

"Hey!! It's Your World.... Change It!"

WHERE TO SEND MY DONATIONS?

Orange County's Housing Authority reports that the percentage living in poverty is on the rise. In 1989, slightly more than 8 percent of the population or 200,000 people were living below the poverty level*. By 1998, this number increased to 323,655. The rising number of individuals falling below the poverty level, which is currently \$16,450 for a family of four, widens the gap between the wealthy and the poor in the county. You can help the world by organizing clothing, toy, food, or book drives for the needy. You can also help by donating items or materials. Donate now!

Brea's Community Volunteer Program

Brea Historical Society (714) 953-5757

Donate items of local historical significance to the museum or volunteer to help archive items such as photo and mementos.

Casa Teresa Home for Single Mothers

Orange (714) 538-4860

Volunteers are needed to host baby showers or events for the mothers. Monetary donations are also accepted.

Catholic Charities

Santa Ana (714) 668-1130, www.catholiccharitiesinfo.org

Donate food or volunteer to help distribute food at 7am on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday.

Children's Hospital of Orange County (CHOC)

Orange (714) 997-3000

Donate blankets and brand new toys to make a child's day brighter! Contact Pat Dooley.

Episcopal Service Alliance

Anaheim (714) 385-1980

ESA's primary purpose is to provide emergency assistance to needy persons in Orange County with food, clothing, transportation, and toiletries.

Make-A-Wish Foundation at Orange County

Tustin (949) 476-9474, www.wish.org

Donate blankets, toys, clothes to make someone's wish come true.

Olive Crest Homes and Services for Abused Children

Santa Ana (714) 543-5437 ext. 1144, www.olivecrest.org

Donate brand new toys, toiletries, blankets, clothes, and your time to the Olive Crest Homes.

Orange County Rescue Mission

Santa Ana (714) 258-4300, www.rescuemission.org

Donate nonperishable food items or volunteer to serve food to the needy.

Salvation Army

Anaheim (800) 728-7825, www.salvationarmy.org

Donate any item you can for needy families. A pick up truck will pick up your items.

Shelter for the Homeless

Midway City (714) 897-3221

Donate can foods with pull off tops, travel size hygiene products, toiletries, and fast food certificates for needy people.

Women's Transitional Living Center

Orange (714) 992-1939

This shelter for battered women and their children needs new toys for newborn-18 years of age. They can use new clothing for children and women, and household items and non-perishable food.

Working Wardrobes for a New Start

Rancho Santa Margarita (714) 210-2460, www.workingwardrobes.org

Working Wardrobes helps adults in crisis get back to work through many services offered. You can help out by donating clothes/accessories, office supplies, equipment, or funds and receive a tax deduction.

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Anaheim Interfaith Shelter

Anaheim (714) 774-8502

Donate baby wipes, large diapers, personal hygiene items for families in shelter, gift certificates, box fans, twin sheets (sets), pots and pans, dish sets, silverware, glassware, gardening tools, and furniture (dining room table and chairs, TV's, dressers).

Children's Bureau of Southern California

Anaheim (714) 517-1900, www.all4kids.org

Donate toys, educational activities, and clothing for children birth to 12 years of age.

Women Helping Women

Costa Mesa (949) 631-2333, www.whelpingw.org

In need of professional clothing and accessories for women (especially larger size women's clothing). Volunteers are needed to sort and help clients "shopping" in the clothes closet.

Beyond Shelter YWCA

Fullerton (714) 871-4488

In need of soap, shampoo, conditioner, brushes, combs, wallets, paper and pens, pre-paid gas cards, bus passes, lotion, bubble bath, and gift certificates for single women in recovery from domestic violence. Beyond Shelter is also in need of food for food baskets all year.

Western Youth Service

Fullerton (714) 871-5646, www.westernyouthservices.org

Donate art supplies, a color TV and a VCR for parenting videos and toys to be used for play therapy.

Garden Grove 7th Day Adventist Church

Garden Grove (714) 534-4376

Donate canned food (fruit, meat, vegetables, and soup), fresh fruit and vegetables all year; baby items (diapers, wipes and formula). Volunteers are always needed.

Orange Grove Rehabilitation Hospital

Garden Grove (714) 534-1041

Donate toiletries, magazines, books, slippers, robes, sweaters, writing instruments, and note pads; monetary donations are also accepted.

Lung Association of Orange County

Santa Ana (714) 835-5864, www.oclung.org

Volunteers are needed to help with data processing, client services, and processing donations. This association also needs monetary and vehicle donations

Mercy House Transitional Living Centers

Santa Ana (714) 836-7188

Donate toiletry items for men, women and children (razors, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and shampoo), backpacks, gloves, warm hats, and phone cards. Volunteers are also needed to sort/pack food baskets and deliver donations.

Rebuilding Together Orange County

Orange County (714) 667-8174, www.neighborhoodlink.com/org/rebuild

Donate building materials and major appliances for their home rehabilitation project benefiting senior and disabled homeowners. Volunteers are needed to assist in their April rebuilding project.

Family Access Counseling Education Services

Santa Ana (714) 879-9616

Donate toys and games for their school outreach programs and volunteer for their children groups.