

# Some On-Going Volunteer Opportunities



## Front Desk Volunteer

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



## Food Pantry Stocking and Distribution

Food Pantry volunteers help us prepare food bags and distribute food to local families in need. Volunteers help sort food, stock the pantry shelves, and greet families who come in for food supplies each month.

# Seasonal Volunteer Opportunities



## April, July, September - Community Wide Food Drives

Families Forward partners with local grocery stores and community groups for one weekend in the Spring, Summer, and the Fall to collect food donations to stock our shelves. Volunteers ask shoppers to purchase additional food items for Families Forward's food pantry and bring collected food donations back to Families Forward's Program Center. Volunteers are also needed to in our food pantry to help unload food donations from cars, and sort, inventory and stock our pantry shelves.



## May - Community Resource Fair

Families Forward hosts an annual event at Irvine Valley College that brings together over 60 leading service providers in Orange County for families and individuals in need in the community. Volunteers are needed to help put on the event and to assist with tasks such as event set-up and clean-up, assisting attendees and agencies, assisting in food distribution to attendees, and much more.



## July and August - Back to School Program

Families Forward distributes new backpacks filled with school supplies, along with new or gently-used clothing at our Program Center to over 1,300 school-age children in our community to help them start the new school year. Volunteers help sort donations, stuff backpacks with new school supplies, and distribute backpacks to families.



## November - Thanksgiving Basket Program

Every year, Families Forward distributes Thanksgiving baskets to over 800 local families containing all the traditional Thanksgiving fixings to cook a warm, delicious holiday meal. Volunteers are needed at our Program Center to help organize and prepare the food donations, and to distribute food baskets to families the Friday and Saturday prior to Thanksgiving.



## December - Adopt-a-Family Program

The Adopt-a-Family Program gives individuals, companies, and community organizations the opportunity to spread warmth and bring holiday joy to over 800 local families in need. Volunteers help organize gift donations, prepare holiday gift bags, and distribute gift bags to families at our Program Center.

**There are numerous ways to volunteer. For more information about these and other available volunteer opportunities, visit us at [Families-Forward.org/Volunteer](http://Families-Forward.org/Volunteer) or call our Volunteer Manager at (949) 716-2731.**

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