



2021-2022

ORANGE COUNTY CONSERVATION CORPS
ANNUAL REPORT



MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

Katharyn O. Muñiz

Dear Friends:

Reflecting on our accomplishments and partnerships in the past year, I am thrilled to share that our Corpsmembers significantly impacted the environment and the communities of Orange County. We were proud to be recognized by Senator Tom Umberg and the City of Anaheim for our outstanding work during the pandemic. Through our conservation projects, emergency services, and Corpsmembers' programs, we made a genuine difference in the lives of over 600,000 OC residents.

I was fortunate to witness the profound impact OCCC had on the lives of these young adults, and it was heartwarming to see them develop new skills and knowledge through our program. Our partnerships continued to be a significant contribution to our organization and we were grateful for their ongoing support. Your funding enabled us to continue providing our disenfranchised young adults with new opportunities and programs that positively impact their future.

Our Corpsmembers demonstrated their knowledge and efforts to new and exciting projects through our Earth Day clean-up event along the coast. Additionally, we hosted a successful Tree Planting Ceremony in Santa Ana, made possible by SoCal Gas and their Climate Champions Grant efforts to enhance air quality and beautify parks throughout Orange County.

We took a leadership role by actively participating in the State Legislature for Senate Bill 1036, advocating for workforce development opportunities and conservation work desperately needed along our coastlines. Through these advocacy efforts, we were proud to gain strong support in the state legislature and expand our footprint as a leader in environmental stewardship. Although Governor Newsom did not sign it into law, we are proud of our supporters and partners' efforts to advance this bill.

As we entered the new year, we were excited to open our new warehouse and training facility in Anaheim, enabling greater access to more Corpsmembers from Central and South Orange County.

Together, we continue to impact the environment and the lives of young adults positively, and we are grateful for your ongoing support of the OC Conservation Corps. OCCC is on the move with various projects accomplished and partnerships secured, I encouraged you to stay updated through our social media platforms.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Katharyn O. Muñiz". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light blue circular graphic element.

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"I propose to create a Civilian Conservation Corps to be used in simple work...More important, however, than the material gains will be the moral and spiritual value of such work." -Franklin Delano Roosevelt, March 21, 1933

CORPSMEMBER DEMOGRAPHICS



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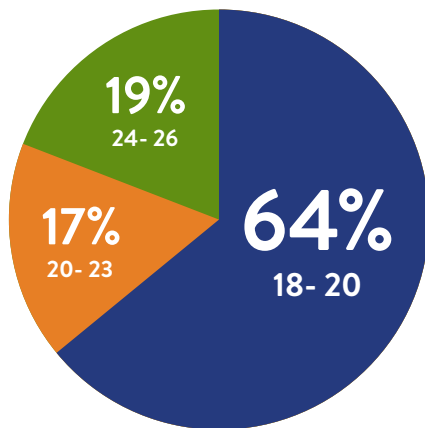
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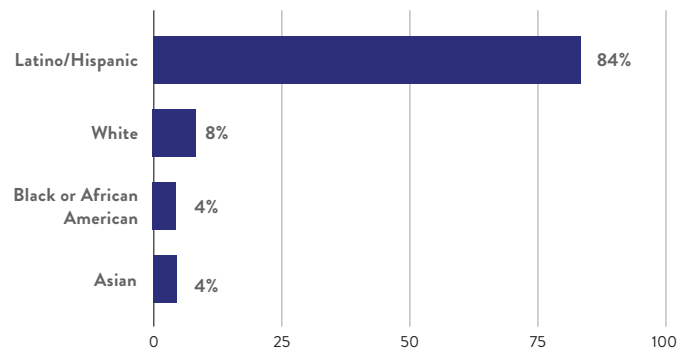
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FEMALE

AGE



ETHNICITIES SERVED



OTHER STATS

19%

RE-ENTRY

30%

HOMELESS

ALUMNUS SPOTLIGHT



Jacob Bertolet

“WHEN YOU
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CERTAINLY I CAN!
THEN GET BUSY
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-Theodore Roosevelt

Jacob Bertolet exemplifies the spirit of Theodore Roosevelt's quote: "When you are asked if you can do a job, tell 'em. Certainly I can! Then get busy and find out how to do it." Back in 2017, Jacob joined the OCCC in Anaheim, hoping to pave his way toward a promising career and accomplish his goals. His time with the organization proved invaluable. Initially part of a field crew, Jacob, along with two other Corpsmembers, attended Government Education Day in Sacramento. This event provided them with the chance to engage with state legislators, local corps, and the California Conservation Corps (CCC).

