

OCCC




2022-2023 ANNUAL REPORT



ORANGE COUNTY
CONSERVATION CORPS



 Earn...Learn...Serve...
Tools to Green the Future!

The OCCC's approach to employability teaches teamwork and cooperation by utilizing work projects that are beneficial to the community and the environment. We do this by creating an atmosphere where Corpsmembers have the chance to develop on an educational, professional and personal level while providing opportunities to access well-paying, long-term and meaningful jobs.

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Message from[🌱] the CEO

KATHARYN O. MUÑIZ

Dear Friends and Supporters,

I am thrilled to share the remarkable achievements and milestones we have reached this year. OCCC has forged impactful partnerships with Disneyland, Waste Management, and several cities, including Santa Ana, Orange, Anaheim, and La Habra. These collaborations have significantly amplified our efforts to create a cleaner, greener Orange County.

The achievements detailed extensively on pages 14-15 fill me with immense pride. It's remarkable that for 70% of our Corpsmembers, OCCC represents their very first job. Furthermore, we have made a significant impact by serving over 300 young adults, who collectively logged 111,000 work hours and earned a total of \$2,029,000 in wages and benefits.

Additionally, I am incredibly proud of our Corpsmembers' growth this year. Their dedication, hard work, and passion have not only contributed tremendously to our initiatives but have also had a profound impact across Orange County. Their development and success are at the heart of our mission, and seeing their progress has been one of the most rewarding aspects of our work.

As we look forward to the future, I am confident that our dedicated team and supportive community will continue driving positive change. Thank you for your unwavering support, and as always, I encourage you to stay connected and engaged through our social media platforms.

Sincerely,



Katharyn O. Muniz

Chief Executive Officer



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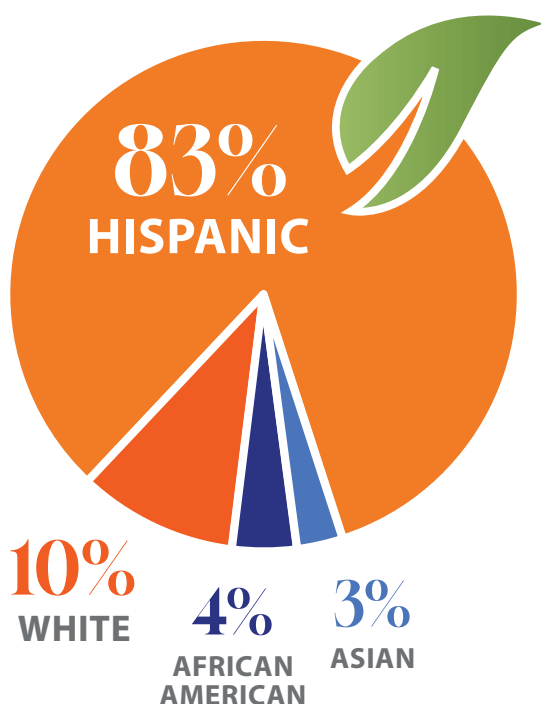
Corpsmember Demographics



97%
food
insecure



25%
parenting
youth



86%
MALE



14%
FEMALE

AGE RANGES →

48% 26% 16% 10%

18-20

21-23

24-26

26+



22% **homeless**
or have experienced homelessness

35% **justice-involved**

Alumnus Spotlight



MARISOL BAUTISTA

Marisol Bautista is a dedicated Corpsmember who joined the Orange County Conservation Corps (OCCC) in October 2022. Originally from Anaheim, CA, her journey began with the inspiration from her sister, a former Corpsmember of another local corps who exposed her to the opportunities available at OCCC.

OCCC provided Marisol with much-needed financial support, along with personal and professional development. However, her journey was not without challenges. She faced significant housing difficulties, which forced her and her younger sister to find new living accommodations on their own. OCCC became a lifeline for Marisol, offering a stable income that enabled her to secure housing. Her case managers were instrumental in providing valuable support during the apartment search and budgeting process.

