
NEWSLETTER

ORPHAN ASSISTANCE FUND

Welcome

Welcome to Issue No. 01 of the Orphan Assistance Fund Newsletter! In this newsletter, we will be discussing the recent events and activities our organization has hosted and participated in. The Orphan Assistance Fund is a startup 501c3 Non-Profit Organization established in Huntington Beach, California. Our main goal is to organize successful fundraisers and donate the proceeds to orphanages across the globe. To support us, please find the last page of the newsletter.

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A Meeting With Congresswoman Steel

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Last month, the officers of OAF were given the opportunity to meet with Congresswoman Steel, the former Orange County supervisor, and receive recognition for the efforts of OAF's activities and programs.

According to OAF Secretary Althea Mendoza, meeting with Congresswoman Steel "meant a lot for the legitimacy of the organization as one that makes a positive impact on the community." She mentions that "this furthers OAF's mission by introducing more people to what we do as an organization... [This] will hopefully inspire others to start OAF clubs at [their] schools or donate to our global projects."



Recognition for OAF signifies how the efforts of its members and leadership are affecting the community for the better. This recognition is only given to a few organizations at the size of OAF.

According to Congresswoman Steel, the "The founders of the Orphan Assistance Fund have made it their mission to give back and are setting an amazing example for our

community. I was honored to support and recognize their commitment to the wellbeing of children around the world."

This award marks achievement within the OAF community. Following the recognition of the Congresswoman, OAF looks to find deeper and stronger ways to help out the community and grow as an organization.

Caregiver's Day Off - July

07.16.22

Another month means another Caregiver's Day Off! On the third Saturday of each month, St. John's Lutheran School in Orange hosts a fun day filled with activities for foster kids in Orange County. OAF clubs sent out more than fifteen



volunteers total to July's CDO (Caregiver's Day Off). With slides, bungee jumping, a movie room, crafts, and even more, kids had a blast. Club members also had a great time, assisting the kids with their needs. The next CDO is on August 20th from 10:00 AM-2:00 PM. Volunteers should arrive 30 minutes early for instruction. If you'd like to come to the event, contact your school's club's president or contact us at orphanassistancefund@gmail.com. We hope to see you there!

O AFC Clubs Opening In the Fall

Fall 2022

With the school year approaching rapidly, OAF clubs are preparing to head into full swing. Here are all the clubs opening for the 2022-2023 school year.

- **Hillcrest HS O AFC** - Contact Yuvraj or Yuvika Shiv: yuvraj12@gmail.com & yuvikashiv03@gmail.com
- **Murrieta Mesa HS O AFC** - Contact Erin Capen: erinkaycprn@gmail.com
- **Valencia HS O AFC** - Contact Katelyn Nguyen: katelyn3nguyen@gmail.com
- **Troy HS O AFC** - Contact Dominic Nguyen: nguyendom156@gmail.com
- **Edison HS O AFC** - Contact Ruben Mahgerefteh: rmahgerefteh100@hbuhds.edu
- **Irvine HS O AFC** - Contact Quinston Nguyen: quincynnguyenv@gmail.com
- **Northwood HS O AFC** - Contact Ishan Jetwani: ishjet32@gmail.com
- **Beckman HS O AFC** - Contact Sophia Wen: sophiaxxwen@gmail.com
- **Mt. Carmel HS O AFC** - Contact Bryan Nguyen: bryanwithnoi@gmail.com
- **Poway HS O AFC** - Contact Jaden Tagulinao: jadentaguliano@yahoo.com
- **Westview HS O AFC** - Contact Gianni Ly: giannibooks@gmail.com
- **Foothill HS O AFC** - Contact Alex Phan: alexanderphan2007@gmail.com



Pictured above: **Sophia Wen**, Beckman High School President; pictured on front page: **Claire Sun**, Sage Hill High School President

