



**COMMUNITY ACTION
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ORANGE COUNTY

GIVING GUIDE **A - Z**

We appreciate charitable donations, but did you know there are several ways you can get involved and support our work? Your annual Giving Guide lists ways you can help make an **IMPACT in Orange County** through your support of Community Action Partnership of Orange County (CAP OC). Discover new ways you can give back and learn more about our programs along the way. Everything you need to know from A to Z.

For quick access to all giving opportunities, visit capoc.org/donate



A **Amazon Wish List** • We help families throughout Orange County get their basic needs met through our various programs. Our Wish List provides an ongoing list of items we need for those we help. Everything from diapers, hygiene supplies, art kits and more! When you order anything from the Wish List and it will be sent directly to our door! Visit capoc.org/donate to fulfill our wish list today!

B **Backpacks for Success** • Going back to school isn't cool if you don't have a backpack. Thousands of OC families are struggling to make ends meet, and sometimes purchasing backpacks and school supplies isn't feasible. That's why during **May 1st – June 30th** we officially launch our Backpacks for Success Drive to help raise funds and supplies to help youth who will head back to school in the fall. You can host a fundraising drive and help collect \$20 per backpack or \$10 per school supply kit or donate fully stocked backpacks including essential supplies from our Needs List. Needs List is available in April on our web site: capoc.org/backpacks. Last year with Orange County's help, we collected 2,090 backpacks for youth.

Adopt-a-Family • In **October**, we launch our annual Adopt-a-Family program. CAP OC selects families that are facing incredible hardship that could truly use some support during the holiday season. Family profiles are posted on our website in the Fall and includes wish lists for each family member with ages, sizes and needed items. By participating in Adopt-A-Family, you will make a world of difference for a family in need. Please contact us at partner@capoc.org with any questions.

Marina was able to receive 6 backpacks for her 6 school-aged children at one of our first backpack distributions this year at Southwest Community Center. Because they are a large family, they are always looking for ways to stretch their budget to provide for the family. While she usually struggles during this time of year with Back-to-School, she was relieved she no longer had to stress about the basics and stated how genuinely grateful she felt, "It may seem like a little bit of help, but to me it's a tremendous help to have one less thing to worry about for my children".

C **Cryptocurrency Donations** • We're excited to share CAP OC is creating more impact through innovation. In order to increase our mission's reach, we're accepting over 50 different cryptocurrencies. Visit capoc.org/donate-crypto to learn which types and to donate. Did you know that donating crypto is a non-taxable event, meaning you do not owe capital gains tax on the appreciated amount and can deduct the donation from your taxes. This makes Bitcoin, Ethereum, and other crypto donations one of the most tax-efficient ways to support our cause.

CANstruction • Canstruction® Orange County Combines the fun of a design-build competition with an ingenious way to help feed hungry people. Local prominent architectural, engineering, planning, and design firms create phenomenal structures built entirely out of canned food. The structures go on view to the public at South Coast Plaza (in conjunction with the Festival of Children), John Wayne Airport, and ARTIC throughout the month of **September**. Learn more at canstructionoc.org



D **Day of Service • Every Martin Luther King Jr Day**, our OC Food Bank hosts a volunteer day where community members can make their “day off” a “day on” with a Day of Service. Join us to celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. through meaningful service! This is a high-energy project where volunteer “Packing Partners” will assemble and pack food boxes, working side-by-side (socially distanced) as a sign of unity and equality. Food Boxes will be delivered to seniors in need throughout the OC community. We hope to see you in 2025!

Diaper Bank • Today, more families are struggling than ever before and basic needs like diapers are one of those expenses that very low-income families have difficulty obtaining. Thanks to the launch of our Diaper Bank in 2020, we are able to provide a monthly supply of free diapers to families in need. In 2021, we distributed 25 million diapers to income-qualified families in Orange County. Support our Diaper Bank with a donation at capoc.org/donate

Donor Advised Funds • Do you have a Donor Advised Fund through Fidelity, Schwab, or BNY Mellon? CAP OC has an easy way you can donate these gifts with a click of a button at DAF Direct. Visit capoc.org/donate for more info



E **Employee Matching Gifts** • Do you know if your company matches your donations? Many companies will support your charitable giving through a match program. You can double and sometimes triple your gifts! Check with your Human Resources department and contact us at partner@capoc.org to ensure your gifts are matched.

