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## **FESTIVAL OF CHILDREN FOUNDATION AWARDS \$60,000** **TO FUND DREAMS OF 10 ORANGE COUNTY CHILDREN'S CHARITIES**

**WHAT:** Festival of Children Foundation, a Costa Mesa based non-profit dedicated to improving the lives of children, awarded \$60,000 in grant money to 10 Orange County children's charities as part of The Possible Dream 2013 grant program.

All of Festival of Children Foundation's Orange County-based member organizations were invited to apply for the grant money. A panel of six diverse judges reviewed 48 applications collected from January 1 – February 1, 2013. Proposals were evaluated based on the following criteria: Need, Innovation and Creativity, Assessment of Outcomes, Cost Effectiveness and Strength of Collaboration. After careful consideration, the following children's charities were selected to receive grants based on their dreams:

America on Track (Santa Ana)  
Boys & Girls Clubs of Huntington Valley (Huntington Beach & Fountain Valley)  
Down Syndrome Association of Orange County (Costa Mesa)  
Families Forward (Irvine)  
Family Support Network (Fullerton)  
Friendly Center (Orange)  
Hands Together (Santa Ana)  
Orange County Children's Therapeutic Arts Center (Santa Ana)  
Boys & Girls Clubs of Anaheim (Anaheim)  
United Cerebral Palsy of Orange County (Irvine)

"These member organizations of Festival of Children Foundation submitted proposals for tangible, measurable, collaborative projects that fulfill their mission and improve the lives of children. We hope this grant money will help these ten dynamic children's nonprofits achieve their dreams to the very fullest of its potential," said Sandy Segerstrom Daniels, Founder & Executive Director of Festival of Children Foundation.

Representatives from the selected non-profits attended a check presentation ceremony held at The Capital Grille restaurant on March 1, 2013.

### **About Festival of Children Foundation**

Festival of Children Foundation is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization that serves to bring together and coordinate the efforts of charities, companies and individuals who actively work to improve the lives of children. Festival of Children Foundation gives a voice, guidance and support. 100% of the administrative costs are covered by designated funding, allowing donations to go further in direct support of programs and services that improve the lives of children. For more information, please visit [www.festivalofchildren.org](http://www.festivalofchildren.org).

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