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EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS DRIVE ASSISTS VETERANS AND LOW-INCOME FAMILIES

GARDEN GROVE, CA (September 29, 2016) - There is probably nothing more frightening than a disaster, especially if the community is not prepared. Join Community Action Partnership of Orange County's (CAPOC's) Emergency Preparedness Drive to raise awareness and dollars for Emergency Preparedness Kits for vulnerable families and veterans of Orange County.

CAPOC is working in collaboration with Congressional Member Loretta Sanchez, Orange Coast College, the VA Long Beach Healthcare System, local emergency preparedness officials, and veteran offices in Orange County on this Emergency Preparedness Drive. The vision for this drive is to help communities in Orange County be better prepared for disasters.

With a \$33 donation residents can help make an Emergency Preparedness Kit for families and veterans in need in Orange County. This kit includes an emergency bag, first aid kit, emergency food and water. This drive will occur at the end of September and throughout the month of October. The kits will be distributed in mid-November at CAPOC's Anaheim Independencia Family Resource Center in Anaheim, and the El Modena Family Resource Center in Orange where there are classes on Emergency Preparedness as well.



"You never know when a disaster will strike. The key to being prepared for a disaster is to plan for the before, the during, and the after to be able to implement the plan when the disaster does occur. Preparedness is a never ending process," said Curtis Gibbs, Planning and Fund Development Director at Community Action Partnership of Orange County.

It is imperative for Orange County to be prepared for a disaster and this Emergency Preparedness Drive is yet another step in preparedness. There have been many disasters nationwide and the more proactive a community can be in the face of a disaster, the quicker that community will be to heal and to rebuild.

For more information about this program, or to make a monetary or in-kind donation, please visit www.capoc.org/emergency and learn how you can help those less fortunate prepare for a potential disaster.

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ABOUT COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP OF ORANGE COUNTY

With leadership and results dating back to 1965, Community Action Partnership of Orange County (CAPOC) has evolved into one of Orange County's most comprehensive anti-hunger and poverty relief organization. CAPOC's aim is to make a positive impact in people's lives by helping them meet basic needs and strengthen their support system. Our position within Orange County allows us to identify neighborhood concerns and find unique solutions. We have a stake in the health of our community and have the ability to create real change in the lives of low-income children, families, seniors, and veterans. By acting as a resource for ending hunger and poverty, our organization improves the health of our community. We mobilize and direct resources to programs that assist, educate, and promote self-sufficiency.