

ACTION MATTERS

Area Christians Taking Initiative on Needs

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SERVE. TOGETHER.

Serve Day 2015



Serving 101

Join us this year as we celebrate service in Ventura County!

ACTION will be serving Countywide on Saturday, May ____ and Saturday, June 6th



Get involved with your church and be part of a countywide demonstration of God's love!

Check out our website to find out more about Serve Day and see pictures from last years event.

There are projects available for all ages and skill levels. If you

have a project in mind already, let us know and we can put it on our website to get you more volunteers!

We have started our City Meetings countywide and would love for you and your church to come to our next one in your area.

Serve. Together.

Date: Thursday, April 9, 2015

Time: 7:00pm-8:30pm

Location: Nonprofit Center
4001 Mission Oaks Blvd.
Camarillo, CA 93012

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Project leaders are encouraged to come.

Topics to include:

- Projects: start to finish
 - When/how to pray with someone
 - Follow-up and building relationships
- With follow-up time for questions on any topic

2014 ACTION Stats

	Christmas Shoppe	Serve Day	Serve Every Day	Total
Churches Involved	56	46	31	133
People Served	8,498	8,600	1,855	18,953
Volunteers	1,601	2,255	1,214	5,070
Agencies & Schools Served	81	31	23	135
Projects Completed	NA	452	357	809
In-kind Donations	\$270,693	\$26,000	\$27,132	\$323,825
Value of Volunteer Work	\$168,681	\$224,631	\$32,020	\$425,332

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Jill's Joys

By Jill Upson, Executive Director



Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!" Isaiah 15 6:8

While it is not always easy to say "send me," what a privilege it ends up being! How hard it is to ask God to break my heart with what breaks his heart, but joy comes from it! I hope you are experiencing the same joy that I am by answering God's call to serve being the hands and feet of Jesus. Whatever your skill, talents, and passions may be, there is a way to connect and make a difference in a person's life.

I also see the gifting we each have in the context of working together as the Body of Christ. Yes we are each gifted, but the gift is of greatest value when it is combined with the gift mix already at work in the Body of Christ.

Allow ACTION to be your partner as we share our time, talents, and treasures as the body of Christ.

Serving together,

Jill Upson
Executive Director



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Welcome Brigitte!

I began working in construction from a very young age. My parents made sure my siblings and I were contributing to the household by way of building onto the homes in which we lived. I became proficient in general handiwork and have now been blessed with the opportunity to put those skills to work for God. After a seven year career in Behavioral Therapy working with children and adults with special needs, I heard the call to move to Oklahoma to begin rebuilding homes that were devastated by tornados. I spent six months as a Full-Time Volunteer Construction Supervisor living on donations and learning what it was to truly trust in God's provision. It was a profound experience which has now brought me to the point of committing my work-life to serving people in their physical need. I want to be the hands and feet of Christ, helping those that He places in my path and continuing to grow in the ways necessary to provide for His children. It is all, only, by His plan and in His way.

-Brigitte Ogne

Please join us in welcoming Brigitte Ogne to the ACTION team as our new Serve Every Day Coordinator!