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CELEBRATING 49 YEARS OF CARING

2014 Holiday Edition

Hope for the Holidays



For 49 years you have helped Community Action Partnership of Orange County (CAPOC) serve thousands of local families affected by poverty. This holiday season, we hope you will join us again in making sure that children, families, and seniors impacted by poverty are not left behind by providing them with crucial necessities such as holiday meals, winter clothing, and toys for children.

"We are so thankful to our donors and volunteers who helped us serve more than 134,000 families last holiday," said Clarence Ray, Executive Director of CAPOC. "Unfortunately, there are even more families that need our help this year and we need the support of our community now more than ever."

CAPOC's Hope for the Holidays campaign is set up so that individuals, companies, congregations, and civic groups can participate collectively, or on their own to make a difference in the lives of families throughout Orange County. You can get involved by adopting a family, making a monetary donation, and hosting food or toy drives.

If you are interested in more information about how you can help end hunger during this holiday season and feed Orange County's low-income children, please contact (714) 897-6670 x3404, mmorrill@capoc.org, or visit www.capoc.org/h4h. Together, we can eliminate hunger and poverty in Orange County.

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EVENTS

You can join us on Sunday, November 16th for our Soiree in the Vineyards at the Newport Beach Vineyards and Winery. Check out page 2 for more information!

DONATE

You can help feed hungry families this holiday season - visit www.capoc.org/h4h to find out how you can make a difference!

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CAPOC Awarded \$4 million to Decrease Chronic Diseases in OC



Congratulations to our Community Partnerships and Services Department for receiving a monumental \$4 million grant that will focus on: 1) Expanding farm-to-institution programs (specifically Farm2School); 2) Supporting and promoting community and home gardens; 3) Increasing the amount of physical activity in P.E. programs in schools; 4) Discouraging consumption of sugar-sweetened beverages; and 5) Improving Streets and Active Transportation. The Partnerships to Improve Community Health (PICH) awards are part of a U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) initiative to support public health efforts to reduce chronic diseases, promote healthier lifestyles, reduce health disparities, and control health care spending.

SOIREE in the Vineyards

You are invited to our Soiree in the Vineyards to help end hunger in Orange County on Sunday, November 16, from 4 to 7 PM at Newport Beach Vineyards and Winery, benefiting the OC Food Bank.



You have the opportunity to make a difference this holiday season! All proceeds from this year's Soirée in the Vineyards will support our OC Food Bank's Hope for the Holidays

campaign, which makes sure OC residents aren't left behind this holiday season by providing them with crucial necessities such as food and clothing.

At this year's Soirée, we will be celebrating a very 'Grapeful' Thanksgiving by pairing your favorite holiday dishes with delectable wine from Newport Beach Vineyards and Winery. Situated beautifully on three-and-a-half acres of land on the Upper Newport Bay Nature Preserve and Ecological Estuary, Newport Beach Vineyards and Winery has been growing, harvesting, and maturing award-winning wines since 2001. This private estate of Richard Moriarty, grows and nurtures more than 1,200 Bordeaux-style grape vines to produce fabulous Meritage style blends.

A ticket to the Soirée will not only ensure you a delightful evening, but also fill hungry tummies and put smiles on the faces of those who desperately need your help this holiday.



Tickets cost \$175 and if you would like to attend please visit www.capoc.org/events, e-mail kfox@capoc.org, or call (714) 897-6670 x5314. Thank you!

50th Anniversary

Join the Celebration in 2015

In January 1964, our nation came together to declare war on poverty, which at the time was impacting 20 million Americans. Community Action Partnership of Orange County (CAPOC) opened our doors in November of 1965, and immediately began a legacy of helping impoverished populations within our county. Today, we continue to move children, families, seniors, and veterans out of poverty and achieve economic stability by assisting our clients in purchasing homes, getting college degrees, starting their own businesses, and accessing childcare and healthy foods.

Fifty years since the War on Poverty began, there is clearly much more to be done. Wages for low- and middle-income workers have failed to recover after the Great Recession. Weak economic growth, low-paying jobs, and declining housing affordability results in families being unable to meet essential needs and save for the future. Despite experiencing budget cuts, shrinking resources, and increased demands for services, CAPOC has been extremely successful helping people achieve and maintain economic stability. As we approach our 50th Anniversary Gala celebration on May 2, 2015, Community Action Partnership of Orange County invites you to join us in the fight against hunger and poverty. By working together, we can help change people's lives, improve communities, provide hope and make America a better place to live.



Welcome

CAPOC is excited to welcome three new members to our Board of Directors. Doug Wooley serves as Goodwill of Orange County's Workforce Development Director and was appointed to our board to represent Fourth OC District Supervisor Shawn Nelson. Carlos De La Riva serves as the One Stop Manager for the City of Santa Ana and was appointed to our board to represent Mayor Miguel Pulido. William O'Connell serves as the Executive Director of Colette's Children Home and was appointed to our board to represent the poor.

canstruction 2014

The OC Food Bank is pleased to announce the winners of the 2014 Canstruction Orange County competition that brought together nineteen local architectural, engineering, and design teams to create phenomenal structures built entirely out of canned food.

