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# How to aid those in need during the 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 child care.

Populations at higher risk of getting the virus, including those over 65 and people with chronic health conditions, have been told to stay at home. Communities across the region are still reporting new cases daily of COVID-19, the disease caused by the virus.

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

## Orange County

**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 corona-virus, but additional donations will allow the fund to help more nonprofit groups. For information on grants or to donate, visit <https://charitableventuresoc.org/resiliencefund/> or email ResilienceFund@charitableventuresoc.org.

**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 threefold increase from the prior two-week period.

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

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

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



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Jacob Friedman, left, and Seanroy Davis of Union Station Homeless Services pack meals to deliver to residents at Centennial Place in Pasadena on April 3.

**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 midsize 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).

**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 nonperishable 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 Parkway, Laguna Hills. Information: 949-855-8033.

**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 Sue-Lynn Kim at 714-834-9400, ext. 119, or [suelynn.kim@kidworksoc.org](mailto:suelynn.kim@kidworksoc.org).

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