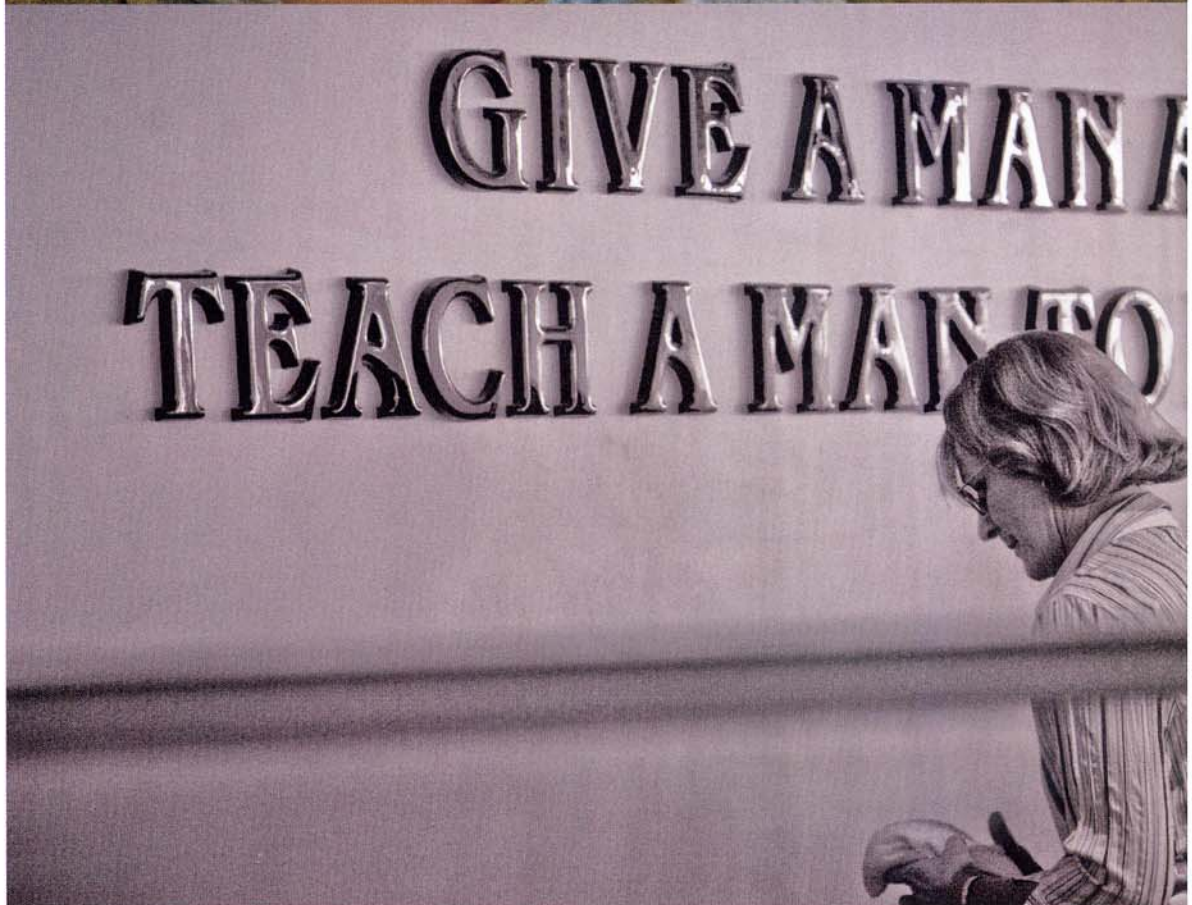
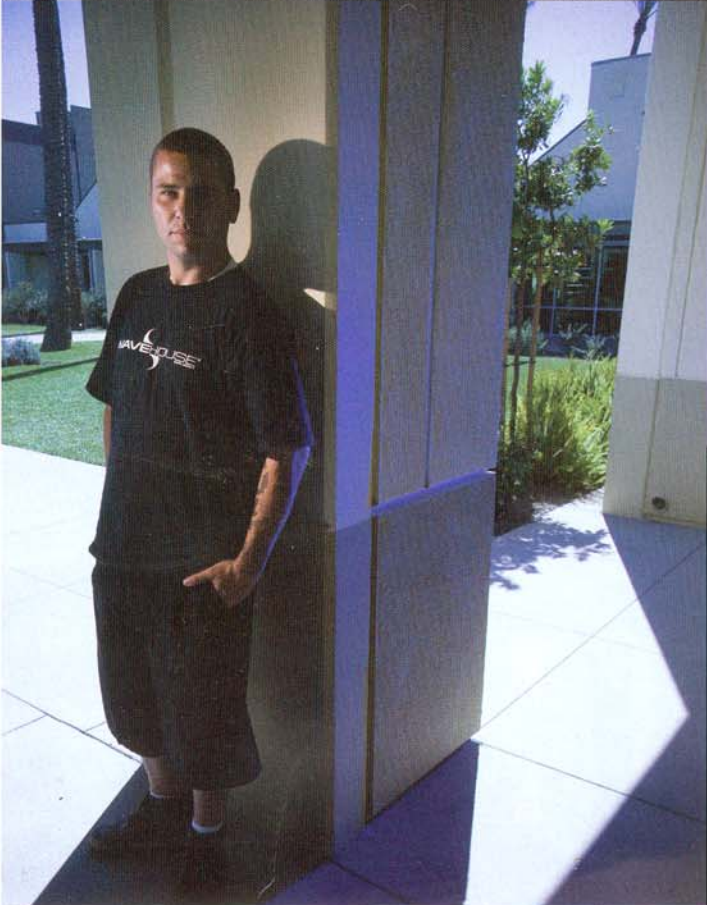


Orange County Rescue Mission's Village of Hope

It looks like a state-of-the-art retreat, but enter through the imposing iron gate at the recently opened Village of Hope and you'll find that it's nothing of the sort. Situated on five acres of land from the former Tustin Marine Corps Air Station, residents here are getting back on their feet through the vision of Jim Palmer, who, since the age of 16, has imagined a place where homeless families and adults can not only get off the street, but at the same time, learn to become productive citizens. While the services are completely free (everything from meals to health care), the "payment" required in return is the students' commitment to becoming self-reliant by volunteering at the Village of Hope and acquiring job skills in the process. Using this system, the Orange County Rescue Mission's success rate at achieving self-sufficiency is 85% - 10 times the national average. Students must also be willing to give up any government funding they receive through welfare, conforming to the Village of Hope's goal to remain one of the largest private non-profit organizations entirely through donations and local volunteers.

The Village of Hope is located at One Hope Drive in Tustin. To find out how you can help, call (714) 247-4300 or visit rescuemission.org





OPPOSITE A little boy enjoys lunchtime at the Village of Hope's cafeteria, which was donated by The Cheesecake Factory; a volunteer cleans up after lunch beneath an inspirational message; CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT Jeff is a resident at the Village of Hope. He also works as a supervisor at Sam's Club; After Cherry's husband stopped supporting her and her children, she turned to local agencies to cope with a health condition. When she was told she would have to be separated from her children, she turned to the Village of Hope. Here, she poses with her daughter, Charity. Cherry plans to become a nurse; Emery recently came to Orange County from Georgia. He has since left the Village of Hope.