
PROUDLY SERVING OUR COMMUNITY



ORANGE COUNTY
CONSERVATION CORPS

IMPACT REPORT

2020

MESSAGE FROM THE CEO



This past year, our world experienced an unforeseen tragedy: the novel coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic. On March 23, Governor Gavin Newsom activated California's local corps to support food banks and distribution efforts statewide to meet this great need. The Orange County Conservation Corps is honored to be one of 14 local corps who answered the call. In addition to providing educational opportunities for young adults who seek to transform their lives by contributing to their communities, our mission has evolved to include emergency aid to Orange County residents affected by the novel coronavirus pandemic.

Our mission's evolution allowed us to be awarded two Mission Task Request Contracts from the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES). We are humbled to be the second corps in the state to have received this contract from Cal OES. This partnership has provided numerous opportunities for our dedicated Corpsmembers to work alongside nonprofits and local municipalities to provide critical and essential services to communities most impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Our Corpsmembers are young adults, many of whom are working with us in this capacity for the first time. Their unwavering efforts and commitment to our organization and neighbors are inspiring and have positively impacted millions since March 2020. These individuals have worked daily at the pandemic's frontlines to support Orange County's COVID-19 testing super site, food distributions, and mask distributions while simultaneously facing their own personal and family struggles amid these unprecedented times.

The critical work our Corpsmembers, staff, and organization do each day is what we as a nonprofit organization strive to do in the face of an emergency. We are truly humbled to be a part of this immense effort. In this spirit, the Orange County Conservation Corps remains committed to serving all of Orange County's communities now and into the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Katharyn O. Muñiz". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Katharyn O. Muñiz
Chief Executive Officer

EXECUTIVE TEAM AND BOARD MEMBERS

Executive Team

Katharyn O. Muñoz, *Chief Executive Officer*

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Second Harvest Food Bank at Honda Center

OCCC JOINS THE FRONTLINE

- Governor Gavin Newsom activates California's local corps to support emergency efforts statewide in response to the novel coronavirus pandemic.
- OCCC provides Corpsmembers with necessary equipment and training and becomes available to aid local nonprofits and municipalities.

**March
2020**

**April
-
September
2020**

- Cal OES extends OCCC's contracts' scope to support food/water distribution and COVID-19 testing through January 2021, providing over \$1.56 million in funding.

**October
-
December
2020**

- First contract received from Cal OES to fund OCCC's COVID-19 operations support with \$550,836.
- OCCC begins support at Orange County Food Distributions.
- Cal OES awards OCCC with a second contract for nearly \$469,000.
- OCCC begins support at Orange County COVID-19 Testing Centers.
- OCCC begins support at Orange County Mask Distributions.



OC Fair & Event Center

FEEDING ORANGE COUNTY

Mission:

The OCCC is honored and committed to working alongside nonprofits and local municipalities in Orange County to provide essential services in our communities as many families still face the pressure of food insecurity.

To provide aid to Orange County communities, Corpsmembers have assisted local food distributions by:

- Set up of canopy and tables
- Directing vehicles to parking spaces/ queuing vehicles
- Unloading of food boxes
- Moving pallets
- Distribution of food boxes to vehicles
- Tear-down/cleanup
- Warehouse and logistics

The Anaheim Community Foundation
Boys & Girls Club of Greater Anaheim - Cypress
Community Action Partnership of Orange County
Vineyard Anaheim Church

West Anaheim Youth Center
Brookhurst Community Center
Second Harvest Food Bank at Honda Center





Boys & Girls Club of Greater Anaheim - Cypress



Community Action Partnership of Orange County



Vineyard Church and Mobile Pantry



Second Harvest Food Bank at Honda Center



Community Action Partnership of Orange County



Boys & Girls Club of Greater Anaheim - Cypress



Brookhurst Community Center

COVID-19 TESTING SUPER SITE

Corpsmembers provide support for the COVID-19 testing super site and mask distributions by directing vehicles to stations and assisting with the in-take and registration process. This expedites the flow of traffic and alleviates the healthcare agents to ensure proper testing is completed.

The City of Anaheim
Anaheim Convention Center
The City of Costa Mesa
County of Orange

OC Fair & Event Center
Orange County Health Care Agency
360 Clinic





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OUR COVID-19 IMPACT TO DATE

**Serving Orange County
through Food Distributions**

25+
million

Pounds of
Food Distributed

630,000+

Orange County Residents Served



Second Harvest Food Bank at Honda Center

**Serving Orange County
through COVID-19 Testing
Super Site**

310,000+

COVID-19 Tests
Completed

6,000

Daily Tests Completed
on Average



Anaheim Convention Center

CORPSMEMBER TESTIMONIALS

Working at Community Action Partnership's OC Food Bank helped me get the experience of working in a warehouse and working together as a community towards a common goal.

