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HOLIDAY NEEDS ARE GREATER THAN JUST TOYS

Orange County, Calif., December 20, 2011 – The Orange County Rescue Mission is reaching out to the community this Holiday Season to help supply urgently needed items for those less fortunate. While donations of toys and games are plentiful this time of year, donations of basic need items, like blankets, toilet paper and food, have slowed as gift donations have become the focus of donors.

“For those of us fortunate enough to not be in need this time of year it is often hard to imagine that what people really need are basic necessities, the items we often take for granted,” explained Jim Palmer, President of The Orange County Rescue Mission. “Donations of basic items are currently our greatest need at the Mission. Without these items, or the funds to buy them, we cannot help to support those in the community that are finding themselves without everyday essentials for themselves and their families this time of year.”

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Urgent Needs Items include:

- **Cold weather items** - boots/rain boots, gloves and socks, umbrellas, jackets and ponchos, sleeping bags and blankets.
- **Men and Women's clothing**
- **Children's items** – Diapers- size 4, 5 and 6, baby wipes, children's socks, underwear and clothing
- **Food items** – Soup, canned fruit and vegetables, meat in bulk, bags of dry beans, rice or pasta, peanut butter, jelly, cereal, milk, cheeses and eggs in bulk, and fresh produce in bulk
- **Household items** - Toilet paper, cleaning supplies, sandwich paper bags, trash bags, zip lock sandwich baggies and laundry detergent

All donations can be dropped off at the Orange County Rescue Mission's Village of Hope donation warehouse at **1 Hope drive, in Tustin, Calif.**

Individuals or businesses able to provide monetary donations for the Urgent Needs items can donate through the Orange County Rescue Mission's website at www.rescuemission.org.

About the Orange County Rescue Mission

The [Orange County Rescue Mission](http://www.rescuemission.org) is a non-profit organization that uses Biblical principles in its programs such as relationships, finance, and parenting. The Orange County Rescue Mission's innovative facilities and programs provide food assistance and shelter in addition to counseling, education, job training, mental wellness, life skill training, and medical services to provide a solid foundation for the transition to a self-sufficient life. To make a



donation or inquire about volunteer opportunities with the Orange County Rescue Mission,
please contact the Village of Hope at (714) 247-4300 or log on to www.rescuemission.org.

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