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# Here's how you can help during the coronavirus crisis

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Efforts to slow [the novel coronavirus](#) have upended normal daily life. And it's unclear how long this will last.

Restaurants, bars, stadiums and theaters have been closed, leaving workers [temporarily without jobs](#). Schools are closed, forcing parents to stay at home to watch their children or scramble for childcare.

Populations at higher risk of getting the virus, including [seniors older than 65](#) and people with chronic health conditions, have been told to stay at home.

Communities across the region are still reporting new cases of [COVID-19](#), the disease caused by the virus, daily.

Responding to the pandemic is taking a toll on the community. Here's how you can help:

## Regional donations



Project Access launched a Disaster Relief Squad to help low- and moderate-income apartment community residents with services. The Orange-based nonprofit group has resources centers in Los Angeles, Santa Ana, Anaheim, Riverside, Irvine, Oxnard, Torrance and San Diego.

Squad members will make calls to residents who lost their jobs due to the virus to help them complete unemployment or disability forms. They will also translate COVID-19 information and updates into many languages. Volunteers are sought to deliver food and basic essentials.

Project Access also seeks donations of non-perishable foods, baby formula, diapers and wipes, cleaning supplies, toilet paper, and laptops or tablets for youth to do school work.

For information on volunteering: <https://bit.ly/2ycNEzp>. Donation information: [project-access.org/donate](https://project-access.org/donate). Other information: 949-253-6200 or [project-access.org](https://project-access.org).

You can still donate blood. In fact, it's desperately needed.

LifeStream Blood Bank, which serves the Inland Empire, and the American Red Cross face severe shortages because blood drives have been canceled. The state's stay-at-home order does not apply to blood donation centers or blood drives, so donors are urged to show up.

Donors are asked to postpone donations for 28 days after travel to China, Hong Kong and Macau, Iran, Italy and South Korea or if they have been diagnosed with or been in contact with anyone confirmed or suspected of having COVID-19.

To make an appointment at a LifeStream blood donation center, call 800-879-4484 or visit [www.lstream.org](http://www.lstream.org). For the American Red Cross, call 800-733-2767 or visit [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org).

Financial donations also are needed.

United Way of the Inland Valleys and the Inland Empire United Way started the Inland SoCal COVID-19 Fund to support 211 Riverside and 211 San Bernardino. Contributions will also help those affected by the virus. To donate, visit [ieuw.org/covid-19](http://ieuw.org/covid-19) or call 951-697-4700.

Local United Ways are raising money to support low-income individuals and families at risk of homelessness, the Inland Empire's homeless, low-income students and nonprofit groups.

In Orange County, donations can be made at [www.gofundme.com/f/pandemic-relief-fund](https://www.gofundme.com/f/pandemic-relief-fund)



In San Bernardino County, donations can be made through the Arrowhead United Way by calling 909-884-9441 or visiting [www.arrowheadunitedway.org](http://www.arrowheadunitedway.org).

Islands Fine Burgers & Drinks restaurants throughout Southern California are teaming up with senior citizen centers to help seniors receive regular meals. Every Islands restaurant is donating one free meal directly to a senior citizen center when an adult entrée is purchased through curbside pickup or takeout. For information and updates, go to [www.islandsrestaurants.com](http://www.islandsrestaurants.com).

## Inland Empire

The Inland Empire Community Foundation opened the IE COVID-19 Resilience Fund to raise money for nonprofit groups and other vulnerable populations in Riverside and San Bernardino counties. To donate, call 951-241-7777 or visit [www.iegives.org](http://www.iegives.org).

[Time for Change Foundation](https://conta.cc/2Qi35wb) has set up an emergency relief fund to help homeless women and children affected by lost wages, school closures and the loss of childcare. Due to the COVID-19 crisis, their goal is to raise \$150,000. For information and to donate, call 909-886-2994 or visit <https://conta.cc/2Qi35wb>.

Eastvale's Restaurant Ad-Hoc Committee, the Eastvale Chamber of Commerce and several local business leaders have formed the Eastvale COVID-19 Restaurant Relief Fund to help Eastvale restaurants, essential workers and families impacted by the coronavirus. Donations will be used to buy gift cards from Eastvale restaurants, and those gift cards will be given to public safety personnel and other essential workers and to people affected by the coronavirus. To donate, go to [www.eastvalecoc.org/](http://www.eastvalecoc.org/). Donors may designate a specific Eastvale restaurant. For questions, email [info@eastvalecoc.org](mailto:info@eastvalecoc.org).

