

Thank you for inquiring about volunteer opportunities with the Orange County Food Bank.

At the Orange County Food Bank there are several meaningful opportunities for you to contribute to feeding vulnerable seniors, people with disabilities, and low income families, including:

Food Bank Warehouse

On a daily basis, volunteers work side-by-side to the beat of music packing food boxes that are distributed to hungry people in Orange County and surrounding areas. There are work assignments appropriate for volunteers of all ages and physical abilities. Adult supervision is required for young children. Volunteers should wear comfortable clothing and need to wear closed-toed shoes. Individuals, families, and groups of 80 can be accommodated. This is a great team building opportunity for corporate groups and community service project for service organizations, schools and churches. Volunteers are needed Monday thru Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Food Bank is also open to volunteers most Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Groups of 25 or more may schedule their own unique volunteer session during the work day, in evenings or on weekends, based on availability. The average volunteer session is 3 hours, but you may stay longer or shorter periods of time. Individuals and families may often be accommodated at the last moment. Groups often need to schedule in advance because some sessions fill up. Group volunteer events typically begin with a brief tour of the Food Bank and presentation describing poverty and hunger in Orange County. Schedule your volunteer experience by contacting Andre Gaithe at (714)897-6670 Ext. 3493.

Food Bank Office

Like most workplaces, the Food Bank has a lot of paperwork and administrative duties. Individuals are needed to help with data entry, phone work, filing, and related tasks. Volunteer opportunities in the office are generally available Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. To schedule a time to volunteer in the office, please contact Dao Vu at (714) 897-6670 ext. 3616.

Food Drive

The demand for food from the Food Bank typically exceeds the available supply. To plan a Food Drive in your neighborhood, or at your company, school, or church, please contact Kristin Kvesic at (714) 897-6670 ext. 3604.

Longer Term Commitments

If you are interested in volunteering several hours per week for an extended period of time, Food Bank personnel can train you to work one-on-one with people in crisis, helping them access needed services. To explore these opportunities, please contact Julie Gonzales at (714) 897-6670 ext. 3613.

Monetary Donations

Tax deductible donations can be made by sending checks to:
Orange County Food Bank
11870 Monarch Street, Garden Grove, CA 92841.

If you want to coordinate a fundraising event in support of the Food Bank, please contact Mark A. Lowry at (714) 897-6670 ext. 3601.

Research

High school students, college students, graduate students, and educators may help measure the extent of poverty and hunger, and identify effective strategies for addressing social problems.

Explore participating in research projects by contacting Alan Woo at (714) 897-6670 ext. 3400.

Other Opportunities

The Orange County Food Bank is a program of the Community Action Partnership of Orange County (CAPOC). Throughout CAPOC are other opportunities for civic engagement, including:

-ANAHEIM INDEPENDENCIA FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

Work directly with seniors and youth in a variety of activities at a Community Center. Contact Rosa Renteria at (714) 826-9070.

-EL MODENA FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

Work directly with seniors and youth in a variety of activities at a Community Center. Contact Maribel Reyes at (714) 532-3595 ext. 4.