Orange County Community Housing Corporation (OCCHC) is incorporated as a 501(c)3 non-profit.

1977 Founding Executive Director, Allen Baldwin, hired.

1978 First project built in Anaheim.

1981 1st Annual Affordable Housing Awards (AHA) Breakfast.

1986 OCCHC expands its affordable housing to Irvine and Garden Grove.

1990 Development of OCCHC’s Buena Clinton 36-unit apartment complex brings safety to a once blighted area.

1994 Expansion to Huntington Beach with a 9-unit building for single parents working on obtaining a higher education.

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