As some distribution sites close because of the coronavirus pandemic and senior volunteers stay home, the Community Action Partnership of San Bernardino County's Food Bank needs volunteers and donations of food and funds. To volunteer, call 909-723-1525. To donate food or organize a food drive, call 909-723-1581 or email [foodbank@capsbc.org](mailto:foodbank@capsbc.org). To donate funds, go to [capsbc.org/donate](https://capsbc.org/donate). For corporate donations, call 909-723-1525.

In partnership with KCAL 96.7 and KOLA 99.9 radio Community Action Partnership of San Bernardino County is also holding a virtual food drive. To donate, go to [capsbc.org.shop](https://capsbc.org/shop).



The Hitch Burger Grill, 10789 Arrow Route, Rancho Cucamonga, is partnering with Project Boon to host a free drive-through grocery distribution beginning 2 p.m. Sunday, May 10, for families in need. Project Boon is accepting donations to help with the project. To donate, go to [www.projectboon.org](http://www.projectboon.org).

Reach Out, a nonprofit organization based in Upland, has set up a COVID-19 Food Security Emergency Fund. To donate, go to [we-reachout.org](http://we-reachout.org).

The city of [Rancho Cucamonga](http://www.cityofrc.us) is collecting donations of items to help seniors in need from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays curbside at Central Park, 11200 Base Line Road. Items accepted include canned goods, non-perishable foods, food vouchers from restaurants, grocery store gift cards, travel-size toiletries, toilet paper, paper towels, cleaning supplies, hand sanitizer, new grocery bags and boxes for food, and gloves. Those wanting to donate are asked to place donations in the trunk of their car before arriving, and staff will take the donations from the trunk. Business donations are welcome by appointment; call 909-774-3804. People 65 and older who need resources may email [Seniors@CityofRC.us](mailto:Seniors@CityofRC.us) or call the Senior Hotline at 909-477-2788 for information. For updates, go to [www.cityofrc.us/coronavirus](http://www.cityofrc.us/coronavirus).

Foothill Family Shelter needs help to keep food pantry shelves stocked during the pandemic. Items can be dropped off at 1501 W. Ninth St., Suite D, Upland. Donors can also buy items online and have them shipped to the office, which is open Tuesday through Friday. Donation information: 909-920-0453 or [www.foothillfamilyshelter.org](http://www.foothillfamilyshelter.org)

[Temecula Valley Hospital](http://www.temeculavalleyhospital.com) seeks donations of medical supplies and personal protective gear. Donations are welcome, but the hospital is offering to make payment arrangements to support local businesses. Businesses, such as hotels, casinos, wineries, schools, restaurants, contractors, dental offices, child care centers, or others that are not operating may have supplies or equipment to donate. Information: 951-331-2536.

Redlands City Councilwoman Toni Momberger and Shelli Stockton, director of alumni and community relations at the University of Redlands, have set up a program to assign volunteers to seniors who need help during the coronavirus pandemic.

Each volunteer is paired with a senior, whom he or she calls every day, making sure the senior has food, medication and household supplies and delivering them when needed, and that the person has not fallen or otherwise become in need of medical care.



To register as a volunteer, text name and preferred contact information to 909-213-2169 or email [shell\\_i\\_stockton@redlands.edu](mailto:shell_i_stockton@redlands.edu). To get on the list of seniors needing support, call 909-798-7579 or email [recreationstaff@cityofredlands.org](mailto:recreationstaff@cityofredlands.org)

Feeding America Riverside | San Bernardino is collecting monetary donations to help families in need in the Inland Empire through the distribution of emergency food kits, water and fresh produce.

Donations to support Feeding America's coronavirus efforts can be made at [www.FeedingIE.org/donate](http://www.FeedingIE.org/donate).

Feeding America Riverside | San Bernardino distributes food to more than 250 charities and hosts elementary school and college food markets for students lacking basic foods.

During the coronavirus pandemic there are several ways people can help Loma Linda Health, which includes Loma Linda University's Medical School and other professional schools, Loma Linda University Medical Center's six hospitals and more than 1,000 faculty physicians in the Inland Empire.

For information about donating meals or supplies for health-care workers or donating to LLU Health's COVID-19 Clinical Care Fund or COVID-19 Student Relief Fund, go to [lluh.org/giving/areas-support/covid-19](http://lluh.org/giving/areas-support/covid-19).

Riverside University Health System seeks medical and non-medical volunteers and donations of medical and non-medical supplies during the coronavirus pandemic. For information and to donate or volunteer, go to [rivcoph.org/coronavirus](http://rivcoph.org/coronavirus).