The impact of OCCC on Marisol's life extended beyond financial stability. The organization inspired her to pursue higher education, and with their support, she was able to secure her Associate of Arts in Child Development and Education. OCCC also helped her expand her skill sets, opening up new career avenues beyond the food and retail industries.

Looking ahead, Marisol is excited about her future as she prepares to attend California State University, Fullerton (CSUF) in the fall to continue her education in Human Services, with a focus on Elementary School. When asked if there was anyone she wanted to thank at OCCC, Marisol said, "I want to thank Ms. Susan, Jessica and Tony at OCCC" for their unwavering support, patience, and guidance, which played a crucial role in her journey to become a Case Manager.



Marisol is deeply grateful to OCCC. Without their help, she believes she would not have pursued higher education or envisioned a career for herself. She hopes more people can take advantage of the transformative opportunities that await at OCCC, as she did.

**"I want to thank Ms. Susan, Jessica
and Tony at OCCC."**

Alumnus Spotlight



JOHN MAYOU

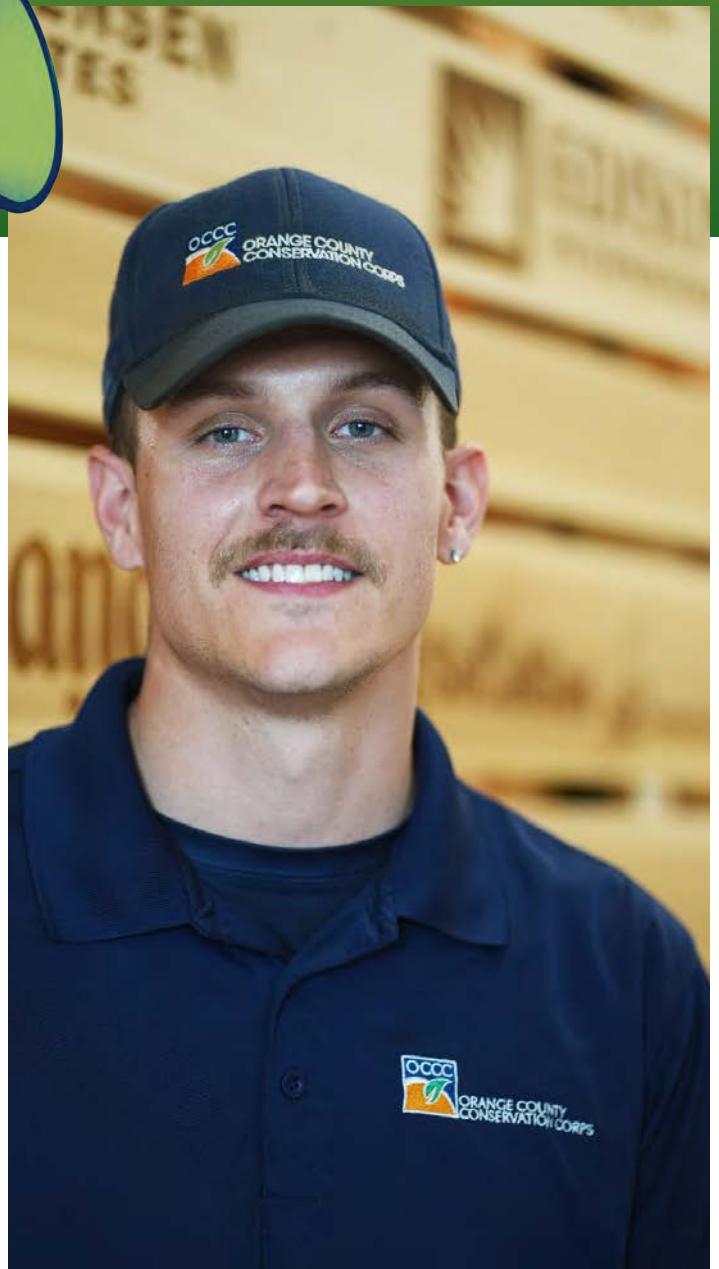
Driven by his passion for a career in music, John Mayou journeyed to California from Kansas to explore new opportunities on the West Coast. Shortly after settling in Los Angeles, John faced significant financial hardships that led him to couch surf before eventually moving to Fullerton. When John joined the Orange County Conservation Corps, he found himself with no money, no car, and no stable housing. Initially unsure if he belonged, John's perspective changed dramatically thanks to his case manager, Tony, who played a crucial role in welcoming him to OCCC.

