

CHRISTIAN SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

"AMEN, I SAY TO YOU, WHATEVER YOU DID FOR ONE OF THESE LEAST BROTHERS OF MINE, YOU DID FOR ME."
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CHILDREN:

Big Brothers Big Sisters, Santa Ana

Big Brothers Big Sisters is one of the top mentoring agencies in the country. Mentors must be 18 years of age, and students under 18 can volunteer at event fundraisers.

Website: www.ocbiggs.org

Boys & Girls Club, San Clemente

The Boys & Girls Club provides programs and services to promote and enhance the development of boys and girls. Volunteers can sign up to be a mentor and/or help with activities.

Website: www.bgca.org

Breakthrough, San Juan Capistrano

Breakthrough San Juan Capistrano provides tuition-free, year-round support for six years to the low-income children of SJC. Volunteers can help tutor middle-school students.

Website: www.breakthroughsjc.org

Emerald Cove Day Camp, San Juan Capistrano

Emerald Cove Day Camp is a summer camp for kids ages 5 to 10 years old. Camp counselors can help for 2-6 weeks.

Website: www.emeraldcovedaycamp.com

Lion Engage, San Juan Capistrano

Be a summer counselor for students entering 6-8th grade as they attend educational camps at JSerra.

Contact: JSerra Admissions, Magnet Directors, or Coaches

Olive Crest, Santa Ana

Helping preventing abuse, stopping the cycle, and transforming children's lives.

Website: www.olivecrest.org

Operation Christmas Child, varying locations

Sort and stuff shoeboxes of presents to be sent to impoverished children across the world. Every third week of November with sign ups beginning in October.

Website: www.samaritanspurse.org

Sts. Peter & Paul Outreach, Wilmington

Volunteer to with JSerra sponsored events, games and activities at inner city Catholic parochial school in San Pedro.

Contact: Patrick Reidy preidy@jserra.org

Vacation Bible School, varying locations

Volunteer at a week-long bible camp during the summer, leading a small group of children in activities and games.

ELDERLY:

Age Well Senior Services, various locations

Serve seniors through Meals on Wheels, senior centers, and other programs like admin office work, Grab & Go Senior Center Lunch, Senior Center Support, social media and crowdfunding, and special events.

Website: agewellseniorservices.org/volunteer

La Vida, Mission Viejo

Volunteer to help and serve the La Vida Senior Living Community.

Website: www.srgseniorliving.com

Meals on Wheels

Meals on Wheels is a non-profit program dedicated to providing seniors with a nutritious meal, a friendly visit and a quick safety check.

Website: www.mealsonwheelsamerica.org

Silverado, San Juan Capistrano

Silverado is an assisted living home for the elderly living with memory impairment. You can volunteer to help arrange donated flowers that are then delivered to hospice patients or visit patients with your pet for companionship. There are many more ways to serve.

Website: www.silverado.com

HOMELESS:

FAM, Various South County locations

Family Assistance Ministry helps provide countless meals, services, and housing to the homeless.

Website: www.family-assistance.org

Families Forward, Irvine

Volunteer weekly at front desk, food pantry, or computer lab. Seasonal opportunities to assist Back2School program, Thanksgiving, and Adopt-a-Family.

Website: www.families-forward.org

Friendship Shelter, Laguna Beach

Donate supplies or be a guest chef for this organization helping homeless to become self-sustained and productive members of society.

Website: www.friendshipshelter.org

H2O Club, San Juan Capistrano

JSerra student-run homeless outreach providing food bags, clothing, hygiene items and blankets.

Contact: Catherine "Neilly" Lorimer (student)
catherine.lorimer@jserra.org

Isaiah House, Santa Ana

Isaiah House offers home, food, clothes, and necessities to those in most at risk on the streets.

Website: www.occatholicworker.org

Mercy Warehouse, Laguna Niguel

Help loading and unloading, donations, donation sorting, shelf organization, food distribution, general assistance and more!

Website: mercywarehouse.com/get_involved

Orange County Rescue Mission, varying locations

Come and serve with OCRM and help load vans, serve food, box food, make hygiene kits, and more!

Website: www.rescuemission.org

Serra's Pantry, San Juan Capistrano

Serra's Pantry is a food pantry in San Juan Capistrano.

Website: missionparish.org/groups-ministries/serras-pantry

South County Outreach, Irvine

South County Outreach helps prevent hunger and homelessness. Volunteers help with all aspects of the organization including sorting food and stocking shelves.

Website: www.sco-oc.org

Saddleback Church Grocery Distribution, many locations

Help sort, date-check, and pack food for distributions at the Distribution Center. There are also opportunities to donate and distribute yourself.

Website: saddleback.com/connect/ministry/food-pantry

Someone Cares Soup Kitchen, Costa Mesa

A soup kitchen in need of volunteers who help serve, prepare, and clean-up over 300 people per day. There is also a tutoring program during the school months.

Website: someonecareskitchen.org/help/volunteer

St. Kilian's Pantry, Mission Viejo

Provide assistance, basic groceries and items, to local families through weekly food distributions from local stores provided through the Grocery Rescue program as we as from parishioners.

Website: www.stkilianmissionviejo.org/outreachfood-pantry

San Francisco Solano Food Bank, RSM

Volunteer to help at the weekly distribution food bank.

Website: www.solanocatholic.org/foodbank

St. Timothy Food Pantry, Laguna Niguel

Serves the needs of families in our parish and community with food distribution through our food pantry.

