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## Cox Business assists Orange County Rescue Mission in bridging digital divide for homeless children during distance learning

Orange County Rescue Mission recently received six laptop donations, along with an increase of its internet bandwidth up to one gigabyte, courtesy of their internet provider Cox Business. This comes after the Rescue Mission's announcement of an urgent need for funding for the 2020-2021 school year.

After Governor Newsom's decision to make the upcoming school year social distance learning, the Rescue Mission had to quickly mobilize, within just two weeks, to make sure its homeless children had everything they needed to successfully launch a new school year, remotely. This included having to increase its internet capacity.

"Once we were able to create a social distance learning environment right here at Village of Hope, we realized that we also needed to upgrade our internet bandwidth in order for our children to be successful in their schooling during this unprecedented time," says Jim Palmer, President of Orange County Rescue Mission. "We knew Cox has consistently demonstrated a commitment to bridging the digital divide through their community partnerships, and with their programs like Connect2Compete, so we reached out to Cox Business."

In addition to Cox Business supporting the Rescue Mission during the transition to distance learning this Fall, Cox Communications also supports families in need throughout their service areas obtain internet access through their Connect2Compete program. Through September 30, 2020, Cox plans to waive late payment fees, as well as work with those who qualify for the program and may be experiencing hardships as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. In order to qualify for the Connect2Compete program, households must have at least one K-12 student and participate in a government assistance program.

“By providing laptops and increasing the bandwidth at the Rescue Mission, we are helping to ensure that all children living at the Village of Hope have the technology tools they need to succeed in the current distance learning environment,” says Jodi Duva Vice President of Cox Business in Orange County. “We hope that these contributions have a positive and lasting impact on these kids and their education.”

Thanks to Cox Business’ solutions, we can ensure 61 homeless children at the Village of Hope have the connectivity they need to succeed in a remote learning environment.

To donate and help further bring a quality educational environment to these homeless children, please visit <https://www.rescuemission.org/distance-learning-campaign/>. For questions about donating, please call (714) 247-4343.

### **About Cox Business**

The commercial division of Cox Communications, Cox Business provides voice, data and video services for more than 355,000 small and regional businesses nationwide, including health care providers; K-12 and higher education; financial institutions; and federal, state and local government organizations. The organization also serves most of the top-tier wireless and wireline telecommunications carriers in the U.S. through its wholesale division. For more information, please visit [www.coxbusiness.com](http://www.coxbusiness.com).

### **About Orange County Rescue Mission**

Orange County Rescue Mission’s goal is to minister the love of Jesus Christ to the Least, the Last, and the Lost of our community through the provision of assistance in the areas of guidance, counseling, education, job training, shelter, food, clothing, health care and independent living communities.

The Mission was formed as a faith-based organization in 1963. Since that time the Mission has shared hope through Jesus Christ to those without hope in Orange County. Our programs are designed to give comprehensive services that move homeless men, women and children to self-sufficiency. Its programs and dedication to going above and beyond have earned the organization numerous recognitions including Charity Navigator’s highest rating of 4 stars.

To make a donation or inquire about volunteer opportunities with Orange County Rescue Mission, please contact (714) 247-4300 or visit [www.rescuemission.org](http://www.rescuemission.org).

