

# Stone Soup Gazette

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## ORANGE COUNTY HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT: THE YEAR IN REVIEW

By: Heather Dale, Project Coordinator

It has been an action packed, event filled year for all those involved with the Orange County Health Needs Assessment (OCHNA) project. Now, as the year comes to a close, it is a great opportunity to reflect upon and take pride in the accomplishments of the project over the past twelve months.



The first major accomplishment of the year was witnessed in April with the completion and public release of the Orange County Health Needs Assessment Spring Data Report and Executive Summary in an event luncheon at the Hyatt Regency Alicante in Anaheim. The over 300 page data report and it's companion piece, the Executive Summary, detail the results of the OCHNA survey, county secondary data, and community focus groups providing a well rounded view of the health status of Orange County residents. The success was further made sweet by the warm reception from the community, the press, and the nearly 300 guests attending the event.

Since the release of the report, OCHNA has made the report available not only at local libraries, but also on the OCHNA web site as a free download. The web site, another accomplishment the project can be proud of, additionally offers a complete history of the project and archived editions of the OCHNA newsletter (The Stone Soup Gazette) and receives over 7,000 hits (visits) per month with over a gigabyte of data being downloaded to date. The Stone Soup Gazette mailing database has grown right along with the project, noting an increase to nearly 1600 individuals and organizations since it's inception in May 1998.

In addition, we have had an opportunity to witness a number of immediate outcomes related to OCHNA's efforts through organizations using the data including: local community foundations, the Proposition 10 commission, and the HARTS campaign. Orange County's United Way, the 100 Black Men of Orange County, Latino Health Access, and the Safe Health Care Coalition have also made use of the OCHNA data to support their causes. Other noteworthy accomplishments of the year include an award for having made a significant contribution to improving health in Orange County from the 100 Black Men of Orange County and the formation of the new OCHNA Executive Committee.

Looking forward to the year 2000, the Executive Committee is currently developing a plan to increase access to health care for children. Also in 2000, OCHNA has planned publication of a Regional Orange County report planned for release in January/February and a full data analysis report tentatively scheduled to be released in June.

## Share Our Selves Brings Holiday Cheer to Orange County Families in Need

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For nearly 30 years, since it's founding in 1970 by a group of concerned individuals, Share Our Selves (S.O.S.) has worked to serve to the working poor and impoverished of Orange County. Over the years, their services have grown to include not only the medical and dental care that the health community is familiar with, but also food and clothing, incoming mail service to homeless individuals, emergency financial aid for basic necessities, and information on jobs, housing, legal services, and government programs. All totaled S.O.S. serves over 260,000 individuals in need each year.



Although all of the S.O.S. services are offered year round, each holiday season S.O.S. goes the extra mile in helping to ensure that the working poor and impoverished families don't spend the season hungry. This year S.O.S. celebrates their 30<sup>th</sup> year participating in the "Adopt a Family" program, providing holiday dinners and gifts to community residents in need. Last year, with the help of hundreds of donors, S.O.S. adopted over 1400 families that may not have had anything with out the support of S.O.S. and their donors. S.O.S. anticipates that there will be an even greater need for the Adopt a Family Program this year, and would like to extend an invitation for all those interested to join in the program with them. If you, your family, social, fraternal, or business group would like to participate and help "adopt" a family, there are several options.

### Choose the Option Best for You

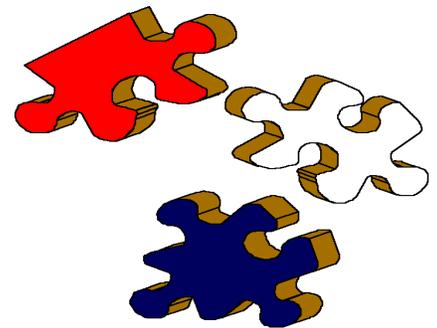
1. Provide food for a complete Christmas dinner and two new gifts for every child in the family.
2. Provide only food for dinner for the family.
3. Provide only new gifts to all the children in the family.
4. Supply extra new gifts for the families that have not been adopted.
5. Provide extra food, such as turkey, desserts, fruits, etc.
6. Provide money for S.O.S. shoppers to purchase your dinner and gifts for you. If it isn't enough to provide completely for a family, we'll combine it with someone else's donation and send an acknowledgement after Christmas with a description of what we did with your gift.

Through the "adopt a family" program, S.O.S. will be helping families of all sizes. If you, your family, or your business organization are interested in participating this year financially, or as a volunteer, or if you have questions about the program, contact Jean Forbath by December 15, 1999, 714/549-2001.



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Visit our web page and check out what is new and exciting, as we venture forth on our quest for a healthier community. If you have questions, suggestions or wish to get involved, please contact Pamela Austin, Director, at (714) 547-3631, or e-mail her directly at [paustin@hasc.org](mailto:paustin@hasc.org)



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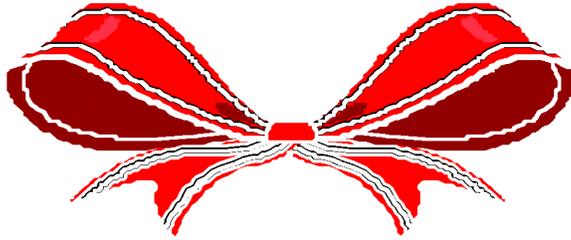
The Stone Soup Gazette is the official Newsletter of the Orange County Health Needs Assessment Project. This is a monthly publication. We welcome your comments, concerns or suggestion. Deadline for articles is the 1st of the month.

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**Orangewood Children's Home** provides emergency shelter to children, 24 hours a day year round. From July 1998 to June 1999, 2,892 children were admitted to Orangewood. This holiday season you can help out by donating clothing, toys, personal items, or kitchen accessories to the home. Orangewood is extremely grateful for all of the support that they receive from individuals and corporations not only during the holidays but throughout the year. Listed below are some gift donation ideas that could help bring a smile to the face of a child in need:

|             |                |                |                                |                 |
|-------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| Board Games | Batteries      | Action Figures | Sports Equip.                  | Dolls & Access. |
| Hairdryers  | Watches        | Cologne        | Hair Gels                      | Curling Irons   |
| Shower Gel  | Lotions        | Jewelry        | Day Planners                   | Shoes           |
| Blue Jeans  | Dressy Dresses | Electronics    | Gift Certificates of all kinds |                 |

**Donations can be dropped off at Orangewood Children's Home at 401 The City Drive South, Orange. For more information please call, (714) 935-7584.**

**Saddleback Memorial Medical Center** will adopt several local underprivileged families this year. Community organizations such as Leisure World Social Services will be helping to identify these people in need, and all of the gifts will be delivered directly to the families the week of December 20th. If you are interested in joining Saddleback Memorial in donating gifts to those in need, please contact Marcie Eden no later than December 14th at (949) 452-3727.



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