



# Helpful Happenings

## OCR Welcomes Our New Executive Director

The Board of Directors of Owasso Community Resources is pleased to welcome Nadia Guevara as the new Executive Director!

Nadia comes to OCR from Palmer Continuum of Care in Tulsa where she worked as Program Director for the past 7 years. Nadia says she is excited to give back to her community and looks forward to working with the staff, volunteers and the community to strengthen OCR's ability to ensure that our citizens have the opportunity to receive assistance in times of need.

Nadia has lived in Owasso 9 years. She is married to Owasso City Councilman Wayne Guevara. Nadia has a step-daughter, Shaelyn, 15, a son, Christian, 5, and is expecting another child in January.

Call Nadia at OCR to welcome her and find out how you can support OCR in its efforts to meet the needs of your fellow citizens.



## Fall 2008

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### By The Numbers:

- The 2008 Back To School Supplies program helped 875 Owasso children with the basic school supplies they needed to start the new school year.
- In August, OCR helped 47 families with 112 bags of food.
- In September, OCR helped 58 clients with food. 70% were first time clients!
- October has averaged 5 calls a day from people who have never asked for assistance before.

## Make a Difference in a Child's Life

First Presbyterian Church has adopted Mills Elementary School, and is looking for tutors to go into the school about one hour per week to read with young students needing help.

They also host a 'Homework Help' Night on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the church for kids K-5<sup>th</sup> grade.



These programs have become very beneficial to Spanish speaking students learning English, so Spanish speaking volunteers would be greatly appreciated, especially on Tuesday evenings.

All that's required is a \$10 background check and a willingness to make a difference in the life of a child! Tips and training offered to those interested. Please call Rev. Natalie Ford-Cowling at 671-7203.



## It's Time for Thanksgiving Basket Program

Filled baskets of Thanksgiving trimmings will be offered to our clients by the generosity of Owasso citizens. Friendship Baptist Church is once again partnering with OCR to host the basket distribution.

A reusable laundry basket, plastic tub, or tote should be filled with the following items:

- 1 10lb. turkey or ham (or \$15 donation)
- Packaged rolls
- Instant mashed potatoes
- Canned corn
- Canned green beans
- Boxed or bagged stuffing mix
- Pie (bakery, or pie crust & canned filling)
- Canned cranberry sauce
- Canned, packaged, or jar gravy



**Baskets can be dropped off at the church on Monday, November 24, from 8:00 am – 4:00 pm.** The address is 14100 E. 86<sup>th</sup> St. Earlier deliveries will be accepted; just call the OCR office. Donors can also chose to drop off a basket at Chick-fil-A to then receive a coupon for a free milkshake. They are currently accepting donations.

Interested persons or groups (coworkers, Sunday School class, civic club) are welcome to assemble one or more baskets to be given to families in Owasso. One basket is estimated at \$40.

**Please contact Lori at OCR to register your basket(s) at 272-4969 or [ocr.lori@gmail.com](mailto:ocr.lori@gmail.com).**

\* Persons interested in donating money to the Thanksgiving Baskets, can send contributions to OCR, P.O. Box 2280, Owasso, OK 74055.

\* If you would like to simply donate a turkey or ham, we have freezers to store them!

### Additional Suggested Items:

Canned sweet potatoes

Jello

Canned carrots

Canned peas

Cake or brownie mix

Mayo & bread for sandwiches

Mac & cheese

Canned baked beans

Fresh or canned fruit



## Thanksgiving Volunteer Opportunities

OCR's annual Thanksgiving basket collection and distribution will take place on November 24 & 25 at Friendship Baptist Church. Volunteers are needed to help families load their basket of food into their vehicle. Just an hour or two of your time would be appreciated!

### Basket Drop Off:

**Monday, Nov. 24**

**8am – 4pm**

### Basket Distribution:

**Tuesday, Nov. 25**

**9 - 12 or 2 - 5:30**

Contact Lori Lane at 272-4969 or [ocr.lori@gmail.com](mailto:ocr.lori@gmail.com) if you can volunteer on either of these days.



## Giving Tree Program to Begin November 20



It's almost time for OCR's annual Giving Tree program! During the next month, Owasso and Collinsville children and disabled adults will be registering for Christmas assistance. Their wish lists will be available for adoption on our annual Giving Tree beginning November 20th.

Stocking shape tags will be offered at three Owasso locations, as well as in the OCR office, for shoppers to purchase gifts for the registered persons. The minimum suggested amount to spend is \$50 on a list of 5 items that the child or adult desires.

Get your stockings at:

RCB Bank	12200 E. 96 St. N. (by Walmart)
RCB Bank	11633 E. 86th St. N. (by Reasors)
Waterstone Cleaners	9540 N. Garnett ( by CiCi's Pizza)

It is through the continued support of local citizens that this program succeeds each year. Whether it is through the child or adult having a little something extra for Christmas, or our shoppers being fulfilled by giving to those in need, the true spirit of the holiday is seen by all involved.

## Christmas Assistance Volunteer Opportunities

It is that wonderful time of the year when volunteers get to help out our community and see the difference they and OCR make in the lives of local families. In the spirit of giving, your time and service is valuable to us, and we appreciate all that you do.

Contact Lori Lane at 272-4969 or [ocr.lori@gmail.com](mailto:ocr.lori@gmail.com) if you can volunteer on any of these days.

### Christmas Assistance Gift Check-In

Dec. 1-12, Mon –Fri 10:00 am – 2:00 pm each day

### Christmas Distribution

Dec. 17 10:00 am – 2:00 pm  
Dec. 18 10:00 am – 6:00 pm.

All events will take place at the OCR office.

*Join us for holiday fun and time of serving!*





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community...  
One life at a time!*

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## **Announcement!** **Save the date!**

*Our annual fundraising  
event will be held on  
**Saturday, March 28th, 2009,**  
at the Bailey Education  
Foundation Center at  
Bailey Medical Center.*

*More details will be announced  
in January.*

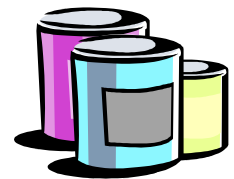


### **WANTED:**

**Full-Size Refrigerator**  
To be used in the OCR break room.

## **Top Ten Items Needed in the Food Pantry**

1. Cereal
2. Soups
3. Corn bread
4. Canned fruit
5. Toothpaste
6. Deodorant
7. Laundry cleaning supplies
8. Instant mashed potatoes
9. Frozen and refrigerated foods
10. Canned meats (raviolis, chili, spam)



**PLUS:** Paper and plastic sacks  
(Reasor's, Wal-Mart, etc.)