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## **Dan Stetson Named Executive Director of Charitable Ventures of Orange County**

SANTA ANA, Calif., August 1, 2016 – **Dan Stetson** has been named Executive Director of Charitable Ventures of Orange County (CVOC), a non-profit organization founded by The Olin Group to encourage the growth of innovative regional non-profits. He comes to the organization after serving as president and CEO of The Ocean Institute in Dana Point.

Anne Olin, CVOC founder and board chair, said the board selected Stetson for the role to support a new era of growth and expansion for the organization. She explained, “The recent growth in numbers and complexity of our projects reflects the escalating needs of our social sector. Likewise, the need for social innovation is immense, and I think Dan Stetson is the perfect leader to take and further develop our business model to help address these needs.”

As executive director, Stetson will lead a dynamic and professional team in scaling operations to support a growing need for fiscal agency, sponsorship and incubation. He will work on-site at CVOC’s Santa Ana office.

Stetson brings extensive experience in both non-profit and community settings. Having joined the Ocean Institute in Dana Point in 1992, Stetson served as president and CEO from 2005 – 2015. In that role, and as a long-time resident of Orange County, Stetson has been active in public education and community development issues. He serves as both trustee and executive director of the Nicholas Endowment, and volunteers as Secretary of the Community Engagement Panel for the decommissioning of the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station. At CVOC, he will bring his experience in both revenue and organizational development to serve CVOC’s philanthropic and nonprofit partners, all of whom are working to develop innovative approaches to solving community problems.

“I am honored to join the Charitable Ventures family,” said Stetson. “This is an amazingly creative and innovative organization and I look forward to contributing to its growth. My pledge, and that of the entire Charitable Ventures team, is to continue to partner with our projects in every way we can to help make them successful.”

*The Olin Group, a for-profit consulting firm, launched CVOC as a part of its mission to encourage the growth of innovative regional nonprofits. Incorporated as a 501(c)3 non-profit dedicated to providing fiscal sponsorship services, CVOC began in 2007 with seed funding from the Orange County Community Foundation and a commitment from The Olin Group to subsidize operations with staffing and infrastructure. Today, CVOC serves as an alternative to individual non-profit incorporation; it provides community projects with fiscal sponsorship support, and continues to evolve inside a growing movement of fiscal sponsors dedicated to best practices and building communities through this model.*

*Since its founding, CVOC has sponsored more than 47 projects and a growing number of regional initiatives in Orange County and beyond, including the OC Women’s Health Project, Santa Ana Building Healthy Communities, Project Kinship, Boys and Men of Color and Caterina’s Club.*

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