

OC Rescue Mission announces urgent need for funding to create distance learning school

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Orange County Rescue Mission has announced an urgent need for funding to provide long term distance learning for its 61 homeless children living at its transitional facility, Village of Hope, for the 2020-2021 school year, which begins in less than two weeks.

This urgent need follows Governor Newsom's recent order to convert all Orange County schools to distance learning models for the upcoming school year, according to Jim Palmer, President of Orange County Rescue Mission.

"We have put an emergency budget in place and are seeking donations from the local community to aid with this very urgent and important need for our kids at the Rescue Mission," Palmer explains. "We have less than two weeks to modify various spaces through the Village of Hope campus to create an environment that is conducive to long term distance learning for students."

Palmer explains that Orange County Rescue Mission plans to convert existing office space into classroom environments, as well as bring on one full-time, credentialed teacher and two teaching assistants to support the high number of children living at the Rescue Mission.

"Children who have experienced homelessness often face academic challenges, sometimes falling behind their peers," says Palmer. "Now more than ever, it is vital that we strive to provide homeless and at-risk children with the same resources and opportunities that are available to their peers of higher socio-economic status. It is our goal that the homeless children living on our campuses would not only be kept from falling behind in their education, but that they might even thrive and exceed expectations during this unprecedented time."

To donate and help bring a quality educational environment to these homeless children, please visit <https://www.rescuemission.org/distance-learning-campaign/>. For questions about donating, please call (714) 247-4343.

About Orange County Rescue Mission

Orange County Rescue Mission's goal is to minister the love of Jesus Christ to the Least, the Last, and the Lost of our community through the provision of assistance in the areas of guidance, counseling, education, job training, shelter, food, clothing, health care and independent living communities.

The Mission was formed as a faith-based organization in 1963. Since that time the Mission has shared hope through Jesus Christ to those without hope in Orange County. Our programs are designed to give comprehensive services that move homeless men, women and children to self-sufficiency. Its programs and dedication to going above and beyond have earned the organization numerous recognitions including Charity Navigator's highest rating of 4 stars.

To make a donation or inquire about volunteer opportunities with Orange County Rescue Mission, please contact (714) 247-4300 or visit www.rescuemission.org.

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