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This month, OCCHC's Westward Home: A Gala to End the Cycle of Poverty raised over \$260,000 — advancing affordable housing and education for underserved families throughout Orange County,

The western-themed gala, presented by Title Sponsor, U.S. Bank, took place at The Ranch in Anaheim. The event provided a vibrant and engaging evening that included live music, line dancing and an opportunity to meet the individuals whose lives are positively impacted by OCCHC every day.

OCCHC Executive Director, Nora Mendez, reflected on the significant impact achieved over the past 48 years, encouraging attendees to join in our mission sharing, "Tonight, we can help a family go from 'We can't' to 'We did' and a student from 'I'm not sure' to 'I'm college bound.'"

Today, we thank our generous sponsors and donors who opened the door to a safe and affordable home where families can thrive and their children can build a brighter future. Thank you!

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*"to transition extremely low-income families towards greater self-sufficiency
by assisting them with housing and education".*

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