Family Service Association of Redlands is partnering with the Redlands and Yucaipa police departments, San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department H.O.P.E. Team, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Redlands-Riverside, Micah House and Angels' Closet to prepare and deliver hundreds of food packages to those in need during the coronavirus pandemic.

Family Service's donation center is closed during the pandemic, but those who want to donate food may drop it off between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday at the back door of the facility's Building 2, 612 Lawton St., Redlands. CA 92374

People may also place orders at stores such as Target, Walmart, Sam's Club or Costco and have the food shipped directly to Family Service and may give monetary donations at [www.redlandsfamilyservice.org/donate/](http://www.redlandsfamilyservice.org/donate/), specifying the donation is for the COVID-19 Food Fund.



Beginning May 5, Family Service is starting a weekly distribution of food boxes to low-income San Bernardino County families and households whose income or lives have been affected by the coronavirus pandemic. The new program is made possible by a grant from the Will J. Reid Foundation.

The drive-through food distributions are Tuesdays at Family Service Association, 612 Lawton St., Redlands. Participants must sign up by the previous Friday at [rfsfoodbox.eventbrite.com](https://rfsfoodbox.eventbrite.com).

Volunteers are allowed to participate in food distribution and organization on a limited basis. For information and to sign up to volunteer, go to [rfsvolunteer.eventbrite.com](https://rfsvolunteer.eventbrite.com)

Another Brilliant Idea Inc. is joining with the Corona chapter of Front Line Appreciation Group (FLAG) to provide meals to front-line workers prepared by local restaurants.

The Corona FLAG chapter is partnering with the Corona Chamber of Commerce Foundation to facilitate the donations to pay for the meals, and as of April 13, more than \$4,000 had been raised in one week and 160 night shift workers had received meals..

Text the word FLAG to the 71441 to receive links to donate or contact Mary Barnett for information, at 951-898-3727 or [Mary@AnotherBrilliantIdea.com](mailto:Mary@AnotherBrilliantIdea.com).

Helping Hands Pantry, which serves San Bernardino, is offering free delivery of food to people 65 and older and to shut-ins. Those who need the service may sign up at [helpinghandspantry.org/programs/delivery-service/](https://helpinghandspantry.org/programs/delivery-service/). Those who want to help may go to [helpinghandspantry.org/](https://helpinghandspantry.org/).

## Los Angeles County

Pasadena Community Foundation has launched a fund to help Pasadena-area residents. The foundation has given funding to groups that help seniors and delivers food to vulnerable residents. To donate, visit [pasadenacf.org/funds/covid-19-pasadena-response-fund/](https://pasadenacf.org/funds/covid-19-pasadena-response-fund/) or [www.pasadenacf.org](https://www.pasadenacf.org). Checks can be mailed to: Pasadena Community Foundation, 301 E. Colorado Blvd., Suite 810, Pasadena, CA 91101. Put "COVID-19 Response Fund" on the check's memo line.



[Union Station Homeless Service](#) seeks monetary and in-kind donations for increased staffing needs in its kitchen and bridge housing instead of volunteer work. It also needs food donations, grocery, food and pharmacy gift cards, and donations to help buy large portable handwashing stations. For information or to donate, call 626-240-4557, visit [unionstationhs.org/c19urgentneeds/](http://unionstationhs.org/c19urgentneeds/) or email [giving@unionstationhs.org](mailto:giving@unionstationhs.org). In-kind donations can be delivered 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday to the administrative offices, 825 E. Orange Grove Blvd., Pasadena.

The city of [Long Beach and the Long Beach Community Foundation](#) have opened a relief fund to help residents impacted by the crisis. Donations will help Long Beach residents only. Money will be shared among nonprofit, education and governmental organizations through a request-for-proposal process, which will be announced on the foundation's [website](#). Donations can be made by texting "SupportLB" to 501-55; PayPal online or the smartphone application to @SupportLB and by visiting [longbeachcf.org](http://longbeachcf.org). Checks can be mailed to the Long Beach Community Foundation, 400 Oceangate, Suite 800, Long Beach, CA 90802. Donors are asked to write "Long Beach Coronavirus Relief Fund" in the memo section of checks.

The Greater Los Angeles Area office of the Council on American-Islamic Relations is partnering with AST Sportswear to donate non-surgical grade cotton masks to vulnerable people. Those who want to help may donate at [LaunchGood.com/Masks](http://LaunchGood.com/Masks). Donation levels begin at \$10, which will help provide four masks.