Alex Lopez

Working at the Anaheim Convention Center's COVID-19 Testing Site has me in situations that I'm not typically comfortable with as a shy person, but, over time, I have grown more confident in myself and the job at hand.

Yasmin Armenta-Arzeta

One of my favorite projects as a Corpsmember has been assisting at the COVID-19 vaccination site at Disneyland. This experience has allowed me to learn a lot from my coworkers and the people receiving the vaccine. Overall, it's great!

Jeremy Sapien

Providing service at the Anaheim Convention Center's COVID-19 Testing Site has been extremely meaningful during these unprecedented times.

Eric Ruiz



Participating in the West Anaheim Youth Center's food distribution has been extremely meaningful to me during this pandemic. Our work has made a difference in people's lives, and it is evident through the countless smiles and gratitude shown by those in attendance at the distributions.

Victoria Hernandez

A typical day for me at the COVID-19 vaccination site at Disneyland includes directing people to their appointments, checking temperatures, answering questions, helping with the setup of signs and time stamps, and ensuring wheelchairs are available. I have thoroughly enjoyed my experience thus far!

Kevin Silverio

Working at the OC Fair & Event Center COVID-19 Testing Site has provided me the opportunity to help my community during these trying times. While onsite, I have even learned how to properly self-administer a COVID-19 test and ways I can protect myself from the virus.

Jacob C. Rios



PARTNER TESTIMONIALS

The Orange County Conservation Corps and their Corpsmembers have been an immeasurable help to the County of Orange. Their work and dedication positively impacts thousands of Orange County residents daily and is performed in the truest spirit of service.

The Hon. Doug Chaffee
Supervisor, 4th District and Vice Chairman
of the Board of Supervisors
The County of Orange



During the COVID-19 pandemic, food banks were confronted with the greatest need for food aid since the Great Depression nearly 90 years ago. Food banks were also challenged to package food into boxes to minimize human contact when serving families. This occurred when we lost access to most of our volunteers due to stay-at-home orders, the cancellation of group activities, and the need for social distancing. The Orange County Conservation Corps members provided much of the labor force that we needed to serve our community during this crisis, for which our community and we are thankful.

Mark Lowry, Director
Community Action
Partnership of Orange County



The OCCC has been a crucial part of our food distributions in Orange County. They have helped us serve over 4 million meals to families in need during the pandemic. We look forward to a bright future and continued partnership with the Corps.

Lambert Lo, Compassion Pastor
Vineyard Anaheim Church



Over the last ten months, the Orange County Conservation Corps has delivered food to our residents in need and has supported the COVID-19 testing sites that form the foundation of our public health effort. They've done all that while continuing to support Anaheim in critical fire prevention duties. This work is necessary. It's important. It's helped us save lives.

Jim Vanderpool, City Manager
The City of Anaheim



Through a partnership with the City of Anaheim, the Orange County Conservation Corps has been integral in ensuring 360 Clinic provides seamless service to our patients. They have assisted with traffic control, intake, and administrative duties while guiding people where to go and what to do. Without the Orange County Conservation Corps, we wouldn't be able to serve over 250,000 people who have come through our COVID-19 testing sites. We are grateful for the support.

Vince Tien, Co-Founder
360 Clinic



Our collaboration with the Orange County Conservation Corps was instrumental in supporting our work to feed the community during the height of the COVID-19 crisis. From food packing to warehouse operations and weekly drive thru food distributions, the OCCC team made a significant impact on our ability to meet the call from a community in need. We are grateful for their genuine partnership and can do spirit!

Harald Herrmann, CEO
Second Harvest Food Bank



CONTINUING OUR CONSERVATION WORK

In addition to serving on the frontline, our crews worked steadily on numerous conservation projects throughout Orange County. Here we highlight two of the many efforts completed throughout 2020:

Reforestation of Orange County

Regardless of COVID-19, the effects of climate change continue to advance steadily. Consistent with our mission, OCCC, with the help of the State of California and local agencies, has sought to mitigate the damage to our environment while simultaneously uplifting, advancing, and employing young adults through hard work, training, and education. During the year, OCCC crews planted nearly 800 trees within the County's Parks and open spaces areas. The numerous well-known environmental benefits of planting native trees include carbon sequestration that filters the air of pollutants and provides much-needed habitat for local wildlife.

