



SHARE OUR SELVES NEWS

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Back to Community

Community! The word is full of meaning and emotion. It brings to mind families interacting, safe neighborhood schools and parks, and people pulling together. It conjures up safety and security, affordable housing, and plenty of jobs.

You could say *Back to Community* is *Back to the Basics*. Basics such as a roof over head, food in the fridge, and the lights on. It is people caring about each other, not judging, but embracing.

You could say *Back to Community* is *Back to SOS*. SOS, a place where community members share their gifts of time, talent, and treasure; a place to care for others who may need our assistance. Every day 50 volunteers arrive at SOS's door, ready to pack groceries, answer the phone, deliver groceries, provide financial assistance, give medical or dental care, fill prescriptions, enter data in the computer, sort mail, sort clothing, provide activities for the children, and plan special programs and events. An SOS Medical Clinic Volunteer said it best - "SOS gives me purpose and helps me remember that there are those whose needs are greater than mine."



In these difficult economic times, community is even more important than ever. More Orange County residents lack health insurance (15%), live in poverty (10.5%), can't afford to buy a home (77%), and don't always know where their next meal will come from (15%). Often, they come to SOS to help sort it out. They come to the SOS Free Medical Clinic because they are ill and have lost their job, and with it their insurance. They come to the SOS Free Dental Clinic because they have an infected tooth and are in pain. They come to the SOS Comprehensive CARE Center because they are so depressed they can no longer care for their family. They come to SOS Social Services to put food on the table, have transportation to work, and keep their housing.

Back to Basics, Back to SOS, is where we need to be in order to move forward towards a better future.

Consider how you might help.

Reflections

A Snapshot of Our SOS Community Caring for Others



Friends of SOS hold a book drive in their neighborhood for the Children's Corner



Yard House donates 225 cases of enchiladas to the Food Pantry



S.D. Deacon offices team up to collect essential items for those SOS serves



Longtime Volunteers enjoy SOS Volunteer In-service Day

As always, thank you.

We are servants who provide free care and assistance to those in need and act as advocates for systemic change.

Thank You

Thank you to all the following.

Foundation and Community Support

- ♦ **S.D. Deacon** for the many generous items collected from the team-building event during their bi-annual planning meeting. Employees from 3 states were divided into teams, given \$500, a rental car, and were challenged to convert the cash into goods that could be used by SOS clients. The donations were amazing - food, clothing, sleeping bags, blankets, school supplies, children's books, toys, first aid kits, hygiene items, baby supplies, bikes, and much more!



SOS Staff with the S.D. Deacon Donations

- ♦ **Filterfresh Coffee Service, Inc.** for their donation of \$2100 to SOS. The Massachusetts-based company held their annual meeting in Newport Beach and kicked off the week with a friendly par-3 golf tournament. The employees' entry-fees were matched by Filterfresh, and donated to SOS.



David Larimer, President, Filterfresh Coffee Service, Inc. and Van Houtte USA (LEFT) and Max Rivkind, General Manager (RIGHT), present a check for \$2100 to Karen Harrington, Director of Development, Share Our Selves

- ♦ Santa Ana Elks Lodge, No. 794 for support of our Back to School Program
- ♦ St. Joachim Church Vacation Bible School for hosting a food drive to support the Food Pantry
- ♦ Nationwide Health Properties, Inc. for donating care package items for Madres Militares to send to our troops
- ♦ California Wellness Foundation for generous support of the Dental Clinic
- ♦ City of Santa Ana for generous support of the Clinics
- ♦ Tides Foundation for generous support of Social Services budget classes
- ♦ County of Orange for generous support of the Clinics

Services Donors

- ♦ Dr. James Kloss, Dr. Jeffrey Elo and Dr. Nina Nielson, for their continuous support of the Dental Clinic.
- ♦ Coast Mailing for donating mailing costs
- ♦ David Ballard Electrical for electrical service
- ♦ Mesa Center Automotive for van maintenance
- ♦ Westcliff Medical Lab for support of the SOS Lab

Picture Perfect for SOS

John L. Blom Custom Photography Ltd. in Corona del Mar is offering customers 50% off Family Sittings through September



30th, and is generously donating 10% of each portrait order to Share Our Selves! Plan now for Holiday cards and gifts...Portrait sessions are limited, so book yours today! 949-675-3130, www.johnblomphotography.com.

SOS Congratulates South Coast Toyota!

South Coast Toyota has received the President's Award for the 3rd year! The award is Toyota's highest honor and is given for outstanding sales, customer service, and quality. South Coast Toyota is a wonderful supporter of SOS. For the past three years the dealership staff has designated SOS as the recipient of their



Paul Lunsford, General Manager, South Coast Toyota, with his wife, Raffaella

Holiday Giving Campaign. Paul Lunsford, General Manager of South Coast Toyota and SOS will be featured in Time Magazine in September.

Spotlight On College Volunteers!

SOS congratulates the class of 2008! Over 100 college students volunteer in the medical and dental clinics each week. They keep the flow of patients, charts and paperwork moving. We couldn't do it without them! In addition to volunteering, these students manage to stay on top of their courses and remain among the select few who will become our future health care professionals. SOS wants to recognize the following volunteers as they continue their education. Good luck and we'll miss you!!



