

Press Release

COUNTY HOMELESS EMERGENCY SHELTERS TO OPEN

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(Santa Ana, CA) - The County of Orange Armory Emergency Shelter Program is scheduled to open at alternate sites on December 6, 2010 until the California National Guard Armory locations become available for use later in the month (maps attached). The program is anticipated to open at the Fullerton and Santa Ana Armory locations on December 13, 2010 (address information attached). The seasonal emergency shelter program provides up to 400 beds for homeless families and individuals. The program provides shelter to families and individuals along with a nutritious meal, warm shower, safe place to sleep, warm clothes, a wide variety of supportive services, and a friendly and safe atmosphere.

The Armory Emergency Shelter Program is a vital link in our community's efforts to take care of those who lack proper shelter at night and to provide needed services to families and individuals. The Armory Emergency Shelter Program is possible due to the help of hundreds of volunteers from County agencies, churches, and other community groups.

In addition, the following agencies provide on-site services aimed at breaking the cycle of homelessness and moving families and individuals to self-sufficiency and independent living: Orange County Health Care Agency, Orange County Social Services Agency, Salvation Army, Veteran's First, Serving People In Need, Mental Health Association of Orange County, Public Law Center, Orange County Rescue Mission, 2-1-1 Orange County, and many others. Donations from other non-profit organizations, churches, and individuals add to the available resources to make this program a success. The program is operated by Mercy House through a contract with the County of Orange, OC Community Services.

"This program fills a critical gap in Orange County's Continuum of Care system for the homeless," stated Karen Roper, Director of OC Community Services.

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Attachments: 2010-2011 Program Summary
Armory Wish List
Alternate Site Maps



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Orange County Armory Emergency Shelter Program 2010 – 2011

PROGRAM SUMMARY:

The Orange County Armory Emergency Shelter program provides up to 400 beds per night for the homeless at the National Guard Armories in Fullerton and Santa Ana. The homeless will receive a nutritious meal, a warm shower and a safe place to sleep. Volunteers will distribute donations of warm clothing, and service providers from Orange County will be onsite to provide needed services.

DATES: The program will begin operations at alternate sites on December 6, 2010 (see attached map).

The opening date at the Fullerton site is December 13, 2010.

The opening date at the Santa Ana site is December 13, 2010.

ARMORY LOCATIONS:

Santa Ana Armory – 612 East Warner (Warner / Main)

Fullerton Armory – 400 South Brookhurst (Brookhurst / Valencia)

BUS PICK UP LOCATIONS: (There will be pick-up at these sites on dark nights)

Fullerton:

N. La Palma Park Way, Anaheim
Near La Palma Park Stadium
and across from Goodwill

Santa Ana:

Pick-Up #1 5:00 p.m.
Flower & Civic Center - near
6th Street, Santa Ana

Pick Up #2 5:30 p.m.
1901 N. Walnut, Santa Ana

DARK NIGHTS & ALTERNATE SITES:

The National Guard Armories are not available for use a few nights per month. On these "dark nights," clients will be sheltered at alternate sites.

For more information, please contact:

Santa Ana site: Michael Escarcida at (714) 836-7188 ext. 108 or
Michaele@mercyhouse.net

Fullerton site: James Brooks at (714) 836-7188 ext. 107 or
Jamesb@mercyhouse.net



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ARMORY Wish List

Mercy House is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization whose mission is to be the leader in ending homelessness by providing a unique system of dignified housing alternatives, programs, and supportive services.

The Armory program provides up to 400 beds per night for the homeless in Fullerton and Santa Ana.

For Individuals & Families:

HYGIENE SUPPLIES

- Shampoo & Conditioner
- Soap
- Laundry Detergent
- Deodorant
- Purell
- Diapers (4-6)
- Pull-ups
- Baby Wipes
- Razors & Shaving Cream
- Cologne
- Combs & Hair Brushes
- Toothbrush & Toothpaste
- Dental Floss & Mouthwash
- Band Aids
- Body Lotion
- Feminine Hygiene Products

CLOTHING

- T-Shirts (L, XL, XXL)
- Sweatshirts (L, XL, XXL)
- Socks
- New Undergarments (in packaging)
- Gloves
- Mittens
- Warm Clothing (men, women & children sizes)

FOOD

- Snack Foods
- Dry Foods
- Muffins
- Donuts
- Cookies
- Health Bars
- Candy
- Popcorn
- Peanuts
- Sack Lunches/Breakfast