During that day, Jacob had the privilege of having lunch with Bruce Saito, the Director of the CCC. This encounter allowed him to articulate his aspirations and objectives. As a result, Jacob received an invitation to attend a CalFire Resource meeting, a turning point that greatly influenced his life. Although lacking extensive experience, Jacob persevered, working diligently to prove his capabilities. His determination paid off, and he swiftly rose to become the Crew Leader of his COMET (Corpsmember Orientation, Motivation, Education and Training) group. Eventually, he was assigned a sawyer position in the midst of a campaign fire, a task that posed physical challenges he was unprepared for. However, armed with unwavering mental strength, Jacob embraced the opportunity, leaving an indelible impression on him when his own town succumbed to the flames one fateful night.

Deciding to remain and contribute to the rebuilding efforts, Jacob accumulated nine months of industry experience. Leveraging the college courses he had completed at Central Michigan University, he secured employment in Butte county, where he has dedicated the past four years of his career. Continuously seeking growth and development, Jacob has applied his expanding skill set across various departments, including the CCC headquarters. Presently, he plays a pivotal role in the Corpsmember Development Department and COMET, where he conducts interviews for new intakes. Witnessing Corpsmembers transition from the program to real jobs at CalFire brings him great fulfillment. With the intention of remaining with CCC, Jacob aims to acquire additional skills for future employment prospects.

CORPSMEMBER SPOTLIGHT



James Tran

AS A CORPSMEMBER,
JAMES FINDS CONTINUAL
INSPIRATION THROUGH
THE OCCC'S
UNWAVERING SUPPORT.

James Tran is a committed Corpsmember of the OCCC, an organization dedicated to community service and environmental conservation. James' unwavering dedication to these causes has cultivated a profound sense of gratitude for his current position.

At a young age, James had a personal revelation that spurred him to explore various traditions and temples, where he discovered inner serenity. Following a devastating house fire, James returned home to support his family while also being drawn to the OCCC through the Anaheim Cal4All Youth Grant program. Since joining the OCCC, he has taken pleasure in contributing to volunteer initiatives, handling administrative tasks, and distributing food boxes to elderly individuals in need.

As a Corpsmember, James finds continual inspiration through the OCCC's unwavering support, both personally and professionally, for its members. His true passion lies in computer-generated imagery (CGI) and visual effects (VFX), and he has diligently worked to create a portfolio that will allow him to apply to Gnomon, a prestigious CGI and VFX school in Los Angeles. With 11 out of 15 portfolio pieces completed, James is confident in his abilities.

While remaining committed to his CGI and VFX aspirations, James has decided to prioritize his entrepreneurial ventures to potentially attain financial freedom and independence. With the assistance of the OCCC, he believes he can achieve both his business and artistic goals.

James expresses immense gratitude for the support and opportunities provided by the OCCC. He speaks highly of the organization's supportive and well-intentioned nature, which enables him to pursue his goals with ease and flexibility. His ultimate ambition is to attain financial, physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual freedom, and he eagerly anticipates achieving these aspirations with the support of his OCCC family.

ALUMNUS SPOTLIGHT



Nila Pilego

GOODWILL -
ORANGE COUNTY
RECENTLY HIRED
NILA AS THEIR
OFFICE'S NEWEST
LEARNING AND
DEVELOPMENT
COORDINATOR!

Nila, a resilient single mother of three boys, has wholeheartedly dedicated herself to providing unwavering support and stability for her family. Growing up as the third youngest among ten siblings, her family faced continuous financial hardships. While in high school, Nila diligently worked in various warehouse positions alongside her mother. However, when her second child was born, she made the difficult decision to temporarily pause her education and prioritize nurturing her children and strengthening their bond.

As time passed, Nila realized the need to return to work in order to sustain her family, leading her to accept a receptionist position. Unfortunately, her incomplete high school education became a barrier in obtaining higher-level roles. Recognizing the importance of additional support and guidance, she followed the recommendation of a family friend and joined the Orange County Conservation Corps. This invaluable opportunity allowed her to gain work experience and acquire new skills through their paid-job-training program.

