



Community Action Partnership of Orange County and the **Orange County Food Bank** bring together people to transform lives of the poor through community action, strengthening families, feeding the hungry, and creating healthier communities.

This year, **Community Action Partnership of Orange County** and the **Orange County Food Bank** are launching its **Hope for the Holidays** season of giving Campaign early in order to meet the growing needs of families impacted by the downturn in the economy.



As the County's poverty and unemployment rates continue to increase, so has the number of food insecure households and requests for assistance. It is a crisis in our own backyard. Orange County families and children are increasingly living in poverty and are faced with hunger insecurity at home. Currently, 1 in 8 Orange County residents and 1 in 6 Orange County children are living in poverty and 44% of Orange County students are receiving free and reduced lunches.

A wonderful way to celebrate the season and to make a difference is to organize holiday food and gift drives with your own family, classmates or co-workers to help the less fortunate this holiday season.

For more information, make a donation, or get involved contact Marleen Morrill at (714) 897-6670 ext. 3404 or visit www.capoc.org



- **Hold a Food Drive** to provide holiday meals for needy families. Consider donating a gift certificate for a turkey or other perishable holiday food items.
- **Virtual Food Drive:** We have made it very convenient to donate online through our virtual food drive. All major credit cards are accepted and your information is kept confidential.
- Go to www.ocfoodbank.org or call **Kristin Kvesic** at **(714) 897-6670 ext. 3604**



- **Hold a Toy Drive** to provide toys or basic needs for needy and low-income youth. Collect toys for children ages newborn to 18. Our greatest need is gifts for children ages 11-16. Gifts must be new and unwrapped.
- **Gift Certificate Drive:** It is difficult to find gifts for 17-18 year olds. Gift cards will allow parents to buy the gifts for their teens.
- **Adopt-A-Family:** You can sponsor an individual family or collect toys for the 2,000 children ages newborn to 18 who receive toys from us each year. Adopting a Family requires a commitment to provide gifts and a holiday meal for all the members of some very special families.
- Call **Linda Dryden** at **(714) 897-6670 ext. 5310**