John's journey with OCCC began in the recycling department, where his team warmly welcomed him and made him feel at home. OCCC provided him with assistance with basic needs and recognized his impressive work ethic. Within his first month, John was promoted to a supervisor role, a testament to his dedication and hard work.

In his new role now, John looks forward to spending the next 2-3 years focusing on his special project at the Arboretum. While he reports being content with his current position, he remains open to future possibilities and opportunities.

Reflecting on his time at OCCC, John acknowledged his sincerest appreciation to the OCCC staff: "Tony, George, Josh, and basically everyone made me feel welcome and safe. They made me feel like I mattered. I didn't feel like a burden anymore. I felt empowered."

He added that he would recommend OCCC to future Corpsmembers with the drive and initiative to push forward and try new things. John is incredibly grateful for the opportunities and stability OCCC has provided him, enabling him to build a better future.



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Partnership[🌱] Spotlight

Recycling with Disneyland Resort



OCCC created a new partnership with the Disneyland Resort; we've been busy collecting beverage containers at half marathons hosted by the Disneyland Resort. At water stations for runners, Corpsmembers collected used beverage containers and returned them to OCCC warehouses for further processing. Additionally, OCCC collected beverage containers from local business, hotels, and public venues.

OCCC, in partnership with Waste Management, also operates a public "buy-back" recycling center located in Irvine, CA. Since 2007, OCCC has collected California Redemption Value (CRV) containers from the public. Our Recycling Center provide a convenient and clean way for the public to redeem their CRV eligible containers for cash. It also offers a free Business Recycling Program that provides containers and drop-off and pick-up service. All proceeds are invested in OCCC education and training programs that benefit our Corpsmembers.



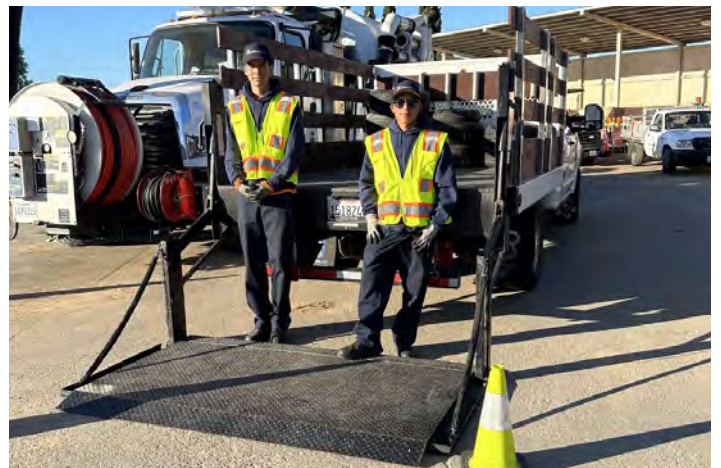
Partnership Spotlight

Waste Tire Removal in Orange County



OCCC provides convenient Waste Tire Recycling for communities across Orange County. Partnering up with local agencies, OCCC crews navigate alley-ways to ensure illegally abandoned waste tires are removed from the public space.

We also coordinate with Orange County cities to host collection events in which OC residents may responsibly discard used tires for free. Our crews utilize traffic controlled drive-thru platforms so that community members can easily dispose of their old tires. Only passenger and light truck tires are permitted, already removed from the rim, with a limit of 9 tires per attendee.

