

2025 IMPACT



south county
outreach

Because of YOU, hardship didn't become crisis.

IN 2025...

your generosity helped neighbors stay housed, keep food on the table, and move forward with stability and dignity. At a time when rising costs pushed more families to the edge, philanthropic support allowed South County Outreach to step in early—preventing crisis before it began.

THE REACH

- **9,000+** individuals served across Orange County
- **2,200+** households supported each month on average
- **95%** of households served met **HUD low-income criteria**



HUNGER

- Families shopped in a **grocery-style Market** with fully stocked shelves
- SCO met the need at the source by **launching Pop-Up Pantries at Title-I elementary schools**
- SCO prioritized **fresh produce, dairy, eggs, and protein** instead of only canned, boxed food
- **341 food drives hosted** - nearly ONE every day
- SCO saw a **22% reduction in food waste** through client choice and smarter sourcing

Families accessed food they actually use—stretching resources further and improving health outcomes.



HOUSING

- **200+ households** received rental or utility assistance
- Average assistance: **~\$2,250 per household**
- Prevented eviction, utility shutoffs, and displacement for **nearly 500 residents**

Modest, timely investments helped families remain stably housed—avoiding the far higher costs & trauma of homelessness.

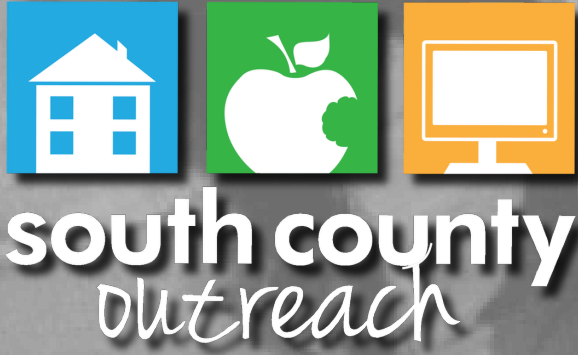


VOLUNTEERS

35,871

volunteer hours served, equal to 19 full-time staff, nearly doubling our organizational manpower

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A MOMENT OF PREVENTION



When Maria's hours were cut unexpectedly, she fell one month behind on rent. With two young children and no family nearby, eviction felt imminent.

A one-time prevention investment of \$2,300 covered her rental gap while her hours were restored. She kept her job. Her children stayed in the same school.

**No moving trucks. No shelter stay.
No disruption.**

A modest, timely intervention changed the trajectory of her family's year.



WHY PHILANTHROPY MATTERED IN 2025

When SNAP benefits were restricted, South County Outreach did not panic.

Private support allowed us to respond quickly, flexibly, and with compassion—filling the gaps where public systems faltered.

Your investment made it possible to:

- Serve families who didn't qualify for government aid
- Respond immediately to the rising cost of rents and groceries



OUR DATA SHOWS:
Most clients are NOT dependent on SCO long-term.

Families and individuals often come to us during periods of **TRANSITION**:

- after a job loss
- when unexpected medical bills arise
- seniors on fixed incomes need help stretching their resources



CLIENT DEMOGRAPHICS

CHILDREN
(0-17)

26%

YOUNG
ADULTS
(18-35)

29%

ADULTS
(36-64)

31%

SENIORS
(65+)

14%

A LOOK AHEAD

The progress achieved in 2025 reflects years of intentional work to strengthen South County Outreach's foundation.

Over the past five years, leadership has built the systems, partnerships, and capacity needed to serve a growing, changing community.

In an uncertain world, every community needs a stable center.

South County Outreach remains a trusted source of support for families and individuals navigating life's difficult transitions.