

ROOTED
SERVE OPPORTUNITIES Spring 2026

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Short Term Residential Treatment Program:

Olive Crest has 3 homes in Tustin, Santa Ana, and Orange which house 16-18 year olds. We have two homes with female residents and one home with male residents. These youth are unable to be housed in a traditional foster home because they require higher levels of care. They have staff in the home 24 hours a day and mental health clinicians supporting them with coping mechanisms and support tools. They enjoy interacting with volunteers.

Expectations:

- Up to 6 youth in each home. Numbers and participation are subject to change based on transitions and schedules within the home
- These are some of the toughest kids in the foster care system. The little wins are big ones.
- Please be cautious that you might hear bad language or inappropriate stories
- These youth are very slow to warm up and might not seem interested at first. Let them go at their own pace and participate when they are ready
- Age requirement: 21+

Here are a few opportunities to engage with and serve the youth in these homes:

1. **Host a craft/art night in the girls' homes** (up to two groups, 4- 6 volunteers per group)
 - The girls in the home love to paint and do crafts and it can be very therapeutic for them
 - Some ideas for activities: painting, tie-dye, bracelet making, themed vision boards, etc.

- Volunteers can take time to do the activity with the girls and make genuine connections
 - Volunteers can provide snacks or dinner for the evening and share a meal together with the youth
 - This would require a donation/sponsorship of craft supplies
2. **Host a Cooking Night in one or all of the homes** (up to three groups, 4-6 volunteers per group)
 - Cook together and share a meal with the youth
 - This is an opportunity to share the life skill of cooking and nutrition, while connecting with the youth in the home
 - Feel free to plan for games or an activity to share during the evening as well
 - This would require a sponsorship of meal supplies
 3. **Beautify the outdoor space at one or all of the homes** (up to three groups, 4-6 volunteers per group)
 - Help to create a peaceful and comfortable outdoor space for our youth to connect with nature and enjoy time outside
 - This would involve cleaning up the yard space, and could include planting flowers/plants to beautify the space for the home
 - Optional sponsorship/donation of plants/flowers
 4. **Serve one or all of the homes by deep cleaning shared spaces (up to three groups, 4-6 people per group)**
 - If you have ever lived with teenagers, you know things can get messy quickly! These homes are shared spaces for our youth and it is a huge help to have groups willing to assist in deep cleaning the spaces they use everyday
 - Optional sponsorship/donation of cleaning supplies

Tustin Family Campus (The Cottages)

Olive Crest has two large homes (Cottage A and Cottage B) in Tustin with foster parents living in each home who take in sibling sets, allowing the siblings not to be separated. Cottage A houses younger children, while Cottage B houses preteens and teens.

Expectations:

- Each Cottage holds up to 6 kids. The Cottages are neighboring each other, allowing groups to easily serve both Cottages on the same day.
- Age requirement: 21+. Children are allowed with adult/parental supervision.

Here are a few opportunities to serve the families in these homes:

1. Host a Cooking Night in Cottage B
 - Cook together and share a meal with the youth
 - This is an opportunity to share the life skill of cooking and nutrition, while connecting with the youth in the home
 - Feel free to plan for games or an activity to share during the evening as well
 - This would require a sponsorship of meal supplies
2. Host a game night or craft night in Cottage A or B
 - This would require a donation/sponsorship of supplies for the crafts or games. Volunteers can also provide a meal to share with the children and youth or snacks/drinks.

Onsite Visitation Program

At our Family Resource Center in Santa Ana, there is a Visitation Family Room, where bio parents can fulfill their court-ordered visits with their kids.

Expectations:

- Visits happen from noon to about 7pm on Weekdays and Saturdays
 - Attendance is always subject to change, Visitation staff can give an expectation of numbers the week of an event or activity
 - Age requirement: 21+
1. Cook or cater a meal to serve to visitation families + lead a game or activity
 - The families always deeply appreciate a meal, as many visits occur during dinnertime
 - The families have enjoyed being hosted in this way, as well as participating in a group activity or game, but they can be slow to warm up and engage with groups. We encourage being as warm and friendly as possible, while giving them space to participate at their own pace.
 2. Put together hygiene kits or goodie bags to share with Visitation families and children
 - Many of our families struggle to obtain basic items such as hygiene and it is always helpful for our Visitation team to have the kits to hand out to their families as needed.
 - Goodie bags are always a fun treat for kiddos who are participating in visits.
 - Visitation Staff can share numbers for how many kits of any type would be helpful.

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