Her initial placement was at the Community Action Partnership OC Food Bank, where she played an integral role in assisting individuals and families with their essential needs. It was during this time that she discovered another placement within the Learning and Development Department of Goodwill Orange County. Fueled by her passion for helping others, Nila aspired to pursue this job, recognizing its potential to open doors to future career opportunities. Over the past six months, she has taken on a variety of job responsibilities, starting from translating and aiding Spanish-speaking applicants with their job applications to expanding into recruitment and administrative duties.

Upon learning about Nila's aspirations for a fulfilling career, her manager, Emilio Ramos, introduced her to the Google Certified Program. Motivated by the possibility of a promising future at Goodwill Orange County, she dedicated herself to obtaining the certification. Juggling part-time work and attending classes for six weeks, Nila demonstrated unwavering dedication and eventually earned her Project Management Certification.

Despite initially having concerns about her fit within the Learning and Development Department due to her limited education and experience, Nila exhibited remarkable perseverance, supported by the patience and encouragement of her manager and colleagues. She surpassed her own expectations and emerged with newfound confidence and a wealth of experience. These achievements have propelled her toward her ultimate goal of completing college and realizing her dream of becoming a Social Services Worker.

WYLAND FOUNDATION STREAMS OF HOPE PARTNERSHIP

The Wyland Foundation, Municipal Water District of Orange County, and OCCC have partnered for the “Streams of Hope” campaign to encourage good water stewardship through education, art, and community action. The campaign culminated in a beach clean-up and ceremony at Huntington Beach Pier, where a public art statuette of a gray whale was unveiled to promote awareness of the impact of upstream pollution on our waterways.

Thanks to the sponsorship from Enterprise Bank & Trusts, Atomic Investments, and Link Logistics Real Estate, who assisted us in the inaugural campaign of this program. We were able to gather over 50 Corpsmembers, staff and partners to pick up trash along Huntington State Beach, the final area where uncollected debris can get washed downstream and into the ocean. OCCC continues to protect and conserve Orange County’s lands and waterways by keeping the coastline free of debris and maintaining the river channel to prevent harmful pollutants from entering the ocean.



BACK TO WORK PROGRAM



Our dedicated Corpsmembers continue their service alongside our incredible sponsors. Through a collaborative effort with the Butte County Office of Education and CalTrans, the Back to Work Program provides paid transitional employment opportunities to individuals facing challenges in their lives. This program serves as a supportive platform for Corpsmembers who aspire to work directly with Caltrans, gaining hands-on experience while working on various projects in Orange County. By offering a second chance, this program empowers participants to cultivate a significant work background, access paid job training, and unlock additional benefits.



THIS PARTNERSHIP CONTINUES TO GROW AND CULTIVATE PROJECTS AS OUR CORPSMEMBERS CONTINUE ASSISTING IN VARIOUS WORK THROUGHOUT ORANGE COUNTY AND GAINING VALUABLE WORK EXPERIENCES.

CORPSMEMBER CONSERVATION WORK STATISTICS

RECYCLING DEPARTMENT JULY 2021 - JUNE 2022



473,348

Pounds Beverage Containers Recycled



107,755

Pounds E-waste Recycled



2,750

Abandoned Waste Tires Recycled



5,580

Pounds Waste Tire Rims Recycled



4,980

Pounds Scrap Metal Recycled



132

Used Oil Collection Centers Reviewed



28

Community Events Participated

FIELD DEPARTMENT JULY 2021 - JUNE 2022



4,360

Native Plants & Trees Installed



115

Miles of Public Roads & Alleyways Maintained



45

Miles of Public Land Maintained



120

Acres of Invasive Vegetation Removed



70

Miles of Flood Control Channels Maintained



45

Miles of Public Highways Cleaned



43,785

Pounds of Litter Removed from OC Highways

OUR SPONSORS

Anaheim Community Foundation
 Angels Baseball Foundation
 Boys and Girls Club of Greater Anaheim-Cypress
 Butte County Office of Education
 California Conservation Corps
 California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
 CalRecycle
 Charities Aid Foundation of America
 City of Anaheim
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 City of Costa Mesa
 City of Fullerton
 City of Garden Grove
 City of Huntington Beach
 City of Irvine
 City of Laguna Beach
 City of Lake Forest
 City of Mission Viejo
 City of Orange
 City of Santa Ana
 City of Santa Ana Workforce Development Board
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 Planned Parenthood
 Project Kinship
 Santa Ana Workforce Development Board
 Santiago Canyon College
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 Union Bank
 Unite US
 Waste Management of Orange County
 Wells Fargo Foundation
 West Anaheim Youth Center
 West Coast Arborists, Inc.
 Western Youth Services
 Working Wardrobes
 Wyland Foundation

