

FAMILIES FORWARD

Mission: Families Forward exists to help families in need achieve and maintain self-sufficiency through housing, counseling, education and other support services.

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FALL AND HOLIDAY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Office Volunteers:

Volunteers needed to help staff the front office during the busy holiday season.

Required: Training and three month commitment. Email Kelly Banks kbanks@families-forward.org

9am-5pm Monday – Thursdays

9am-1pm Fridays

Food Pantry – Weekly Food Preparations

Volunteers needed all fall to work in warehouse, inventorying food donations and running warehouse.

- Mondays 9am – Noon: bag food, sort and inventory food donations
- Tuesday thru Thursday 9am – Noon or 1pm – 5pm: bag bread, help inventory food and food distribution.

New volunteers must contact Kelly Banks kbanks@families-forward.org to schedule work time.

November is Thanksgiving Month at Families Forward

During the entire month of November, volunteer opportunities will be available for individuals and groups. See below for various opportunities:

- Nov. 2 – 13: Volunteer opportunities available at regular morning/afternoon hours in food pantry.
 - To schedule group work parties - Contact Debbie Regele at thanksgiving@families-forward.org
 - For individual volunteer opportunities - contact Kelly Banks kbanks@families-forward.org

NOTE: Nov 11 – Wed. – 5pm -7pm Warehouse volunteer opportunity – FILLED!
Hurry and sign up now for the other open dates.

Food Preparation Week for Thanksgiving Baskets:

The warehouse will be open all week to prepare for this big event! Many volunteers are needed to prepare and organize food at these times:

- Nov. 16 thru 19 (Monday thru Thursday) 9am - Noon and/or 1pm - 5pm
- Nov. 18 (Wednesday) 5pm – 7pm
- Nov. 20 (Friday) 9am – 1pm

To sign up email thanksgiving@families-forward.org

Thanksgiving Food Basket Distribution:

Volunteers help prepare and distribute baskets to client families

- Nov. 20 (Friday) 3:30pm – 6:30pm
- Nov. 21 (Saturday) Distribution at 2 locations
 - Families Forward location 8:45am – 12:30pm
 - Capistrano School District location 8am - Noon
- Nov. 23 (Monday) 9am – 1pm, 1pm – 5pm
- Nov. 24 (Tuesday) 9am – 1pm, 1pm – 5pm

Sign up at thanksgiving@families-forward.org

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December at Families Forward

Adopt A Family Holiday Program

Sign up at holidays@families-forward.org or call 949-552-2727
Gifts need to be delivered to Families Forward by Dec.3

Volunteer Opportunities

“Receiving Santa” volunteers

Receive in-coming gift bags from donors intended for families and will also help distribute bags of gifts to clients picking them up. Volunteer must be able to do lifting.

- Dec 2 thru 21 (2-3 hour shifts available)
 - Monday thru Thursday 9am – 5pm
 - Friday 9am – 1pm

“Holiday Angel” volunteers:

Prepare and organize donated gift bags for pickup by parents.

- Dec. 4 9am – 12pm
- Dec. 7 12:30pm – 3:30pm
- Dec. 8 9am – 12 noon
- Dec. 9 1pm-4pm
- Dec. 12 9am-12pm (Saturday)
- Dec. 15 9am-12 noon
- Dec. 16 5pm – 7pm (Evening)
- Dec. 17 9am-12 (tentative)
- Dec. 19 9am-12 noon (Saturday)
- Dec.21-23 TBD if necessary

Persons/groups that want to volunteer to help with any of these projects are requested to contact Debbie Regele in advance at 949-552-2727 or holidays@families-forward.org . All volunteers must provide name and contact information.

WISH LIST:

Food Pantry Items:

- juice
- boxed drinks
- canned fruit
- jelly, jam or honey
- canned chicken
- crackers
- pancake mix and syrup

Baby Items:

- diapers: medium and large sizes!!!!
- baby wipes
- baby shampoo

Housing Items:

- pillows
- mattress pads
- blankets
- towels
- sheets
- small appliances

Miscellaneous Items for the Residents:

- gift certificates (shoe stores, bookstores or department stores)
- gift certificates for teens (movie passes, music stores or fast food restaurants)