F **Family Resource Centers** • CAP OC operates two family resource centers located in some of the most vulnerable areas of Orange County. Anaheim Independencia and El Modena Family Resource Centers provide supportive services for 1,000 low-income families annually. Both centers offer senior and youth programs, family strengthening and development, nutrition services, financial empowerment and employment assistance, and food, utility, tax, and rent/mortgage assistance. You can donate items such as clothes, books, and other items. Volunteer to support activities such as tutoring and holiday activities.

Food Drives • The OC Food Bank, a program of Community Action Partnership of Orange County, provides food and resources for more than 200 hunger-fighting partners throughout Orange County. Food Drives help provide supplemental items that we do not receive from product donations through distributors and grocery chains. Non-perishable items such as canned meats, beans, and cereals are in high-need. You and your company or a group of friends can request a food barrel and host a drive. Please contact us at partner@capoc.org with any questions.

Future is Working • Join us for an annual one-day Giving Day to help build the workforce in Orange County! In 2021, CAP OC launched a pilot workforce development program to help young adults learn the skills needed to enter the workforce. From training to personal development, CAP OC staff help young adults ages 18-24 discover who they are as individuals, learn skills and get into the workforce. **Every March**, in partnership with Orange County Community Foundation and 14 other nonprofits, we will raise support for our youth workforce development program. You can get involved at capoc.org





G is for **Giving Farm** • Did you know right here in Orange County we have a fully functioning 8-acre farm that is located at Westminster High School? The farm produces roughly 200,000 pounds of vegetables and fruit that are then donated to the OC Food Bank that helps feed local vulnerable families. We are always looking for volunteers **Monday – Saturday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.** to help prep land, plant, harvest and more! Contact partner@capoc.org to support the Giving Farm today!

H is for **Hope for the Holidays** • Our annual campaign centered around a particularly high need time of year kicks off in **October - December**. For our participants around the holidays, money is a bit tighter and there are always competing needs. Hope for the Holidays donations help support things like providing families with a much-needed holiday meal and makes a joyful holiday season possible. Visit capoc.org/hope for more info.

I is for **Impact** • When you support Community Action Partnership of Orange County, your impact goes further and here's how: by providing integrated services, we help stabilize and empower families that are vulnerable. Your support of our various programs and services help create a broad impact throughout Orange County. While we focus on some of the deepest pockets of poverty in the county, there are several places where poverty still exists that may surprise you. We are the only organization in Orange County offering comprehensive, wrap-around services that bring together partners that help uplift individuals out of difficult circumstances.

Giving Tuesday • Giving Tuesday is a global movement held each year on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving. Join the movement to help support Orange County Food Bank in time for the holiday season. A match donor will match every donation dollar for dollar. This year, Giving Tuesday is **December 3, 2024**. You can support at capoc.org/donate



J **Just Because** • Our work is never done as people throughout Orange County continue to struggle making ends meet. While we have our program and fund specific needs that are time bound, there is still so much that is needed 365 days of the year. From everyday food support, school support, and other resources, CAP OC is here to help people in need, and we would love for you to join us. We'd love to talk to you and find out what interests you and how you would like to support. You can always reach one of the Philanthropy Team members at partner@capoc.org. Together let's help make impactful change!

K **Katie** • When you support CAP OC you help individuals like Katie. Katie, has benefited so much from our CAP OC programs, especially our Financial Empowerment classes. “Even from the very first class, I have been able to learn so much,” says Katie. “My husband used to handle our finances, but we would always seem to come up short. Now, with everything that I have learned through the program, I have taken over the finances for the family and have been able to start saving money!”



