program. See wtlc.org.

To learn more about or support the OCBA and its Charitable Fund, visit www.ocbar.org or www.ocbarcf.org.

About the Orange County Bar Association

Established in 1901, the Orange County Bar Association, with over 8,500 members, is one of the largest voluntary bars in California. The mission of the Orange County Bar Association is to enhance the system of justice, to support the lawyers who serve it, and to assist the community served by it.

About the Orange County Bar Association Charitable Fund

Founded in 1995 as the charitable giving and fundraising arm of the Orange County Bar Association, the OCBA Charitable Fund provides resources to organizations and programs in order to enhance the system of justice in Orange County and promote access to equal justice for all. Over the last decade, the OCBA Charitable Fund has provided over \$1.2 million in grants to law-related charities in Orange County.

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