Shoes That Fit, a nonprofit organization that provides new athletic shoes to children in need, has recently partnered with Fred Jordan Missions to help provide shoes for children in Los Angeles while schools are closed because of the coronavirus. The organization normally delivers shoes to children at schools. It has delivered more 2,000 shoes and other items to children in Los Angeles, and the organization anticipates that the need will grow during the coronavirus pandemic. To donate, go to [shoesthatfit.org/donate](http://shoesthatfit.org/donate).

## Orange County

Catholic Charities in Orange County needs donations for its food bank. The Cantlay Food Distribution Center is open and running a drive-through. Donations can be made by mail to Catholic Charities of Orange County, Inc., 1820 E. 16th St., Santa Ana. To download a mail donation form or to donate online, visit [ccoc.org/donate/](http://ccoc.org/donate/).



Age Well Senior Services of Lake Forest, which provides Meals on Wheels in South Orange County, is accepting financial donations at [give.agewellseniorservices.org](http://give.agewellseniorservices.org). Donations of non-perishable items, such as hand soap, toothpaste, and tissues, can be dropped off from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Florence Sylvester Memorial Senior Center, 23721 Moulton Pkwy., Laguna Hills. Information: 949-855-8033.

Meals on Wheels Orange County, a nonprofit provider of nutrition and supportive services for at-risk older adults, needs monetary donations to meet an increased need to deliver more daily meals. As of March 31, weekly call volume had increased from about 150 to nearly 700. By increasing its commercial kitchen capacity, the agency provided more than 27,500 meals in the last two weeks of March, a three-fold increase from the prior two-week period.

To donate, go to [www.MealsOnWheelsOC.org](http://www.MealsOnWheelsOC.org). Those who want to sign up for the Meals on Wheels service may complete an interest form at [www.MealsOnWheelsOC.org](http://www.MealsOnWheelsOC.org) or call 714-823-3294.

KidWorks, a Santa Ana-based nonprofit organization that provides academic, spiritual and leadership programs for underserved children and teenagers, is asking for donations of gift cards that will be given to people in need during the coronavirus pandemic.

Gift cards from Amazon, Best Buy, gas stations, grocery stores, Target, WalMart and others may be mailed to KidWorks, 1902 W. Chestnut Ave., Santa Ana, CA 92703. For information, go to [kidworksoc.org/supplies](http://kidworksoc.org/supplies) or contact SueLynn Kim at 714-834-9400, ext. 119, or [suelynn.kim@kidworksoc.org](mailto:suelynn.kim@kidworksoc.org).

The Kolache Factory bakery and cafe at 134091 Newport Ave., Tustin, is running an Adopt a Frontline Hero campaign in which any company, organization or individual is invited to place a paid order and have it delivered to the frontline hero of their choice. To place an Adopt a Frontline Hero order, call 714-730-2253.

Second Harvest Food Bank in Irvine has kicked off its first Truck Brigade to distribute boxes of shelf-stable food door-to-door. It needs volunteers between 18 and 64 who have mid-sized pickups or larger to help deliver food boxes to pantries. To volunteer, call 949-653-2900 or visit [feedoc.org/harvest-truck-brigade](http://feedoc.org/harvest-truck-brigade).

Hermosa Beach community members need volunteers to help high-risk individuals in the South Bay with errands or other needs. Remote volunteer training will be conducted by Beach Cities Health District. To volunteer, visit <http://bit.ly/hermosavolunteers>. Organizers are also seeking information on those who need help. Such information can be shared by visiting <http://bit.ly/hermosaneedshelp>.



The OC Community Resilience Fund will offer grants to community clinics for preventive and medical services to those affected by the coronavirus, quarantines, business closures, layoffs, school or other community program closures. Community-based organizations or nonprofit groups serving vulnerable populations are asked to present a case of direct impact due to the pandemic. The fund has met its initial goal of \$2 million to tackle the immediate impact of the coronavirus, but additional donations will allow the fund to help more nonprofit groups. For information on grants or to donate, visit [charitableventuresoc.org/resiliencefund/](https://charitableventuresoc.org/resiliencefund/) or email [ResilienceFund@charitableventuresoc.org](mailto:ResilienceFund@charitableventuresoc.org).

The OC Food Bank, part of the Community Action Partnership of Orange County, distributes 24,000 food boxes to senior citizens in Orange County. The food bank needs volunteers to pack the boxes, as larger groups have had to cancel their volunteer shifts, and it needs donations of canned food and money. To volunteer or donate, go to [capoc.org](https://capoc.org).

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