L **Lasting Change** • Every gift provides a ripple effect to further compound impact. The power of your dollar is exponential when brought together. When these gifts are put back into our communities, they provide indispensable resources that will bring lasting change.

M **Mission** • Our mission is our rally cry and our guiding star. We seek to end and prevent poverty by stabilizing, sustaining and empowering people with the resources they need when they need them. By forging strategic partnerships, we form a powerful to improve our community. Thank you for helping us fulfill our mission.

Monthly Giving • Consider contributing monthly to one of our life-changing programs that help alleviate the effects of poverty for families, seniors, and children in Orange County. When you make a monthly gift of \$20, \$50, or even \$100 you help sustain our operations for the future. To set up your monthly gift visit capoc.org/monthly-recurring



N is for **National Family Volunteer Day** • Our annual day the **Saturday before Thanksgiving** where teams compete to see who can pack the most boxes. Join groups like Disney, Southern California Edison and more for this fast-paced and fun day. Contact partner@capoc.org to learn more.

Night of Hope • Join us for an evening of hope, and join us in providing hope for the holidays for our program participants. The annual event honors an exemplary partner, brings together like-minded philanthropic individuals and businesses and is held under the stars complete with dinner, a silent auction and more! The event raises critical funds for our programs. If you are interested in sponsoring our next Night of Hope or providing items for the silent auction please contact our Development team at partner@capoc.org.



O is for **OC Food Bank** • Did you know in 2023 we distributed nearly 29 million pounds of food? That is the equivalent of 24 million meals to hungry seniors, individuals and families in Orange County. Are you an avid supporter of the Orange County Food Bank? Help us share the importance of feeding our hungry neighbors by hosting a home party to introduce us to your neighbors and friends. If every one does a little, we can help feed more and end hunger.



P **Planned Giving** • Consider Community Action Partnership of Orange County as part of your Estate Planning and leave a legacy that will benefit Orange County's most vulnerable for years to come. To learn more please contact LaShanda Maze at LMaze@capoc.org or **714.897.6670 ext. 5301**.

Q **QR Codes** • Help spread our message and awareness with QR codes! Post it in your place of business as a poster. Your visitors can learn about our programs, find out how to get involved and more! Contact partner@capoc.org if you would like a copy of our QR Code for your use!



R **Ralph's Rewards** • Did you know when you shop at Ralph's you can help support CAP OC at the same time? Just link your rewards card to our organization. The more you shop, the more money CAP OC will earn! Visit capoc.org/donate, go to Shopper Giving Programs, select Ralphs and search for Community Action Partnership of Orange County. Our organization number is IQ804.

S **Stocks** • CAP OC has an easy way for you to donate stock. By directly transferring a gift of appreciated stock, you can avoid capital gains taxes while also maximizing your gift's impact. Learn how giving stock can be uncomplicated, and the significant advantages to donating stock instead of cash. Please visit www.capoc.org/stocks to learn more and help CAP OC fulfill our mission with a stock donation today!



Southwest Community Center • is one of the newer community centers that joined the CAP OC family of programs. In 2019, CAP OC acquired the organization to continue its legacy, which recently celebrated 50 years of providing essential support to those experiencing homelessness. SWCC provides a warm meal for those who need it every day of the year and resources for additional help. We are grateful for the generous meal sponsors who are able to serve meals some days, but sometimes there are gaps within the week. Help provide sustaining meals to the Santa Ana community by volunteering in the kitchen with SWCC. You and a group can host a meal and help serve meals to those who are experiencing homelessness. To inquire contact Rosa Renteria at RRenteria@capoc.org.



T is for **Toy Drives •** Each year around the holidays, many families struggle with tight budgets and don't know if they will be able to provide gifts to their youth. Host a toy drive to help kids of all ages celebrate the holidays. It doesn't even need to be around the holidays! If you want to host something in May – go for it! Our centers would love books or summer activities!

