We Care News

2023 2024

The Mission of We Care is to offer a variety of vital resources and provide a safety net that will equip families in our community for self-sufficient futures.



IN LOVING MEMORY OF ROB LOWENBERG. We are all saddened by the passing of Rob Lowenberg, the long-time Executive Director of We Care. Rob had many passions, including helping people and families struggling to stay in their homes and dealing with food insufficiency. Rob's passing is a terrible loss to We Care and to the entire fabric of the Orange County

community focused on helping those in need. In honor of Rob's commitment and passion for this work, the Board of Directors of We Care has established a memorial fund in Rob's honor. The monies raised will be used to support the mission of We Care, namely creating a community where its members are nourished, housed and self-reliant.

TODAY AND IN THE FUTURE. We Care will continue in its mission of helping to prevent homelessness and assisting those who suffer from food insecurity. We Care has identified families for adoption for Thanksgiving and the December holidays. The Food Pantry has been stocked by several recent food drives and the volunteers continues to staff that important function. The Board of Directors is actively searching for a new Executive Director and will likely appoint an interim Executive Director pending the selection of the new head of We Care.

YOU CAN HELP WE CARE PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO THE FOOD & HOUSING INSECURE PEOPLE OF OUR COMMUNITY.

We Care is the only organization serving Seal Beach, Los Alamitos, Cypress, Stanton, Huntington Beach and Fountain Valley that strives to prevent these families and our neighbors from becoming homeless, and has a success rate above 70%.

During the last year, We Care provided hundreds of families and individuals in crisis with more than \$240,000 in rent, mortgage, and utility assistance so they could remain in their homes, and distributed more than 225,000 lbs. of packaged food to thousands of families who were food deficient. Significantly, We Care also provides these families with systematic case management to help ensure they remain self-sufficient. This

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comprehensive range of services is designed not only to prevent homelessness, but also to ensure that families can stay together and live productive lives.

DONATIONS to The Memorial Fund or the General Fund can be made online at the We Care website: WeCareOrangeCounty.org
or by check payable to We Care and sent to:
We Care of Los Alamitos, Inc., 3788 Cerritos Ave., Los Alamitos, CA 90720.

WE CARE'S SAFETY NET & HOMELESS PREVENTION

PROGRAM. When you think of the low income and homeless, Orange County is probably not what comes to mind. It is hard to believe that in one of the most affluent counties in the nation, we have over 5,000 homeless, and that number is steadily increasing. Often, we are not talking about the street person or someone with a drug problem or even mental illness. We are assisting whole families that have fallen under unfortunate circumstances and need a boost-up, some direction, and a jolt of self-esteem.

Services We Care provides can include: rent, mortgage and utility assistance, food, personal care items, medical, dental and mental health referrals, ongoing case plans and much more. Clients completing the program can achieve personal financial independence and self sufficiency with the skills and tools they've gained from working with We Care staff and associates.

YOUR DONATION WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE

- **\$2,500** Keeps a family of four in their home for one month by covering rent and utility expenses.
- **\$1,000** Provides 10 families with utility payments for a month.
 - **\$500** Provides 12 counseling/therapy sessions for three families.
 - **\$250** Provides 30 individuals with personal care/hygiene kits.
 - **\$100** Provides 2 weeks of groceries and perishable items for a family of four.
 - **\$50** Provides school backpacks with supplies for two children.

Client Testimonial

I had recently become a single mom with three

boys. My ex-husband was emotionally abusive and I knew this was not the life I wanted for my children. I reached out to We Care because I did not have enough money to pay my full rent for the month. They not only helped me and my family one month but two months with rental assistance. We Care continued to check on us and make sure that we were stable and able to sustain ourselves. I have a good job; but without the help of We Care, we would have ended up homeless and living on the streets. The people who helped me at We Care are kind, generous and compassionate and my boys and I are forever grateful for their support.





FUN was had by all at the in-person return of the 16th Annual We Care "From the Heart" Fundraiser held on May 6, 2023.

Thank you to all the sponsors, volunteers, and attendees who made it a great success.



On November 5, 2023, the National League of Young Men, South Coast Chapter, Class of 2025 assisted with organizing the We Care food bank warehouse. They were fantastic, and their help was greatly appreciated. NLYM plans to schedule future volunteer dates to help out at the food bank.

Contact Us

for more information about our services.

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