

# CHRISTIAN SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

"AMEN, I SAY TO YOU, WHATEVER YOU DID FOR ONE OF THESE LEAST BROTHERS OF MINE, YOU DID FOR ME." MT 25:40

## 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.ocbigs.org](http://www.ocbigs.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](http://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](http://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](http://www.emeraldcovedaycamp.com)

### **Kid 4 Kids, San Juan Capistrano**

Volunteer to prepare and chaperone elementary school students for a Christmas party at JSerra. Must be ready to work hard and good with leading children.

**Contact:** Stacy Von Der Linden [Stacy.vonderlinden@jserra.org](mailto:Stacy.vonderlinden@jserra.org)

### **Lion Engage, San Juan Capistrano**

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

**Contact:** JSerra

### **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](http://www.samaritanspurse.org)

### **Sts. Peter & Paul Outreach, Wilmington**

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

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## ELDERLY:

### **Age Well Senior Services, various OC 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:** [www.agewellseniorservices.org/volunteer](http://www.agewellseniorservices.org/volunteer)

### **La Vida, Mission Viejo**

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

**Website:** [www.srgseniorliving.com](http://www.srgseniorliving.com)

### **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](http://www.silverado.com)

## HOMELESS:

### **FAM, Various South County locations**

Family Assistance Ministry helps provide countless meals, services, and housing to the homeless. Volunteers can help at their distribution center in SJC, Dana Point, and San Clemente.

**Website:** [www.family-assistance.org](http://www.family-assistance.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](http://www.friendshipshelter.org)

### **Humble Helpers, San Juan Capistrano**

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

**Contact:** Aimee Garibay-Gutierrez (student)

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### **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](http://www.occatholicworker.org)

### **Jesus in a Bottle, San Juan Capistrano**

Put together water bottles filled with a toothbrush, toothpaste, a protein bar, and a mask. Then deliver bottles to the homeless in San Juan Capistrano, Dana Point, Laguna Niguel, Laguna Beach, and Capo Beach.

**Contact:** Maya Hill (student) [maya.hill@jserra.org](mailto:maya.hill@jserra.org)

### **Kits 4 Kindness, San Juan Capistrano**

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

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### **Orange County Rescue Mission, varying locations**

Come and serve with OCRM on a Saturday morning and learn how together, we can change lives and help restore the hope of our homeless neighbors. Help load vans, serve food, box food, make hygiene kits, and more!

**Website:** [www.rescuemission.org](http://www.rescuemission.org)

**Serra's Pantry, San Juan Capistrano**

Serra's Pantry is a food pantry in San Juan Capistrano. Volunteer on Saturday mornings from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm by packaging and/or distributing food to those in need.

**Website:** <https://www.missionparish.org/groups-ministries/serras-pantry>

**South County Outreach, Irvine**

South County Outreach helps prevent hunger and homelessness by helping people help themselves. Volunteers help with all aspects of the organization including sorting food and stocking shelves in the food pantry, outreach, and more.

**Website:** [www.sco-oc.org](http://www.sco-oc.org)

**MILITARY:****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](http://www.operationhelpahero.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](http://www.operationgratitude.com)

**SICK:****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](http://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](http://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](http://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. Volunteers will help at these events.

**Website:** [www.justlikemefoundation.org](http://www.justlikemefoundation.org)

**Rad Camp, Irvine**

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

**Website:** [www.radcamp.org](http://www.radcamp.org)

**Save the Waves Club, San Juan Capistrano**

Pairs JSerra students with students from New Vision School whose students all 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.

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**Shea Center, San Juan Capistrano**

The Shea Center is dedicated to improving the lives of people with disabilities through therapeutic horse-related programs. Volunteers can be either sidewalkers; who are a helpful extension of the Instructor, giving encouragement and physical support, or leaders; who groom, tack and lead the horse at the walk and trot throughout the lesson.

**Website:** [www.sheacenter.org](http://www.sheacenter.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](http://www.specialcamp.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](http://www.specialfishies.org)

**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](http://www.sosc.org/orangecounty)

**MORE OPPORTUNITIES:****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](http://www.wellsoflife.org)

**LittlestBit, varying locations**

Volunteer at charities such as Serra's Pantry, Ocean Institute beach clean up, Second Harvest Food Bank and many more with LittlestBit. Each month, LittlestBit offers 3-5 opportunities to serve. Find all these charities in ONE spot. Pick the date that works for you!

**Website:** [www.littlestbit.org](http://www.littlestbit.org)

**OTHER IDEAS:**

-Ask your Church if there are ways to volunteer; in the nursery, Vacation Bible School, help with the projector/audio, food donation, alter serve

-Write letters to the elderly or the military

-Grocery shop for the elderly