

# SUMMER CITIZENSHIP ACTIVITY

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# Map Of California



This is where I did my Summer Citizenship Activity



## WHAT DID I DO & WHERE?

- I spent my summer serving at The Resource Center in Mariners Church found in Irvine California, USA.
- The Resource Center is a ministry part of Mariners church responsible for creating sustainability and helping the deprived in some of the poorest towns in Orange County (OC).
- During my time there I was able to work in the Resource Center as a volunteer
- I also worked off campus in Santa Ana.

# WHAT EXACTLY IS THE RESOURCE CENTER?

- The Resource Center is a subsidized shop which is open to the community on specific days at allocated times. During this time the shoppers can choose from items ranging from furniture to shoes.
- The Resource Center receives these items as donations from the church congregation and beyond.
- Some items which are deemed as worthy are sold on eBay for money which is used to support the ministry and to feed and clothe the poor in the area.



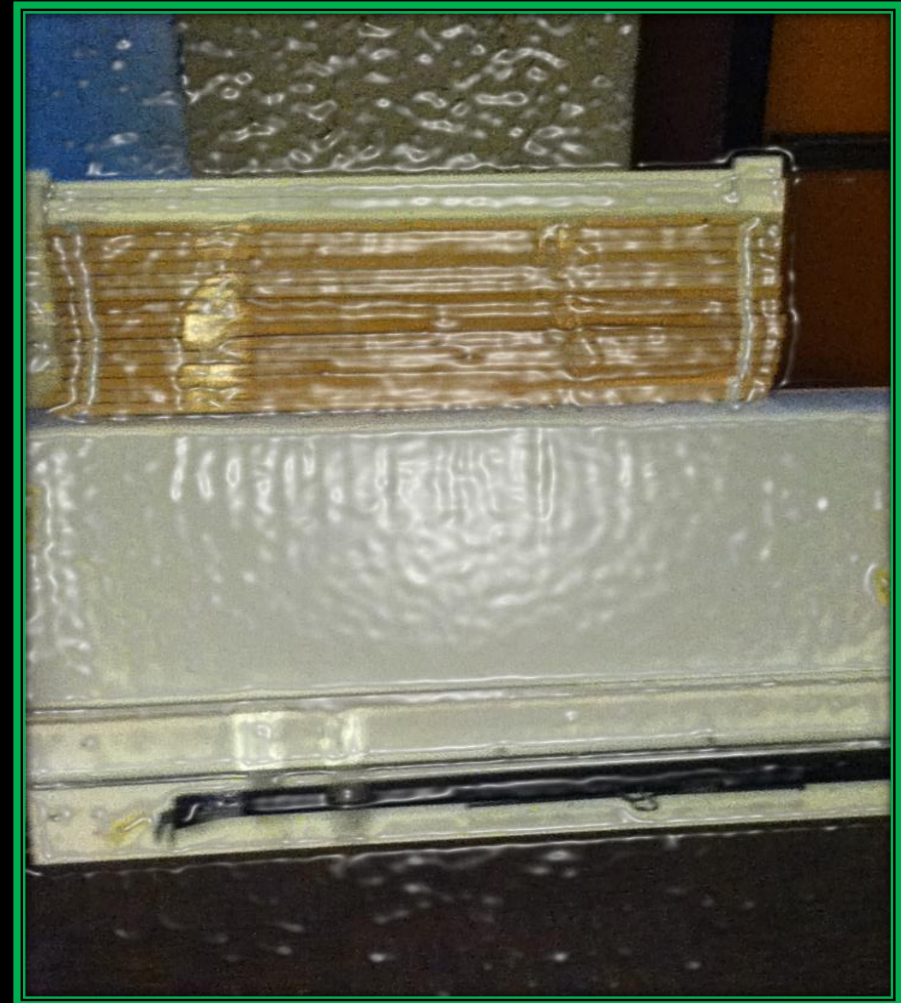
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- The items which are not sold on eBay are tagged, organized and are then available for sale to the public at a lower price.
- Four (4) Months ago the Resource Center made a major decision to stop giving away all the donated items for free and to start charging a minor fee. The reason the Resource Ministry did this was to enable the people buying the items in the region to know that they worked for their items and to prevent reliability and create sustainability within them.
- The Resource Center host volunteers during the week and that is where I come into the picture.



