

# Ways to get Involved with Families Forward

Support from volunteers and donors is crucial to Families Forward's ability to help families in crisis move to self-sufficiency. Individuals and groups can get involved through one or more of the following ways:



## Volunteering

### Food Pantry:

The Families Forward Food Pantry is operated entirely through volunteer support. Volunteers help sort, inventory, and stock food donations. When donations are low, priority is given to groups who host food drives.

**Community-Wide Food Drives** are hosted in the spring, summer, and fall to keep the pantry shelves stocked all year long. Volunteer groups may host grocery stores throughout the community to collect food donations.

### Front Desk:

Front desk volunteers serve as the first point of contact for families looking for assistance. Volunteers enroll clients in programs, share resources and information about Families Forward and more!

### Seasonal Programs:

Join us during our Seasonal Programs throughout the year. Space is limited and these opportunities fill quickly!

- Back to School Program
- Thanksgiving Basket Program
- Adopt-A-Family Program

Getting involved can also be as simple as subscribing to our newsletter. Or consider sharing with a neighbor **why you support** Families Forward!

## Fundraising

### Donate:

Families Forward is always in need of financial support to accomplish our mission and programs.

### Host a Collection Drive:

For larger collection drives, we can deliver and pick up collection barrels.

### Host a Food Drive:

We serve families year-round through our Food Pantry with essential items including, nonperishable food, paper goods, baby items, or hygiene supplies.

Coordinate your drive with friends and family, an organization, school, church or neighborhood!

### Seasonal Programs:

- **Back to School:** help collect new backpacks, school supplies, and like-new clothing to distribute to over 1,500 local children.
- **Thanksgiving Basket:** help collect the ingredients needed to prepare a traditional Thanksgiving meal for nearly 700 families.
- **Adopt-A-Family:** help spread joy to over 2,000 children for the holiday! Groups may choose to receive wish lists for children in specific families or host a toy drive.

## Share Our Mission

**Tour** our facility and learn more about our mission and ways to get involved.

**We can come to you!** Request Families Forward staff to join your club or organization for a presentation on homelessness and hunger in Orange County.

**Learn more by visiting our website,** [www.families-forward.org](http://www.families-forward.org)



## Provide Resources

For more information about how to get involved, please **contact Families Forward at (949) 552-2727 or email [info@families-forward.org](mailto:info@families-forward.org)**.



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