

# Orange County free holiday and Christmas assistance

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## ANAHEIM

### Anaheim Indoor Marketplace

A yearly toy drive provides free items to the first people that attend the event. The days and hours of distribution vary. Coupons are required. More information is available online.

### The Salvation Army Southern California and Orange County

1515 West North Street, Anaheim, CA 92801  
(714) 783-2344

This is one location. There are several more in the region. The center provides **Christmas food vouchers and gifts to families with children.** Programs include **Angel Tree** and **Adopt a Family** for Orange County families. Additional social and family services may be offered.

## COSTA MESA

### Costa Mesa Community Center

1845 Park Avenue, Costa Mesa, CA 92627

This location **holds holiday and Christmas events** and may distribute **free food, groceries, and toys.** For young children and infants.

### Saint Joachim Catholic Church

Nevin Hall, 1964 Orange Avenue, Costa Mesa, CA, 92627  
949-574-7400

The charity and its partners provide a traditional Thanksgiving meal to the needy. They may also have **referrals or information** on other holiday or Christmas programs that operate in Orange County.

### Share Our Selves (SOS)

<http://www.shareourselves.org/services/seasonal-programs/>

Families are referred to SOS by Santa Ana and Costa Mesa schools and organizations. SOS has been linking generous community members with families in need of extra support during the holidays. For more information, **please contact Rudy Ramos at 949.270.2197** or [rmos@shareourselves.org](mailto:rmos@shareourselves.org)

### Someone Cares Soup Kitchen

720 West 19<sup>th</sup> St, Costa Mesa, CA, 92627

The site provides a hot, free Christmas meal to Costa Mesa residents. This can include a turkey, ham, and all the toppings. In addition, they provide **free toys** and a Santa Claus appearance to Costa Mesa residents and young children.

## GARDEN GROVE

### Family Outreach

12682 Morningside Avenue, Unit 5, Garden Grove, CA 92843  
(714) 234-0230

An **Adopt-a-Family program for kids under the age of 13**. The parents, including single moms, may be given **Christmas trees or food as well**. Everything from games to electronics, clothing, or toys may be passed out.

**Garden Grove 7th Day Adventist**

12702 9th Street Garden Grove, CA 92840

(714) 534-4376

The church only provides services to the immediate community of Garden Grove and some surrounding areas. They have offer **food, free clothing and hygiene supplies at Thanksgiving and Christmas**.

**IRVINE**

**Crime Survivors, Inc.**

Irvine, CA

(949) 872-7895

Runs a program known as Elf's Holly Day. An alternate name of the program is **Gift Baskets and Holiday Party**. The only aid offered is for crime victims, survivors and their families. The nonprofit may offer gift baskets and a holiday event.

**Mariners Church**

5001 Newport Coast Drive, Irvine, CA 92603

949-769-8100

This is a local Christian church that provides support services and a Thanksgiving meal. **For the holidays, children may receive a small, free toy/gift for the holidays, or article of clothing**. Low-income families, the homeless, and poor are the church's priority. Activities and crafts will be available for children from low-income families as well. Please note, there is not a Christmas dinner at this particular church.

**LOS ALAMITOS**

**Grateful Hearts**

562-431-0880

5300 Katella Avenue, Los Alamitos, CA 90720

**ORANGE**

**Friendly Center, Inc.**

147 West Rose Ave, Orange, CA 92867

(714) 771-5300

The location offers **free Christmas food baskets and toys**. Assistance is for unaccompanied adults, families with young children, senior citizens. The site may also have **toys, holiday presents, and more** for low income families with children.

**Mary's Kitchen**

517 West Struck Ave, Orange, CA 92867

(714) 633-0444

Offers a free hot meal on Christmas and Thanksgiving to anyone in need.

## SANTA ANA

### **Churches from Saint Vincent**

1505 E. 17th Street Ste 109, Santa Ana, CA 92705

(714) 542-0448

They partner with area nonprofits through the Toys for Tots program, which **may have free presents and gifts for children** from low income families in Orange County. This Christmas program relies on items donated from the public.

## YORBA LINDA

### **Coast to Coast Foundation**

18340 Yorba Linda Blvd. Ste.107-222, Yorba Linda, CA 92886

(714) 388-6874 or (888) 275-5160

**Children under the age of 16 can enroll** into a holiday **adopt-a-family service**. Businesses and volunteers from Orange County provide toys, games, and other Christmas gifts to the needy.