

HomeAid Orange County has a mission to end homelessness through
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Over 15,000 individuals experience homelessness each year in Orange County

On one given night, over **2,200** people were counted on the streets of Orange County (2015 Point-In-Time)

And nearly **1,500** school-age children are living in motels or are unsheltered (O.C.D.E. 2014)

Orange County is one of the wealthiest counties in the USA yet thousands find themselves without shelter everyday.

Many people believe that the homeless are on the street due to choice, but the real truth is most are experiencing homelessness due to circumstances such as job loss, illness, abandonment, abuse or the financial *inability* to make ends meet. These circumstances have left them in need of help - *our help*.

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The true mark of HomeAid's impact on the community are the success stories that come through our partner service providers.

One story comes from Via Esperanza, which opened in 2015. Tessa was a woman with two young children who fled an abusive husband desperate to find a better life for herself and her children. She was suddenly homeless and that's when she discovered Pathways of Hope. The program at Via Esperanza helped get her back on her feet in a safe environment. Thanks to the help she received, she was able to relocate and live with extended family out of state and start a new job. Tessa's story is but one example of how HomeAid, thanks to its supporters and partners, makes a difference in Orange County.



FISCAL YEAR 2015 OUTCOMES REPORT

DEVELOPMENT

HomeAid successfully completed work on the following 5 new developments in 2015

- Bethany House, Operated by Mercy House
- Pathways of Hope, Via Esperanza
- Colette's Childrens Home- Phase I
- Dhont Community Center at the Samueli Academy
- Families Forward Saguaro



Pathways of Hope, Via Esperanza
Emergency Housing for Families

Completed developments added/preserved 145 beds

Total value of development/construction = over \$2.75 million

Total value of In-Kind donations booked to date \$765,516

ADVOCACY & SERVICE

The HomeAid Essentials campaign aided with the collection and distribution of over 1.9 million essential items for babies and homeless mothers throughout Orange County

4,500 CareKits and 5,000 hygiene kits were assembled and distributed to homeless individuals living on the streets

During the month of November, for Homelessness Awareness Month, 200+ Volunteers engaged in service activities and community collections of blankets, socks, gift cards, bus passes, hygiene items and more valued at over \$75,000

HomeAid launched two awareness and service outreach tools: www.AreYouAware.org as part of Homelessness Awareness Month and the new HomeAid App

