











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## IN THE NEWS...

### IRVINE COUPLE CHALLENGES CUPID'S STATUS QUO

Valentine's Day is rapidly approaching, sending people all over the country into a frenzy seeking heart-shaped boxes of chocolates, flower bouquets, stuffed animals and dinner reservations at expensive restaurants to demonstrate their devotion to loved ones.

This year, the Orange County Rescue Mission is asking the community to make sure that Cupid's heart is in the right place and discover that the true way to a person's heart is through the gift of giving.

The Village of Hope, a state-of-the-art facility for the homeless in the city of Tustin, Calif., is in dire need of donations this year, including monetary donations, food, clothing and other essential items. The formerly homeless residents at the Village of Hope, in addition to thousands of Orange County's homeless and poverty-stricken population, rely on the food and services provided by the Orange County Rescue Mission to survive.



Michael & Betty Carroll

"Every year I think about how to make Valentine's Day meaningful—especially since the messages we're flooded with focus far more on the gifts than on the actual sentiment," said Michael C. Carroll, an Irvine-based corporate and securities attorney, New York Times bestselling author, and supporter of the Village of Hope. "After five years of Valentine's celebrations, this year my wife Betty and I agreed that a more impactful way to celebrate our wonderful life together is to put our resources towards a 'greater gift' we can feel truly good about. We are creating a love box of much needed food, along with a check, for those less fortunate than ourselves. After we drop it off, we are going to come home and cook a romantic meal together."

The Orange County Rescue Mission is counting on Cupid's arrow to hit the hearts of our community to ensure that we can continue to provide food, clothing and other supplies for the least, the last and the lost on Valentine's Day and everyday for years to come. To drop off a "love box" of urgently needed items, please visit the [Village of Hope warehouse](#) Monday through Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

To [make a donation](#), organize a food drive with your business, school or neighborhood, or inquire about volunteer opportunities, please contact the Village of Hope at (714) 247-4300.

### ABOUT THE VILLAGE OF HOPE

The Village of Hope at the former Tustin Marine Corps Air Station includes 192 beds, a child development center, playground, parent education center, vocational training classrooms, health care facility, donation warehouse, cafeteria with an outdoor dining center, and support offices. Residents here are considered "students" who participate in the Village of Hope's two-year comprehensive program to overcome their personal obstacles and succeed in daily life, while keeping their families intact.

### THE WEINGART FOUNDATION

The Weingart Foundation, established in 1951 by real estate developer and investor, Ben Weingart, is one of the major private foundations in the United States with assets of approximately \$821 million. During the last twenty-eight years, the Weingart Foundation has provided grants to support a wide range of Southern California social services, educational and community programs that address the needs of the disadvantaged and underserved.

The Weingart Foundation has been a strong partner of the Orange County Rescue Mission since 2002 when a \$1,000,000 capital gift was provided toward the construction of the Village of Hope transitional housing program for homeless men, women and children. Located on five acres of the former Tustin Marine Corps, the 192-bed facility opened in March 2008 and contains a comprehensive health center, workforce development center, Children's Dream Center, a 388-seat dining facility, recreational and playground areas and a chapel/auditorium. Over 100 homeless individuals now call the Village of Hope home and have begun the challenging work of rebuilding their lives.



The Village of Hope



The Foundation supported the Rescue Mission again in

2008 with \$250,000 in capital funds for the construction of [Hope Family Housing in Buena Park](#), Ca. Hope Family Housing, a 17 unit apartment complex, is a supportive housing program where homeless families can live independent for 18 to 24 months, paying reduced rent based upon their income level. Families also are provided with an on-site case manager who offers continuing case management, guidance and support.

The Village of Hope and Hope Family Housing are long-term solutions to the complex issue of homelessness. With generous support from the Weingart Foundation, the Rescue Mission has been able to build these centers of hope for those trapped in homelessness. We want to thank the Weingart Foundation for their generosity and commitment to helping those in our communities who are most in need!

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**LAGUNA BEACH COMMUNITY FOOD DRIVE**

From December 10-20, Gorjana of Laguna Beach organized a holiday canned food drive in which they, and other local businesses in the community, distributed boxes to customers and local residents to fill with food and return. Additionally, volunteers handed out reusable bages at four supermarkets for those who were willing to fill with food items for the hungry of Orange County. All proceeds from the drive benefited the Orange County Rescue Mission.

Partnering with Gorjana in the effort (which collected nearly 6,000 pounds of food!) were Albertson's, Art of Fitness, Heidelberg Café, La Sirena Grill, Laguna Supply, Orange Inn, Pavilions, Ralph's, Thalia St. Surf Shop and Whole Foods.

Said Iva Pawling, Gorjana Brand Manager, "We hope the Food Drive will be really successful, and become an annual event to benefit your organization."



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**MAKE A DONATION**

**URGENT NEEDS**

**ORGANIZE A FOOD DRIVE**

**DONATION DROP-OFFS**

**THE VILLAGE OF HOPE**




Fill up a Valentine's Day "Love Box" with supplies for the homeless today! [Learn more...](#)

If you are unable to assemble a Love Box, you can still participate by clicking on the heart and making a donation.



**Adopt a Room at the Village of Hope**  
Families, churches, companies and organizations, you can help the homeless by providing not only a new home, but real HOPE for the future.



**Make a Donation**  
Cash donations  
Gifts in kind (food, clothing, hygiene, furniture, etc.)  
Creative giving (stocks, real estate, estate planning)



**Volunteer Your Time & Talents**  
Opportunities cover a wide range of services. If you have a heart to serve your community, then we have a place for you.



**Organize a Food Drive**  
Many times, something as simple as a food donation can mean the beginning of a sustained recovery.

**IN THE NEWS**

**The Village Invitational Golf Tournament**



Mark your calendars for **Monday, February 23** for the Village Church of Irvine's first annual golf tournament. All proceeds go directly to the Village of Hope at the Orange County Rescue Mission and The Village Church H2O Children's Ministry. [\(Learn more\)](#)

**Valentine's Day "Love Boxes"**

"After five years of Valentine's celebrations, this year my wife Betty and I agreed that a more impactful way to celebrate our wonderful life together is to put our resources towards a 'greater gift' we can feel truly good about." [\(Full story\)](#)



**Weingart Foundation Strong OCRM Partner**



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