Financials Fiscal Year Ending 2021-22

Grants from governmental agencies	3,495,050
Fee for service	1,013,988
Others	376,864
Total Revenue	4,885,902

Program Services	4,616,930
General & Administrative	462,557
Total Expense	5,079,487

Increase in Net Assets	(193,585)
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	5,856,530
Net Assets, End of Year	5,662,945



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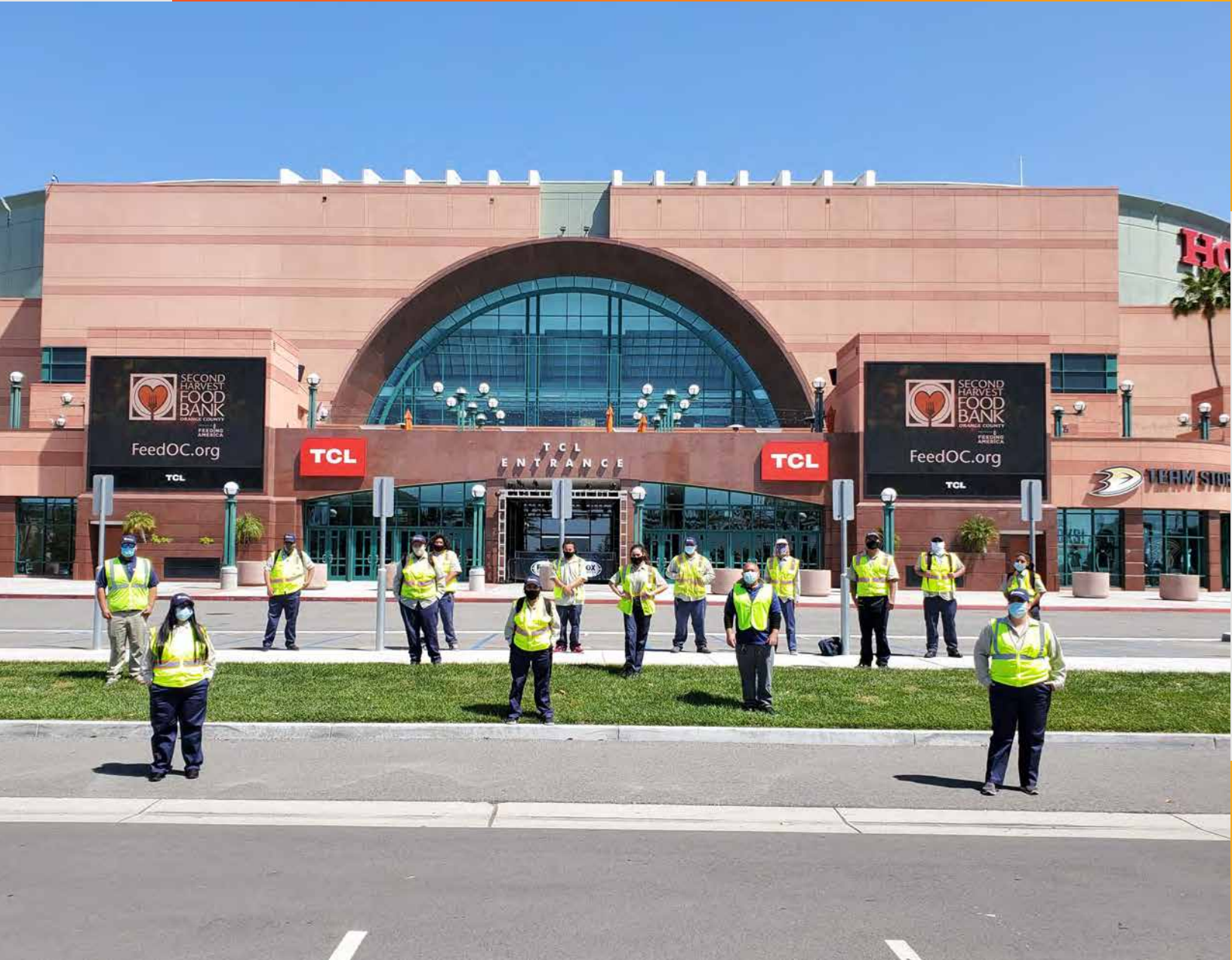
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