HONORABLE MENTION – BASSENIAN | LAGONI ARCHITECTS: "ORANGE You Glad We Are Helping to End Hunger?" (Total Cans: 2,332). A giant orange with leaves created from teabags in green packets.

HONORABLE MENTION – CH2M Hill: "Get your Fill with Tetris" (Total Cans: 3,318). A 10'-high Gameboy with Tetris on the screen.

HONORABLE MENTION – Disneyland Resort, Design & Engineering: "Melt Away Hunger" (4,932). A sculpture of Olaf from the movie, Frozen.

MOST CANS – SVA Architects: "Don't Let Hunger Drag-On" (Total Cans: 5,680). A dragon inspired by How to Train Your Dragon.

BEST MEAL – Fluor: "Our LEGOCy to Children" (Total Cans: 5,258). Giant Lego figures packing food boxes.

STRUCTURAL INGENUITY – Gregg Maedo + Associates: "CANzilla Destroys Hunger" (Total Cans: 2,710). A 10'-high Godzilla destroying a city plagued with hunger.

BEST USE OF LABELS – Jacobs: "We Refuse to be 'Koi' About Hunger" (Total Cans: 2,519). A 10'-long colorful Koi fish.

JURY'S FAVORITE – McCarthy Building Companies, Inc.: "Changing the Face of Hunger" (Total Cans: 2,315). A giant head with a hidden heart.



PEOPLE'S CHOICE – Fluor: "Our LEGOCy to Children" (Total Cans: 5,258)

All of the cans were donated to the OC Food Bank. This year's donations will allow the OC Food Bank

to provide 233,840 meals to low-income residents. "Canstruction not only fights hunger by creating beautiful sculptures that will feed thousand of hungry families, but also allows the OC Food Bank to shine light on Orange County's current hunger crisis," said Mark Lowry, Director of the OC Food Bank. "Hunger and poverty are huge issues nation wide, and we are grateful to all the participants for helping us raise awareness and donating nutritious shelf- stable food items for families, children, and seniors in need."

HOW DOES CAPOC HELP PEOPLE AND CHANGE LIVES?

Todd, a member of CAPOC's Energy & Environmental Services Department staff, was out conducting an initial assessment of a local family home as part of our weatherization program. This program works with low-income Orange County residents to fix minor home repairs and reduce energy consumption. Todd determined that all of the family's appliances were operative except for their clothes dryer. Unfortunately, a dryer repair or replacement is not part of any of CAPOC's current programs, and can become a safety hazard if left unattended. Todd returned to CAPOC determined to find resources to help this family during their time of crisis. Through a partnership with San Diego Gas and Electric, CAPOC was awarded a small amount of money to be utilized for special needs projects. With this money, Todd was able to locate an energy efficient dryer that would help the family reduce their energy bill. When he saw the smiling faces of the whole family during delivery, Todd knew he made a difference and changed their lives for the better.

Health Happens Here

The California Family Resource Association has selected CAPOC to implement Orange County's Health Happens Here (HHH) initiative. This statewide movement challenges people to think about health beyond the doctor's office and beyond the good vs. bad choices made by individuals. In reality, health depends on

where we live, learn, and play. CAPOC will be working with our two Family Resource Centers to implement walking groups, hosting health forums, and empowering residents and youth to have a voice and become leaders in their communities. To learn more about what HHH is doing in Orange County, follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/HHHOC or visit www.healthhappensinca.org.





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OUR PROMISE

Community Action changes people's lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities, and makes Orange County a better place to live. We care about the entire community and we are dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other.

How can **YOU** transform lives?

Everyday, lives are being changed thanks to the support and generosity of people like you. Check out these great opportunities and see how you can make a difference in fighting hunger and poverty in Orange County.

MAKE A DONATION

By making a monetary donation, you can help reinvest in our community by providing basic needs and resources to low-income households.

To make a donation contact Alan Woo at awoo@capoc.org or call (714) 897-6670 ext. 3400

VOLUNTEER

We are looking for individual and group volunteers to help us pack food boxes.

For more information contact Andre Gaithe at agaithe@capoc.org or call (714) 897-6670 ext. 3493



You can make a difference this holiday

Adopt-a-Family

You can make a difference this holiday season by adopting a whole family affected by poverty. You can make the holiday season so much brighter by providing new clothes, toys, and holiday food baskets to a family in need. All families are screened by CAPOC staff and have been verified as low-income.

Monetary Donation

Our OC Food Bank is able to purchase food at wholesale prices and leverage other donations, making your gift go further. With a \$20 donation, our OC Food Bank can buy approximately \$100 worth of food to give to local low-income residents this holiday season.

Food Drives

Host a food drive to provide holiday meals for families in need. You can also conduct a virtual food drive from our OC Food Bank Web site: www.ocfoodbank.org/virtual_drive/

Toy Drive or Gift Certificate Drive

Please consider collecting toys for children this holiday season. Gifts must be new and unwrapped. We also accept gift certificates to allow parents the opportunity to purchase gifts for their children themselves.

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