



"Those Who Help the Poor Honor God"
Proverbs 14:31

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What defines homelessness?

McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act is anyone who...

- Lacks a regular, fixed and adequate nighttime residence (substandard housing)
- Is sharing housing due to economic struggles
- Is living in a shelter, hotel or motel
- Is living in a public place not designated for sleeping (cars, parks)
- Is an unaccompanied youth
- Is a child or youth awaiting foster care placement
- Is a child or youth abandoned in a hospital
- Is a migrant child who qualifies under any of the above

How many homeless children are there in Orange County?

In 2008-2009, Orange County school districts identified 22,025 homeless children and youth (pre K - 12th grade).

What is We've Got Your Back?

The WGYB program is a weekend nutrition club for Orange County elementary age students who are defined as homeless by the McKinney-Vento Act. Children in the program receive nutritional guidance and a backpack filled with nutritionally balanced motel-friendly food each week.

How many children have been served through WGYB:

2006-2007	30 children
2007-2008	60 children
2008-2009	356 children
2009-2010	Goal is to feed 1,000 children

Giving Children Hope is a humanitarian aid organization which focuses on health care issues, relief, refugee assistance and projects serving needy children and the poor. A Public Benefit, non-profit corporation, registered Private Volunteer Organization (PVO) with USAID, Tax exempt under IRC 501 c (3)

Cities the WGYB program is in:

Buena Park, Anaheim, Stanton, Fullerton, Orange, Garden Grove, Santa Ana and Tustin

Community Collaborators:

Orange County Board of Education, Illumination Foundation, Anaheim Collaborative to Assist Motel Families, Buena Park Police Department, Homeless Provider Forum, McKinney Vento Collaborative, Buena Park Collaborative

In-Kind Donors:

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Financial Donors:

WD Foundation, Dhont Family Foundation, Messiah Lutheran Church, Capital Network, Smart & Final Foundation, Mission Viejo Christian Church, St. John's Lutheran Church, Yorba Linda Sunrise Rotary, Zion Central Presbyterian Church, Los Coyotes, Project Hope America, Barrett Construction, Walker Financial Advisors, Clearview Home Improvements, Rotary Club of Villa Park, Nutrilite, Trimont Real Estate Advisors, Salon Diego, Deacon Charitable Foundation, Edwards Lifesciences, Chonine Enterprises, First Congregational Church of Buena Park, Steverding & Associates, Buena Park Noon Lions Club, Stater Brothers

Grant Information:

In mid-November Giving Children Hope (www.gchope.org) received a \$25,000 matching grant from the Dhont Family Foundation for the We've Got Your Back program (www.wgyb.org). In order to meet the grant deadlines we must raise the first \$25,000 before **December 25, 2009**. As of today we have received \$6,420 from individuals and from the Yorba Linda Sunrise Rotary and Stater Brothers. We need help with the remaining \$18,580. **Every dollar raised will be doubled.** If we are able to reach the \$25,000 it will be turned into \$50,000 and will enable approximately 208 children to be fed each week through the school year right here in our community. We strongly believe that individuals in Orange County have an interest in making sure that the most vulnerable in our county, our children, have at least food to eat on a regular basis. We appreciate any and all support to meet this goal and are happy to provide to you necessary acknowledgement for your participation in this challenge!

If you have further questions on the matching grant please contact Jenise Steverding at 714-523-4454 or jsteverding@godaid.org