

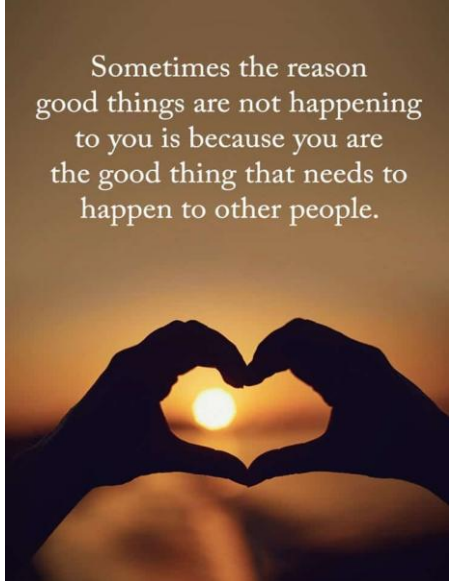
HORIZON



CARES

Newsletter - Winter 2025

Who is Horizon Cares? **We are all Horizon Cares!**
Our mission is simple, **Make a difference!**



Meet the Committee!

Theresa Battel
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Jennifer Burke
Sheri Petrone
Michelle Clark
Ted Wuisang
Janice Greene
Kristen Jimenez

Ken Clark
Annie Contreras
Ritchie Ibarra
Tom Whitley
Erik Pietsch
Ellen Glasscock
Marli Milne
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Do you want to become a part of this amazing team? Please contact one of us! Our next meeting is Feb 25th.

Everyone is welcome to join in anything we do!!!

Orange County Rescue Mission

Members of the Horizon Cares team have been volunteering their time one Monday evening each month to help with dinner service and clean-up. It has been a wonderful experience for everyone involved and the "students" and staff at the Rescue Mission have been so welcoming and grateful.

Join us if you can. Next dates are:

March 24th
April 28th
May 19th



They are located in Tustin. Service is from 4:30-6pm.
For more information on OC Rescue Mission visit

<https://www.rescuemission.org/>



Thanksgiving Food Drive

Thank you to everyone who generously gave to our Thanksgiving Food Drive. Your donations supported: OC Rescue mission, Friendly Center and Parks & Streets Ministry



Meanwhile, Eric and the Arizona team were helping Bashas' put together Thanksgiving Dinners for a local church.



Adopt a Family 2024

Another inspiring holiday season of gratitude and giving! Our Mint and Oasis families were so generously gifted by our amazing Horizon family.

Thank you all!



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kind, nice and god bless
you
Thank you

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Operation Christmas Orange - Arizona

Tom Whitley and the Arizona team assisted in putting together 750 bags containing socks, a sandwich, orange, hygiene kit, gloves, granola bars, sleeping bags, snacks etc. Everything is distributed through the Society of St. Vincent DePaul.



Horizon Cares Closet & Pantry

Please visit our closet and pantry the next time you are in the Costa Mesa Office!
We recently donated most of our pantry inventory to wildfire relief.
Donations are always welcomed!

Pantry Needs:

- Canned goods and Dry Goods (Rice, Noodles, Flour, Sugar etc.)
- Pasta Sauce
- Household Supplies (Plates, Silverware, Paper products etc.)

- Baby Supplies
- Pet Supplies
- Hygiene items
- School Supplies
- Seasonal Items

Closet:

We have Shirts, Shoes, a Jacket or two and a few hats – ready to donate so we can start fresh for Spring and Summer.

***Our Closet and Pantry are here for anyone or any organization in need!
Let us know if you know anyone that can utilize this resource!***



Upcoming Events



For Easter, we will be again supporting Friendly Center, for the 6th Year!! Last year we were able to provide 50 Easter Baskets! We are looking to beat that this year. Be on the lookout for more information on how you can help!



For more information on Friendly Center, visit:



<https://friendlycenter.org/>



California Wildfires

It is difficult to put the devastation caused by the wildfires in Los Angeles County into words. The fires have caused at least 29 deaths, a similar number of injuries, the destruction of more than 16,000 structures, the damage or destruction of over 50,000 acres and thousands of evacuations. These wildfires are likely the worst in the history of California and the United States.



Here are some ways you can help if you are interested:

[Donate Now - Online Donations | American Red Cross](#)
<https://www.pledge.to/CityofLAsStrong>
www.habitatla.org/how-to-apply/disaster-relief/

Simple Things Make a Difference!

Ted Wuisang – Sr Customer Support Associate – Costa Mesa office

My wife Vanti and I live near Loma Linda University campus. A few years back we found out that a grad student was actually homeless, living in her car and living off fruit bowls. We realized that there are many students like her who are struggling financially. We decided to seek out students and offer them home made food once or twice a week. Some students are reluctant at first, so we say my wife loves to cook and that we are just sharing calories. **Sharing Calories** became our personal ministry to students in the area.

A few years back, we were introduced by a few of our friends and relatives to a group of refugees in Indonesia who fled Afghanistan due to ISIS who were dumped in Indonesia and living in limbo, not able to work, attend school, or become an Indonesian citizen. A local church started a school run by refugees themselves! Every time we go back to Indonesia, we visit the school and provide students with some food that they don't eat every day. At the moment, along with a few friends we collect donations to help families there. We are planning to go back this year in August with Doctors and Nurses free health clinic for a week.

Thank You Ted and Vanti for all you do!!