Website: www.st-timsrc.org/liturgical-ministries/outreach-ministries/

To Build a Miracle, Mexico

Help build homes and build up communities in Mexico. Travel across the border is required and will consist of one day over the weekend, no overnight.

Contact: Mrs. Laura Kennedy; lkennedy@jserra.org

Welcome Inn, Dana Point

Help those experiencing homelessness and poverty by serving meals to those in Orange County.

Website: www.welcomeinnoc.org

Wells of Life, Mission Viejo

A non-profit organization bringing clean water to rural Uganda by drilling wells and teaching the local community about sustainable hygiene and water supply

Website: www.wellsoflife.org

MILITARY:

Military Family Outreach, San Clemente

Provide emergency assistance to low income families in north Camp Pendleton by volunteering at events helping with set up, clean up, donating goods, and staffing events.

Website: www.militaryfamilyoutreach.org

Operation Gratitude

Make Paracord "Survival" Bracelets for Troops and First Responders to wear or use in case of emergency, knit, sew, or crochet scarves and hats, or create greeting cards for those in the military.

Website: www.operationgratitude.com

Operation Help A Hero, Lake Forest

A non-profit dedicated to serving our military heroes and their families on the homefront and abroad. Register online to volunteer and to assist with fundraising events.

Website: www.operationhelpahero.org

Operation Homefront

Support through holiday meals, school supplies, baby bundles, holiday toys, and other resources for military spouses and children.

Website: operationhomefront.org/ways-to-give

Soldiers' Angels

Volunteer virtually or in-person to serve the troops by writing letters, sending care packages, and visiting veterans in VA Hospitals.

Website: www.soldiersangels.org/volunteer

Support Our Troops

Write cards and thank you letters to deployed soldiers, Sailors, Marines, and Airmen.

Website: www.supportourtroops.org/cards-letters

SICK/IN NEED:

Mission Viejo Hospital, Mission Viejo

High school students can volunteer at St. Joseph's Mission Hospital in many ways including in the emergency room, the reception desk, as a campus guide, and the gift shop.

Website: www.mission4health.com > search "student volunteer"

Gold Rush Cure Foundation, Laguna Niguel

Volunteers for our Pot of Gold program, awareness events, and for fundraising. The Pot of Gold program provides children battling cancer with items specific to their wishes, interests, and hobbies.

Website: www.goldrushcure.org

SPECIAL NEEDS/DISABILITIES:

A Walk On Water, Various coastal locations

Provides Surf Therapy to children with special needs or disabilities. Register online to volunteer.

Website: www.awalkonwater.org

Just Like Me, Dana Point

Just Like Me serves teens and young adults with special needs, with the intent of providing organized after school, weekend, and summer activities.

Facebook: www.facebook.com/JLMFDN/

RAD Camp, Irvine

Be a summer counselor for children with special needs and developmental disabilities.

Website: www.radcamp.org

Save the Waves Club, San Juan Capistrano

Serves students who suffer from autism of various severities. Every month we will meet at the beach for 2 hours and clean up while hanging out with New Vision Students.

Contact: Beth Waterman bwaterman@jserra.org

Special Camp for Special Kids, San Juan Capistrano

Special Camp is a day camp for disabled youth which links them with volunteer counselors one-on-one.

Website: www.specialcamp.org

Shea Center, San Juan Capistrano

The Shea Center is dedicated to improving the lives of people with disabilities through therapeutic horse-related programs.

Website: www.sheacenter.org

Special Fishies, San Clemente

A Swim School for children with special needs. Designed to cultivate swimming confidence and love for the water. Register online to volunteer.

Website: www.specialfishies.org

PRO-LIFE:

CA ProLife Council, varying locations

The California ProLife Council seeks to work within the law to change the law, and change the public's opinion through education. Volunteer opportunities include event setup, mailing projects, and event coordinating.

Website: www.californiaprolife.org/volunteer/

Casa Teresa, Orange

Help this crisis pregnancy center by volunteering to babysit, helping around the campus by sorting and organizing donations, and help preparing meals.

Website: www.casateresa.org/volunteer

JSerra's Pro-Life Club

JSerra student-run pro-life club that promotes and educates about the pro-life movement.

Contact: Lauren King (student) lauren.king@jserra.org

Laura's House, San Juan Capistrano

Volunteer at events or get involved at a summer/holiday internship at the Laura's House Resale Store.

Website: www.laurashouse.org/volunteer-opportunities

Special Olympics, Various OC locations

The Special Olympics is the world's largest sports organization for people with intellectual disabilities. Volunteer to be a Fan in the Stand and cheer on the athletes.

Website: www.sosc.org/orangecounty

Unlimited Possibilities, various locations

A non-profit for children with disabilities where volunteers help at community events as well as at the pediatric therapy center.

Website: www.uptheimpact.org

Life Center of Santa Ana, Santa Ana

Life Center of Santa Ana is a pregnancy resource center committed to shepherding pregnant and parenting mothers through life-affirming relationships.

Website: www.lifecenterofsantaana.org

Obria, Santa Ana

A pro-life medical clinic offering a myriad of services, especially to women who are pregnant.

Website: www.obria.org

Pregnancy Resource Center, San Clemente

A medical clinic providing information about pregnancy, fetal development, lifestyle issues, and related concerns.

Website: www.prcmedicalclinic.com