



**Orange County  
Youth and Family Services Division**





# Community Relations

Community Relations is dedicated to increasing public support and community awareness that extends the Divisions' core values into the communities where our employees and citizens live and work. The program is designed to sustain educational, environmental, civic, cultural, and health initiatives that engage and enrich the lives and minds of our community. Public support is enhanced by promoting the positive image of the Division through various media outlets, cultivating positive relationships with community partners, fundraising through the Children & Family Services Board, volunteerism and communicating institutional messages to ensure that the Division is a responsible and contributing partner in our community.


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## **Volunteer opportunities and internships**

The Division's Volunteer Program offers a number of opportunities that include:


-  Mentoring a youth to give guidance and be a positive role model.
-  Tutoring a youth to help improve and develop academic skills.
-  Gaining experience and knowledge in our internship program.
-  Assisting in the office and with special events.

*Volunteers must complete an application and background screening prior to volunteering. A Division orientation is completed with the Volunteer Coordinator and a program orientation is completed with a program staff before assignment.*





## Fundraising

 Fundraising is done year round for our youth at Great Oaks Village and the Youth Shelter. These donations help support educational and enrichment activities for the kids.


 **Christmas Sponsorship (Fall):** Sponsor a child's Christmas morning. Sponsorship amounts are:

- \$200 per youth in our foster care group home, Great Oaks Village.
- \$100 per youth in our Youth Shelter.

*Families are referred for sponsorships who are currently working with our Division programs and who have been determined unable to provide for the holidays due to unforeseen financial hardship or medical issues. Sponsorship amounts can vary depending on family size.*

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## Providing the Safety Net for Children and Families in Orange County