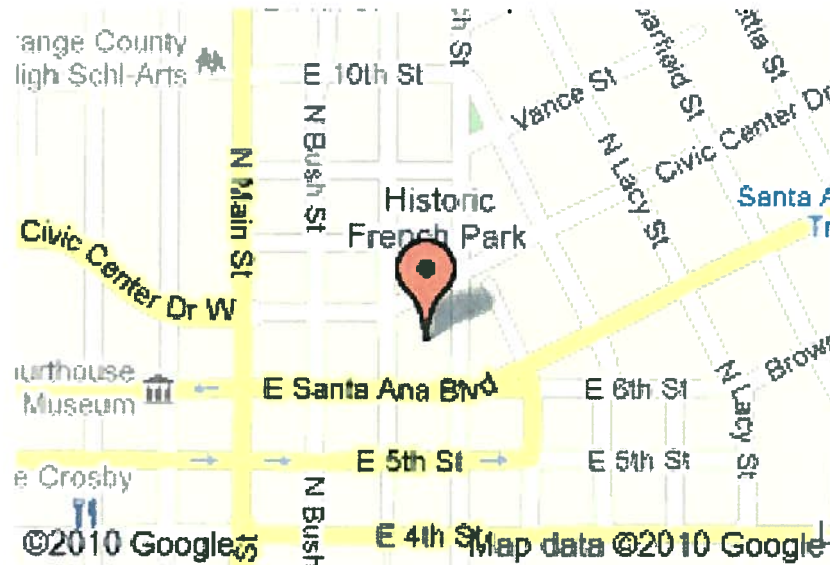
For more information, please contact:
Michael Escarcida at Michaele@mercyhouse.net or
James Brooks at Jamesb@mercyhouse.net



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The Santa Ana Armory Emergency Shelter will be opening Monday, December 6th through Wednesday, December 12th at:

**First United Methodist Church in Santa Ana, CA.
609 N Spurgeon St, Santa Ana, CA**



**Clients should still go to bus pick up sites.
They will be transported to the alternate site. Pick up starts at by 5:30 pm.
No shopping carts allowed.**

Santa Ana Pick Up #1:
1901 N. Walnut, Santa Ana

Santa Ana Pick Up #2:
Flower & Civic Center – near
6th St, Santa Ana

For general information please call (714) 836-7188 ext. 131

**For more information please contact
Michael Escarcida (714) 454-3629 after 6 pm**



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The Fullerton Armory Emergency Shelter will be opening Monday, December 6th through Wednesday, December 12th at:

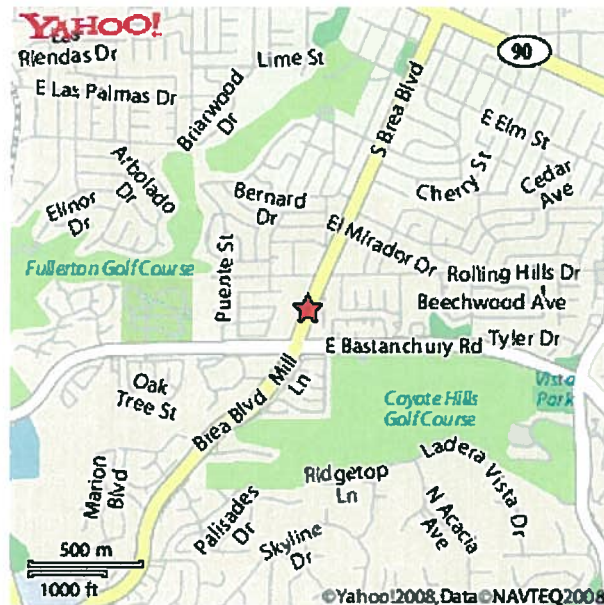
First Evangelical Free Church

2801 N. Brea Blvd, Fullerton

North Campus

**Located on Brea Blvd north of Rolling Hills Drive
(not located within the gym)**

See campus map on other side of this flyer



**Clients can STILL go to the same bus pick up site.
They will be transported to the alternate site. Pick-up starts at 5pm.
No shopping carts allowed.**

Fullerton Armory Pick-up location:

N. La Palma Park Way, Anaheim

Near La Palma Park Stadium and across from Goodwill

For general information, please call (714) 836-7188 ext. 131

**For more information please contact
James Brooks: 714-478-1889 after 6pm**

CAMPUS MAP

