January 1 / March 31:  **SPECIAL CAMP FOR SPECIAL KIDS:** The core of the Special Camp for Special Kids program is the unique bond formed by campers and their counselors. During each camp session, every camper is paired with one counselor, who is their "mentor" or "buddy" for the week with an extraordinary atmosphere, which fosters cherished friendships. Call Linda Eres at (949) 661-0108 or apply here: [https://campsuci.active.com/orgs/SpecialCampforSpecialKids#/selectSessions/1746503](https://campsuci.active.com/orgs/SpecialCampforSpecialKids#/selectSessions/1746503).

March 11:  **FEED THE HUNGRY:** 7:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Help Qoheleth Ministries Feed the Hungry. Meet at the Newport Mesa Church Parking lot, 2599 Newport Blvd., Costa Mesa, CA. To volunteer go to the SIGN UP GENIUS or see their website at [http://www.qohelethministries.org](http://www.qohelethministries.org).

March 11:  **SECOND SUNDAY AT THE NEWPORT BAY:** 9:00am to 11:30am at Peter & Mary Muth Interpretive Center ~ 2301 University Dr. NB, CA 92660. Connect with nature and your community by enjoying a morning outdoors establishing healthy habitat for future generations to explore & appreciate. Please call (949) 923 2275 or register with OC Parks at [unbic@ocparks.com](mailto:unbic@ocparks.com). Contact Sue at (949) 923 2293 or email her at sue.stoffel@ocparks.com.

March 13:  **ESTANCIA HIGH SCHOOL PTSA MEETING:** 7 p.m. to 8:30 pm - Students who attend the meeting along with a parent or guardian can earn 2 hours of community service.

March 25:  **SURFRIDER BEACH CLEAN-UP:** Taking cleanup efforts upstream to the Huntington Harbor and raising community awareness of the link between inland pollution of waterways and oceans and beaches. 8:45 am - 11:30 am at Sunset Beach and Anderson St. Contact Shane Coons, Help Your Harbor Chair, at (949)333-0900 or email Shane.Coons@seclawoffices.com. Please go to [http://hsbsurfrider.org/beach_cleanup_schedule](http://hsbsurfrider.org/beach_cleanup_schedule).

March 25:  **ROOTS DAY AT UPPER NEWPORT BAY:** 9am to 12pm. Helping with restoration of the bay. Go to [https://www.coastal.ca.gov/publiced/unbweb/restore.html](https://www.coastal.ca.gov/publiced/unbweb/restore.html) to register. Details and directions will be emailed to you one week prior to ROOTS events and on the Tuesday before each Steward Day. Call Courtney James at (949) 640 0286 or email her at c james@restorehabitat.org.

April 1st:  **TEENS GIVE BACK CITY OF COSTA MESA:** Join us from 8:30am to 11:30am in the clean-up & preservation of Fairview Park Project, 2525 Placentia Ave. Costa Mesa, 92627. Volunteers must call (714) 327-7562 and bring a completed permission slip.

**ONGOING COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:**

- **AID-SERVICE FOUNDATION:** Call Thom Chapman at (949) 809 5771 or email him at tchapman@ocasf.org.
- **ALZHEIMER’S ASSOCIATION:** To find out about volunteer opportunities, call (949) 757 3728 or email bdeines@alz.org.
- **AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY DISCOVERY SHOP:** Call Lucy (949) 640 4777.
AMERICAN FAMILY HOUSING: Volunteers Needed for Organizing Toy Drive. American Family Housing will be collecting donated toys for homeless and low-income children in our programs. We need 6 volunteers to help organize the donations so they are ready for distribution the following week. If you are interested in helping us, please contact Alex Ponce (714) 897 – 3221 x 125 or email APonce@afhusa.org.

AMERICAN RED CROSS: Call Joe Lenihan at (714) 481 5397 or email him at joseph.lenihan@redcross.org

BACK BAY CENTER: Assist with MLI. Call Robin at (949) 640 9956 or email rmadrid@dfg.ca.gov

BLIND CHILDREN’S LEANING CENTER: Help with clerical, special events, gardening and childcare. Please call (714) 573-8888.

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB: Call (949) 631 7724.

CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL OF ORANGE COUNTY: Volunteers need to be at least 16 years old. Call (714) 532 8673 or contact volunteers@choc.org for more information.

COMMUNITY ANIMAL NETWORK: Call Dianna (949) 644 2279.

COSTA MESA FIRE EXPLORER’S PORST 400: They meet on Tuesday nights. Go to www.cmfd.com.

COSTA MESA POLICE EXPLORER’S PROGRAM: They meet on Tuesday nights. Call (714) 754 4938 or email cmpdexplorers@costamesaca.gov.

EARTH RESOURCE FOUNDATION: Assist with environmental related activities. Call Chris (949) 645 5163.

ENVIRONMENTAL NATURE CENTER (ENC): Volunteer as a Habitat helper or Junior Naturalist. You no longer can show up at the ENC to volunteer – you must first go through the application process to be a volunteer. Please visit www.encenter.org or contact Lori atlori@encenter.org.

FAIRVIEW DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER: Junior Volunteer positions are available in Costa Mesa for students. Learn about future career opportunities, make some special friends, and earn community service hours. Call (714) 957 5188.