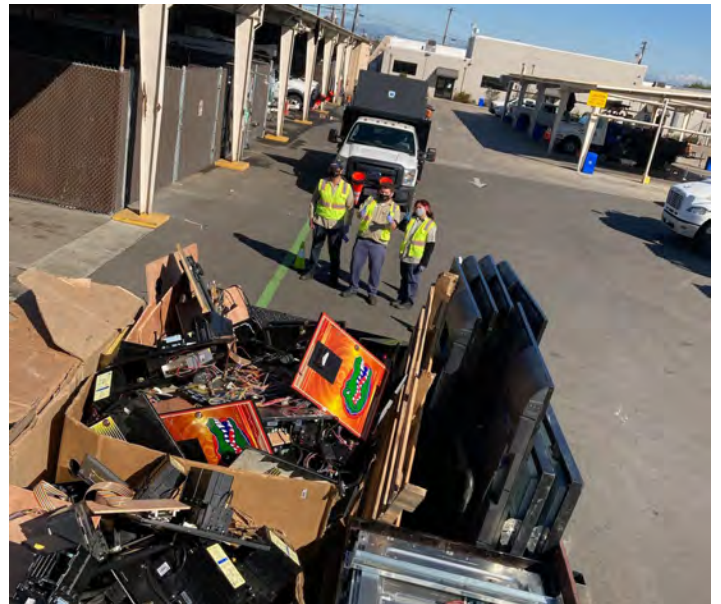


Partnership[✓] Spotlight

City Partnerships E-waste Recycling



OCCC continues to be an integral partner in increasing E-waste recycling for the cities of Santa Ana, Anaheim, Orange, and La Habra. More specifically, our Corps members reduce neighborhood blight by removing E-waste litter from public right-of-way, local businesses, and public agencies. OCCC also offers businesses a pick-up service for used electronics, while home users may come to our headquarters on the 1st Friday of each month to drop off their e-waste. We provide support for e-waste events and recycling services for public events as well.



Partnership Spotlight

Used Oil (Collaborating with OC Non-profits)



Orange County Conservation Corps created a new partnership with other nonprofits that prioritizes ocean and coastal health. These partnerships in turn draw larger participation from community members. This allows OCCC to reach more community members with our community services. OCCC provides the public with education on where to recycle their used motor oil, through providing Dockwalker kits, free Boater kits, and the installation of “No Dumping Drains to Ocean” curb markers.



Partnership Spotlight

Community Action Partnership: OC Food Bank



We are proud to continue our impactful partnership with the Community Action Partnership of Orange County (CAP OC). Our Corpsmembers play a vital role in supporting CAP OC's efforts to combat food insecurity across the region. At the food bank warehouse, our dedicated Corpsmembers assemble and distribute food boxes, ensuring that essential supplies reach those in need. They also provide general warehouse maintenance, including managing inventory, operating forklifts, breaking down boxes, and offering office administrative support at family resource centers.

OCCC is honored to make a significant impact through this partnership with CAP OC and the cities of Anaheim, Santa Ana and the California Volunteers (Office of the Governor) Californians for All Youth Job Corps Contracts. The Corpsmembers assigned to the CAP OC/OC Food Bank packed nearly 290,000 food boxes and distributed about 8,905,000 pounds of food to Orange County residents. We will continue to reinforce our commitment to serving our communities and fostering positive change in the fight against hunger in Orange County.



Corpsmember Conservation Work Statistics

Field Department
July 2022 - June 2023



2,750 Native Plants & Trees Installed



325 Miles of Public Roads and Alleyways Maintained



75 Miles of Public Trails Maintained



165 Acres of Invasive Vegetation Removed



130 Miles of Flood Control Channels Maintained



1,200 Miles of Public Highways Cleaned



490,350

Pounds of litter removed from OC Highways

Corpsmember Conservation[🌿] Work Statistics

Recycle Department July 2022 - June 2023



487,536 Beverage Containers (lbs.)



90,977 E-waste (lbs.)



2,706 Waste Tires (ct.)



8,272 Waste Tire Rims (lbs.)



3,244 Scrap Metal (lbs.)



