

Section 7

The Orange County Rescue Mission



Is committed to being a faith-based, entrepreneurial, trusted, comprehensive, valuable outreach to the Least, the Last, and the Lost of Orange County through its services, ministry and programs. In order to accomplish this, the Orange County Rescue Mission adopts strategic initiatives that create a systemic change to a current program, service, or direction for the organization.

In FY 2005, the Orange County Rescue Mission will launch the **Hope Family Housing- Buena Park Transitional Housing Initiative.**

The Orange County Rescue Mission's HOPE Family Housing Program in Buena Park is designed to provide a final phase of transition for homeless men, women and children in families.



The primary focus of the program is to provide HOPE through an environment of independent living with supportive services over a six-month to two-year, or longer, period.

Residents will pay a monthly rent on a sliding scale with an approximate range of \$400 to \$1,020 a month to cover operational costs.

Eligibility will be determined at the time of referral and will include employment and maximum income qualifications. Residents will need to follow the Orange County Rescue Mission's faith-based high standards for conduct, safety and

programmatic success.

The process for transition will take into account factors that led to the Client's inability to live independently including: financial, parenting, educational, relational, vocational, addiction, and other issues. A combination of (1) assessing and remedying faults/weaknesses and (2) building strengths through identifying and meeting real-world expectations will be implemented.

Clients will be directed and equipped to begin planning from the outset of their residency in the Program to transition from a moderately-to-very "dependent" setting (the Program) to a setting characterized by independent living.

This process will be outlined to the Clients as a part of their application process and

as a requirement of their acceptance into HOPE Family Housing in Buena Park. The measurable outcome for the Clients will be independent self-sufficient living without the use of welfare.

This project is a great step forward in providing additional affordable housing stock to Orange County's inventory. The 17 apartment style units range from 950 to 1,200 square feet. Each apartment will have a kitchen, dining room, two or three bedrooms, a bathroom, laundry room, and access for parking. In addition, there is a spacious common outdoor play area for children and a 1,500 square foot common meeting room and computer room.

An on-site OCRM staff manager will provide accountability, safety oversight, and coordination.

