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Nonprofit Vocational Visions in Mission Viejo Participates in Important Day of Online Giving along with 9 Other Local Organizations Serving Children & Adults with Disabilities in Orange County

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On May 20, 2021, 10 Orange County nonprofits are coming together to raise a combined goal of \$100,000 for our OC neighbors with disabilities. Vocational Visions, located in Mission Viejo, is proud to be one of the 10 organizations participating in this fundraiser called Empowering Possibilities OC.

Since 1974, Vocational Visions has been providing services to adults with disabilities in Orange County. Through our seven different programs, we help create pathways to employment, life-long learning and social inclusion.

Before the pandemic, Vocational Visions put together a plan to renovate our two buildings in Mission Viejo. We knew it would be a huge endeavor as we hadn't done any major renovations in our 47-year history. We had a vision to create a safe, secure, fully accessible and beautiful environment for our 400 participants.

With the pandemic forcing our doors to close to our site-based programs, we implemented a robust alternative services plan to ensure ongoing support to our participants all while using the reduced building occupancy as an opportunity to start our renovations. Although the renovations are well underway, funding is still needed to help finance these much needed improvements. We plan to reopen next month in a phased approach and we are on track to complete our renovations by then.

Vocational Visions has set a goal of raising \$15,000 on May 20th, 2021 to help fund these last stages of our renovations. We have a \$5,000 match opportunity.

If you want to make a difference locally, we encourage you to visit the donation website below. No amount is too small to make an impact. You can donate now through 12:00 Noon Pacific Time on May 21, 2021 to have it count toward our goal.

<https://empowering-possibilities-giving-day.ocnonprofitcentral.org/organizations/vocational-visions>

For questions on our fundraiser or other ways you can support our organization with non-monetary, talent-based or time-based donations, please email Amy Gill at agill@vocationalvisions.org or call 949-837-7280 extension 231.

About Vocational Visions

Vocational Visions was born out of the discovery by Orange County (OC) educators that, post K-12 education, there weren't enough options to continually engage I/DD persons who have transitioned into adulthood. Vocational Visions enhances our community by developing the talents of adults with intellectual / developmental disabilities (I/DD) by creating pathways to employment, life-long learning, and social inclusion. Within the I/DD community, these basic rights and needs for a meaningful life don't



get fulfilled without the support of organizations like Vocational Visions. Today, Vocational Visions offers seven unique programs to meet the varying needs of over 400 I/DD OC adult residents. For more information about Vocational Visions, please contact us at 949-837-7280 or visit:

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