College volunteers update charts

Northeastern University, Heidi Chen - College of Pharmacy
NYU, Jason Cao - College of Dentistry
St. Louis University, Tina Toosky - School of Medicine
Touro College, Sara Ghazi - School of Osteopathic Medicine
UC, Irvine, Fady Abdelmelek - School of Medicine
UC, San Diego, Han Do - School of Pharmacy, Natalie Nguyen - School of Pharmacy
UC, San Francisco, Zlatko Devcic - School of Medicine
University of Hawaii, Cori Hirai - School of Medicine
University of Portland, Kristine Deku (Staff) - Clinical Nurse Leader Program
University of Southern California, Andrea Buenrostro - Masters in Public Health Program, Karen Gana - School of Pharmacy, Lana Tran - School of Dentistry
Virginia Commonwealth University, Hannah Rose - School of Medicine
Western University, Michelle Suazo - Physician Assistant Program

If you are interested in joining the SOS volunteer team, please contact Julie Larson at 949-650-0640 ext. 227 or jlarson@shareourselves.org.

Star Team Onion Luncheon

On Wednesday, May 21st, SOS Star Team members, SOS A-Team members and their guests attended the 14th annual SOS Star Team Luncheon, held at the beautiful Five Crowns Restaurant in Corona Del Mar. The luncheon honored the members of the Star Team, a support guild of Share Our Selves.

The luncheon gets its name from a special tradition – favor bags of Imperial County Sweet Onions are gifted to each guest.

For more than twenty years, Kathy Thompson, A-Team President, has made giving away these coveted onions to friends and family a passion. The luncheon featured a live auction with many great items and eager bidders, and delicious food prepared by Chef Dennis Brask. Approximately \$44,000 was raised to support Share Our Selves' programs. It was a wonderful afternoon. A big thank you to Kathy Thompson, the A-Team and Star Team members for their generosity!



Kathy Thompson, SOS A-Team President and Star Team member, with husband, Jerry (Star Team), daughter, April Egbert (Star Team), and son, Todd Thompson.



A-Team members Gwen Williams, Margaret Nord, Sherry Nord Marron, and Bob Nord, Star Team member

18th Annual Celebrity Chef Dinner

On October 11th, twelve of Orange County's most generous chefs will again team up to prepare an exquisite five course dinner paired with specialty wines. This year's event will be held at the Hilton Orange County/Costa Mesa, and will include a silent auction and live auction where the chefs will offer exciting dining packages. You won't want to miss this great evening! For more information, contact Ashley Carlton at 949-515-5400, ext. 34 or acarlton@shareourselves.org.



Chefs Louie Jacon and Alan Greeley will once again lend their amazing culinary talents to the event

Open House

The first SOS Open House was a great success! Tours began bright and early at 7:30 a.m. and continued strong until 1:30 p.m. Volunteers brought friends, 2-1-1 Orange County community health and human services information line staff members, longtime donors and dozens of new friends to SOS all stopped by. Guests enjoyed refreshments, toured our facility, and met staff and volunteers - all while gaining increased awareness and appreciation for Share Our Selves' integral role in the community. Many new relationships were formed, and we look forward to continuing the Open House tradition here at SOS. Mark your calendars for the next Open House on August 6th - it's a great way to introduce friends, family and neighbors to SOS...have you toured lately?

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Ways to Benefit SOS

- ♦ Register your Ralphs card at www.ralphs.com/ccprogram.htm and use the SOS number 84538.
- ♦ Register other grocery cards or credit cards with eScrip at www.escrip.com and use the number 150239969.
- ♦ Bring your old printer toner cartridges and cell phones to SOS. We recycle them for cash.
- ♦ Donate your vehicle. It is a safe and easy way to sell your car or boat and support SOS. Call Kathleen Bruski, 949-515-5400, ext. 32, or download the form on our website.
- ♦ Consider a Charitable Gift Annuity, which provides you with guaranteed income for life, a tax deduction, and a generous gift to SOS.
- ♦ Think about naming SOS as a beneficiary in your will or life insurance.
- ♦ For details, call Karen Harrington at SOS, 949-515-5400, ext. 31.



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BACK TO SCHOOL

August 23, 2008

Share Our Selves

1550 Superior Avenue, Costa Mesa

Donations for this event are still needed! We are collecting backpacks, pencils, rulers, spiral notebooks, crayons, paper, calculators, markers, lunch bags, folders, erasers and gift cards for new school uniforms. Please help send kids back to school with a great start! Contact Vanessa Ontiveros, 949-642-3451 ext. 257

Wish List

The need for support continues all year. Here is how you can help:

- \$400 for a set of walkie-talkies to connect all areas of SOS
- \$800 for a comprehensive fire training video to train staff and volunteers
- Sleeping bags and blankets
- Food (merchants - consider joining the Orange Aid Project - our volunteers will pick up your donated food)
- Baby items - clothing, food, & diapers
- For additional ideas on how to help, call Julie Larson at 949-650-0640, ext. 227.

Go Green!

Go green and save SOS mailing costs! If you would like to receive newsletters and event invitations via email, please send an email to efevans@shareourselves.org with Newsletter in the subject line.

Calendar of Events

August 6, 2008	SOS Open House - 7:30am-1:30pm
August 17, 2008	Star Team Annual BBQ
August 23, 2008	Back to School BackPack Drive
August 24, 2008	Major Donor Thank You
September 2008	A-Team Sharing Chef Dinner
October 2008	A Team Sharing Chef Dinner
October 11, 2008	18th Annual Celebrity Chef Dinner
November 5, 2008	SOS Open House - 7:30am-1:30pm
November 17-21	Thanksgiving Food Drive
December 2-4	3rd Annual Festival of Trees
December 15-18	Adopt A Family

For more information on these events, please call Ashley Carlton at 949-515-5400, ext. 34 or visit our website, www.shareourselves.org.