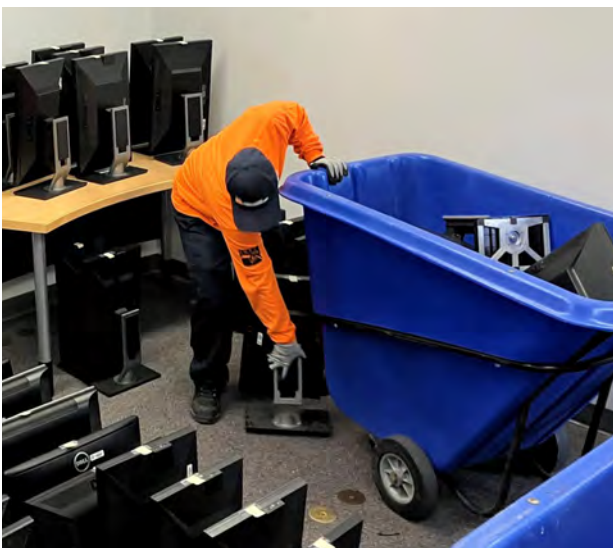
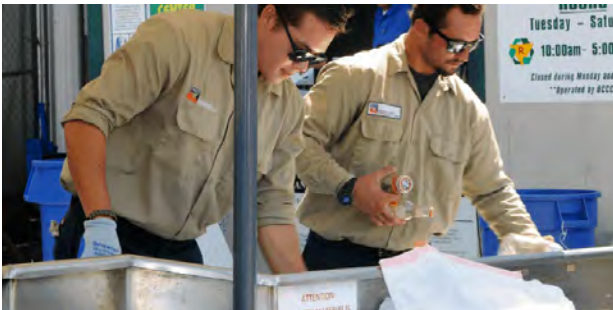
1,948 Cardboard (lbs.)



122 Used Oil Collection Centers Reviewed (ct.)



32 Community Events Participated In (ct.)



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10Twenty-Four Corporation

Advancing Justice

Allied Universal

Anaheim Independencia

Bracken's Kitchen

Butte County Office of Education

California Community Foundation

California Conservation Corps

California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection

California Job Challenge

CAP OC - OC Food Bank

Carpenters Training Partners

Charitable Ventures of Orange County

City of Anaheim - Community Services

City of Anaheim - Public Works

City of Anaheim - Workforce Investment Board

City of Garden Grove

City of Irvine

City of Laguna Beach

City of Lake Forest

City of Orange

City of Santa Ana - Workforce Investment Board

City of Stanton

County of Orange - OC Public Work

Department of Conservation - Calrecycle

Disneyland Resort

El Dorado Foundation

El Modena Family Resource center

Employment Development Department

Enterprise Bank & Trust Foundation

Familia Gonzalez Reynoso Foundation

Fire Safe Council East Orange County Canyons

Fullerton Arboretum

HIS OC

Homeless Outreach Court

Hope Builders

Hyundai Motors of North America

International Paper

Jiffy Lube

John Muir Charter School

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Laborers Union

Laguna Canyon Foundation

Mark Yarter & Family

Moulton Niguel Water District

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Northgate Market - Network For Good

OC Cares

OC Hub

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Orange County Community Resources - OC Parks

Orange County Credit Union

Orange County Water District

Orange International Street Fair

Orangewood Foundation

Pacific Life Foundation

Patriots and Paws

Peggy Dougherty & Family

Pfaffinger Foundation

Radiant Future

Reborn Bath Solutions

Republic Services

Scott Frazier & Family

Serve The People

Southern California Edison

Southwest Carpenters Union 714

Southwest Community Center

Sunburst Youth Academy

Waste Management of Orange County

Financials Fiscal Year[✓]

Ending June 30, 2023



Grants from Governmental Agencies	\$4,337,169
Fee For Service	\$1,836,336
Other	\$188,910
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Total Revenue	\$6,362,415



Program Services	\$5,538,536
General & Administrative	\$596,716
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Total Expense	\$6,135,252



Net Assets, Beginning of Year	\$5,662,945
Net Assets, End of Year	\$5,890,108
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Increase in Net Assets	\$227,163



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