FEED THE HUNGRY: Meet Qoheleth Ministries at Newport Mesa Church Parking Lot (2599 Newport Blvd, Costa Mesa, CA 92627). There are 3 shifts available to volunteer: Set-up: 7:30 am - 10:00 am; distribution: 10:00 am - 1:00 pm (Lunch provided for volunteers); Clean-Up: 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm; For more information visit http://www.feedingthehungryoc.com/feed-the-hungry.

GIRLS INC.: Call Orleda (949) 646 7181 ororledar@gilssincoc.org.

GRANDMA’S HOUSE OF HOPE: Volunteers Needed to Decorate Our Homes for the Holiday Season Help Deck the Halls for Christmas at one of our 5 shelter locations, located in North Orange County. Spend the day beautifying one of our lovely shelters by bringing a tree and all the trimmings. Help spread the holiday cheer this season, and give these women a much needed lift. Contact Alyssa Magnusson at (714) 558-8600 or email volunteer@grandmashouseofhope.org. www.grandmashouseofhope.org

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: Assist in the restore Monday Mondays through Saturday from 9am to 5pm. Must be at least 14 years old. Call (714) 434 6200 x 217.
HEALTH BRIDGE CHILDREN’S REHABILITATION HOSPITAL: Help at hospital for children. Call Pam at (714) 289 2400 x 1862.

HOAG HOSPITAL CANDYSTRIPERS: Join the Jr. Auxiliary. Call Mrs. Jacobson (949) 675 6430 or email patches4000@hotmail.com.

HUMAN OPTIONS: Call Gael at (949) 737 5242 x 223, or email glibby@humanoptions.org. Go to www.humanoptions.org.

ILLUMINATION FOUNDATION: Help Mondays and Tuesdays from 4pm to 5:45pm or Wednesdays from 6 pm to 7 pm. Email lserio@ifhomeless.org

IRVINE ANIMAL CARE CENTER: Help care for animals. Call Eliza at (949) 724 7740.

JONI’S ANGELS: Volunteer at Fountain Valley Hospital. Call Deborah at (949) 263 5910 or deborah.stowellbuffkin@gmail.com.

MAKAPO: Help visually impaired athletes in paddle sports at the NAC. Call (714) 868 6252, or email info@ocmap.org

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY: Volunteer needed in a regular basis. Call (949) 752 1680.

OC INTERFAITH SHELTER (OCIS): Help serve the homeless. Call Lauren at (949) 631 7213.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: Volunteer at a Processing Center. Millions of shoeboxes are collected during National Collection Week. Before these special gifts can bring hope and joy to children around the world, each one has to be carefully inspected and made ready for overseas shipment by volunteers like you. You can help prepare shoeboxes for delivery by volunteering at one of our eight processing centers across the United States. We have opportunities at the processing centers for volunteer groups of all sizes. You can volunteer as an individual or with family and friends. To register online (create a profile) go to https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/volunteer-at-a-shoebox-processing-center/ The hours are 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., Monday through Saturday. 2722 Michelson Drive Irvine, CA 92612.

PACIFICA SENIOR LIVING: Afternoons and Saturdays. Located at 2891 Bear Street, Costa Mesa, CA. Call Maria at (949) 629 1020.

PROJECT SUCCESS (NMUSD AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM): Our afterschool program at Wilson runs Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 2:50-6:00 and on Wednesdays from 1:25-6:00. Call 714 3657179.

RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE: Help provide for families with children in the hospital. Call Lisa at (714) 516 3667 #126.

SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK: help alleviate hunger in Orange County. Call Kris at (949) 653 2900.

SENIOR COMMUNITY: Intergenerational activities for all. Inspire someone today! Call Julie (949) 515 0121

SERVING PEOPLE IN NEED (SPIN): Helping to prepare food for the homeless every Thursday from 3:00 pm to
4:00 pm at Our Lady Queen of Angels Church in Newport Beach. Call Kim at (714) 751 1101.

- **SHARE OUR SELVES (SOS):** Help bag and sort food and clothing donations at their facility on Superior Avenue in Costa Mesa. Call Julie at (949) 650 0186 x 227.

- **SOMEONE CARES SOUP KITCHEN:** Help serve meals to families in need at the soup kitchen on 19th Street in Costa Mesa. Help is needed M-F 9:00 am to 1:00 pm and 1:00 pm to 5 pm. Help is also needed on Saturdays and Sundays with their Pancake Breakfast from 7:30 am to 12:00 pm. Volunteers must be at least 15 years old and must wear closed toe shoes, have long hair pulled back, and cannot wear tank tops. Call (949) 548 8861.

- **WORKING WARDROBES:** Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Working Wardrobes has helped more than 70,000 men, women, veterans, and young adults overcome difficult challenges such as alcohol and substance abuse, domestic violence, incarceration, homelessness, and catastrophic illness. Volunteers would help with customer service, sales and cleaning. Working Wardrobes is located at 803 W. 19th Street in Costa Mesa. For volunteer info call (714) 210-2460, or [http://www.workingwardrobes.org/getinvolved/volunteer/](http://www.workingwardrobes.org/getinvolved/volunteer/)