Keeping Orange County Communities Clean

With the establishment of strong partnerships in place with Orange County cities, OCCC remained diligent through the disruption from COVID-19. Corpsmembers continued to collect 124,257 lbs. of abandoned E-waste and 3,814 Waste Tires that littered our public right-of-way's, parks, and canyons. After containing these materials, Corpsmembers worked to streamline the recycling process by sorting the material by type before transporting the material to local processors. As part of our efforts, Corpsmembers also removed the metal-alloyed rims from Waste Tire and recycled 10,964 lbs. scrap metal.



PROUDLY SUPPORTING ORANGE COUNTY AND THE REGION IN 2020 OUR COVID-19 IMPACT

Since the pandemic began in 2020, the OCCC has worked each day to serve **Orange County's 3.2 million residents**. Our daily operational support has served as a critical safety net to those facing unemployment and food insecurity.



"At its height in May, **unemployment rates** in Orange County hovered close to **15% equating to over 200,000 residents without jobs for three months straight.**" The Voice of OC, High Unemployment Rates in Orange County Slowly Dropping: 2020's Economic Collapse in Review, December 29, 2020.

"From 2018 through this year, the report found an **83% increase in the number of children facing food insecurity**, with more than one in five kids facing at least occasional hunger as a result of the pandemic." The OC Register, Report: More Orange County children facing hunger during pandemic, November 4, 2020.

CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES (CAL OES) COVID-19 FUNDING

The OCCC was awarded a Mission Task Request Contract from Cal OES in response to the COVID-19 pandemic to assist at local food/water distributions and COVID-19 testing super sites under the direction of the City of Anaheim.

Food/Water Distribution Contract

April 18 – July 31, 2020: **\$550,836**

Extension through October 2020: **No additional funding**

Extension through January 31, 2021: **\$325,000 augmentation**

Total: \$875,836



COVID-19 Testing Super Site Support Contract

July 15 – October 31, 2020: **\$468,710**

Extension through January 31, 2021: **\$220,000 augmentation**

Total: \$688,710



\$1,564,546

Total Cal OES Funding

OUR REGIONAL ECONOMIC IMPACT

JANUARY 2020 – JANUARY 2021

The OCCC staff and Corpsmembers have dedicated **180,000+ hours** supporting the region during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Cal OES COVID-19 Response

32,399

Corpsmember Hours

\$518,458

Corpsmember Earnings

Conservation Work

78,282

Corpsmember Hours

\$1,124,418

Corpsmember Earnings

110,681

Total
Corpsmember
Hours

\$1,642,876

Total
Corpsmember
Earnings



2021 IN ACTION

COVID-19 Vaccination Site

Corpsmembers provide support for the COVID-19 Vaccination Site at the Disneyland Resort's Toy Story Parking Lot in Anaheim. To ensure proper protocols are completed, Corpsmembers direct vehicles into the parking lot and assist with the in-take and registration process to expedite the flow of traffic and alleviate the healthcare agents.

3,000

Daily Vaccinations
Administered on Average

114,600+

Vaccinations Administered
in Orange County

The City of Anaheim
The Disneyland Resort
Orange County Health Care Agency



THANK YOU TO OUR PARTNERS, SPONSORS,
AND SUPPORTERS THAT MADE THIS WORK POSSIBLE!



COVID-19 Vaccination Site, NBC Los Angeles

SPONSORS

Anaheim Chamber of Commerce
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (Cal Fire)
California Conservation Corps
California Department of General Services (Cal OES)
CalRecycle
City of Anaheim
City of Anaheim Workforce Development Board
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City of Orange
City of Santa Ana
City of Santa Ana Workforce Development Board
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County of Orange
The Disneyland Resort
Fire Safe Council East Orange County Canyons
Irvine Ranch Water District
Laguna Canyon Foundation
Metropolitan Water District
Moulton Niguel Water District
Orange County Community Resources (OC Parks)
Orange County Department of Education
Orange County Water District
Santa Ana Development Board
Waste Management of Orange County

PARTNERS

Boys and Girls Club of Greater Anaheim - Cypress
Brookhurst Community Center
College and Career Preparatory Academy
Community Action Partnership of Orange County
Laura's House
Orange County Department of Health & Human Services
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SchoolsFirst
Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County
State Farm
Vineyard Anaheim Church
West Anaheim Youth Center
West Coast Arborists, Inc.
Western Youth Services
360 Clinic

FOUNDATION SUPPORT

Albertsons Companies Foundation
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Angels Baseball Foundation
Charities Aid Foundation of America
Edison International
El Dorado Foundation
George Hoag Family Foundation
The GoodCoin Foundation
Network for Good
OC Community Resilience Fund -
(Charitable Ventures)
Orange County Community Foundation
SoCal Gas, A Sempra Energy Utility
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