U is for **Under-served Community Members •** The pandemic has unfortunately made many Orange County Community members newly vulnerable. There are also many whose situations have been exacerbated by the effects of these past couple years. This means there is a larger population of individuals that are under-served that need additional resources and support at this time. Consider donating to help our community members get back on their feet.

Tribute Gifts • Orange County is an incredible place filled with inspiring, impactful individuals. If someone has inspired you to make an impact, a tribute gift is a wonderful way to honor them.



V is for **Volunteering** • We are always looking for People Power to fuel our mission! Whether you join us to pack Senior Food Boxes, provide virtual tutoring for our youth or help at the harvest produce at the Giving Farm, there are several ways you can get involved. Please visit capoc.org/volunteer for all volunteer opportunities. If you are interested in volunteering as a group, please contact us at partner@capoc.org to schedule today!

Virtual Food Drives • You can challenge your friends and colleagues to help raise funds for the OC Food Bank through a dynamic, visual virtual food drive.

Donations are critical to ensure we have enough funds to purchase food for seniors and families in need. When you make a monetary donation, your dollar can go further to purchase more food thanks to our bulk purchasing power! A Virtual Food Drive is an easy way to help us combat food insecurity in Orange County because you can share socially with families, friends, and colleagues. Check out our Virtual Food Drive at capoc.org/food-drive.

If you would like to create a personalized Virtual Food Drive, please contact our Development team at partner@capoc.org.



W is for **Weatherization** • Did you know that low-income households spend an average of 7.2% of their income on utility bills? That's more than 3x the 2.3% that is spent by higher-income households for electricity, heating & cooling. Oftentimes, due to high housing costs in Orange County, low-income residents find themselves living in older, less efficient buildings, leading to higher energy costs. The good news is CAP OC offers Weatherization services at no-cost to income qualified participants. Weatherization (or WX) is the process of protecting and modifying a home to reduce energy consumption and optimize energy efficiency. Examples of WX include replacing drafty doors or windows and insulating attics. Check out our Energy Blog at capoc.org to learn more great examples of the work we do.

“My home was very cold. When winter comes, it looks like I’m dressed to go skiing. In the summer, my AC would not work. (Through CAP OC’s Weatherization Program), I can’t believe I got all 3 appliances! I am so happy to have everything I need now. It’s warmer... it’s so nice in my home. I am very grateful for the program”

-Lang, CAP OC WX Participant

Whole Family Approach • In 2020, we began to look at our programs and realign them to include a family-led strategy. The Whole Family Approach provides adults and children with the tools they need to set goals, create plans and to achieve those goals together. This approach has been proven effective in improving the family’s economic and social wellbeing, carrying with it the potential to break the cycle of intergenerational poverty. CAP OC works with grandparents, parents and children to provide each with the knowledge and skills to work together achieve long-term change and stability—together. The Whole Family Approach recently began a “Success Coaches Program,” in which our staff walks side by side with families.

X **X-Factor** • YOU are truly that “X-Factor” that makes it all possible for us, as an organization. Thank you for helping us meet immediate needs. From the hours you volunteer and the donations you give year after year, please know you are critical to our success! Thank you for helping create a better Orange County.

Y **Youth Programming** • If you have a passion for youth development, consider donating to strengthen our youth programs. These past two years have been especially tough on our youth. We want to ensure we provide resources and programs to support them and their success. We need volunteers to provide tutoring support (can be virtual). You can also share your personal Career Pathway via zoom. Help our youth learn about opportunities in the workforce.



Z **Zero Hunger, Zero Poverty** • All of these ways to get involved support our big picture vision: seeing generations of healthy communities where poverty ceases to exist. We invite you to be a part of bringing this vision to life. Together we can work towards a future with ZERO hunger and ZERO poverty.

We appreciate our partnership with YOU. You help make the difference in our communities. We hope you enjoyed reading about the different ways you can help support. For easy access to all links mentioned, visit capoc.org/donate and for questions about any giving opportunity, contact the Development Department at partner@capoc.org.

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