



**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.
-  Being a Reading Buddy to reinforce reading 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.*



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## **Fundraising** (Three major events per year)

-  **Corporate Golf Tournament (Spring):** Our annual "Driving Fore Education" Corporate Golf Tournament raises funds for Great Oaks Village. Sponsorships include lunch sponsor, award sponsor, ball sponsor, beverage cart sponsor, corporate foursomes, and hole sponsors.
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## Fundraising (continued)

-  **Book Bag Campaign (Summer):** Provides a child with a book bag and supplies they need to succeed in school. Sponsorship amounts are \$30 for elementary, \$40 for middle school, and \$50 for high school students.
-  **Christmas Sponsorship (Fall):** Sponsor a child's Christmas morning. Sponsorship amounts are:
  - \$200 per youth in one of our foster care group homes, Great Oaks Village or Laurel Hill Independence Center.
  - \$100 per youth in our Youth Shelter.
  - \$100 per youth residing in our Soistman Scholarship House.

*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