- **Sage HS O AFC** - Contact Claire Sun: clairesun5367@gmail.com
- **Portola HS O AFC** - Contact Isabella Maggetti: isabellamaggetti7@icloud.com
- **Los Amigos HS O AFC** - Contact Jennifer Nguyen: 24anhthunguyen20@gmail.com
- **Garden Grove HS O AFC** - Contact Catherine Nguyen: hadang134@gmail.com
- **La Quinta HS O AFC** - Contact Helen Huynh: helenhuynh2970@gmail.com
- **Brea Olinda HS O AFC** - Contact Hoang Nguyen: hoanlolo900@gmail.com

New Events and Upcoming Opportunities

Fall 2022-2023

As a growing organization, it is our role to find new ways to incorporate members of our communities and the people around us to bring us together more tightly. OAF's main fall project will be volunteer service work for the local foster youth.

To achieve this, OAF is partnering with several foster care programs, such as Orangewood Foundation, Olive Crest Orange County and San Diego, and Faith in Motion - Riverside. All of these organizations work to improve the lives of young children from different places and difficult situations. It is OAF's honor to help and participate in their events.

OAF members should expect frequent volunteer shifts/events similar to our monthly CDO, which would involve members of OAF accompanying children ages 2 months to seventeen years, as well as upcoming activities such as card writing, gift baskets, and anything else that directly engages the foster youth of the community.

To frequent participants of our events, look forward to the new events that your leaders will announce as they come up. Thank you for your participation in improving the lives of children!

An Interview With the Founders

August Newsletter Special Article

Andrew Nguyen, first CEO

- What was the best thing about being a part of the organization?
 - The best thing is being able to see the tangible difference the organization makes in the world. To see the smiles and happiness reflected in each of [320 orphans in Kampala, Uganda's] faces made all of our work worthwhile and immensely fulfilling.
- What was the biggest challenge you had with the organization?
 - The biggest challenge OAF faced at the start was credibility. I am proud that through our tireless work, we have gained the public's trust and recognition, allowing us to better conduct the positive work we do.
- What is OAF's community like?
 - If I were to describe OAF's community in 3 words, they would be: empathetic, driven, and passionate.



- What is OAF's message?
 - We believe in advocacy and awareness but are based upon active work - raising over \$15,000 USD to benefit orphanages across 4 continents [and] expanding to 18 club locations with a combined membership of 350+ students.



Dylan Phan, first COO

- What was the best thing about being a part of the organization?
 - The best part is the people, and the mission. Working together with my wonderful team to help the world one step at a time is a blessing.
- What was the biggest challenge you had with the organization?
 - Communication has to be one of the biggest challenges. Our organization spans from Riverside all the way to San Diego, so our networking has to be pristine and online for the most part. But I personally love a good challenge, and this challenge soon became a small issue.
- What inspired you to start OAF?
 - During the first few months of quarantine that I started to realize I wanted to do something impactful, especially since I couldn't go outside and enjoy a normal life. The opportunity to talk to talented individuals was an inspiration to keep the mission alive.
- What is OAF's community like?
 - After...conversing with our Orphan Assistance Fund community, I discovered that the Orphan Assistance Fund...has the passion to serve both the community and the world as a whole

On the Upcoming Year

07.27.2022

As OAF enters this new school year and the new season, we can look forward to several projects and opportunities to not only find more ways to interact with our communities, participate in service opportunities, meet people and make connections, but grow as individuals as well.

As we enter this new year, please look out for upcoming events and reach out to your leaders if you have any questions at all! Please see below for our website and more information on OAF, and encourage people you know to join as well!

Humbly and sincerely, thank you from OAF!

The newsletter will be released the third Saturday of each month!

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What is OAF?

The Orphan Assistance Fund is a student-run startup 501c3 Non-Profit Organization based in Southern California, USA that aims to organize successful fundraisers and donate the proceeds to orphanages across the globe.

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Page Two | Sophia Wen (Beckman High School)

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