# SO WHAT DID I DO AT THE RESOURCE CENTER?

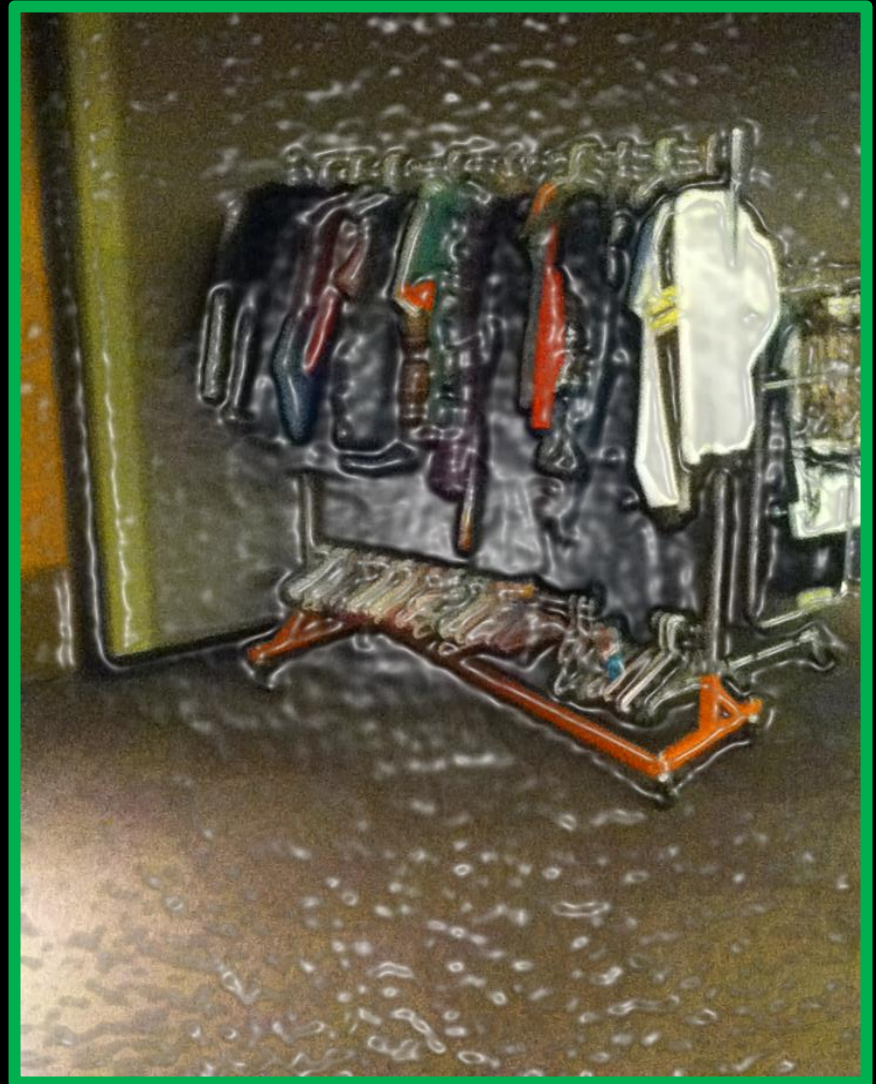
- At the resource center I was given the responsibility of prepping the donated beds which were to be sold on eBay.
- I had to layout the pieces and take some snapshots before putting them back together and taping or shrink wrapping the components in preparation for collection and shipping.
- The picture to your right shows one of the beds which I prepared. In total I prepped about 7 beds.





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- The clothes which you see in the picture on the right are clothes that are to be sold at the Resource Center. The clothes are organized in order of size and are then tagged.
- I assisted in this by helping the other volunteers at the Resource Center arrange and move around items such as clothes and chairs.
- I put the items which were not up to scratch in the trash and recycling unit.



# WHAT DID I DO OFF CAMPUS IN SANTA ANA?

- Off campus I went with the head of the Resource Center to pick up a refrigerator from one of the churches community centers in Santa Ana and transport it to Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary School which are about four blocks apart from each other.
- We had to transport the refrigerator using a truck and muscle. After this we went to collect some supplies for the ministry.
- The picture on the right shows the elementary school. Going off campus to a rough area like Santa Ana made me realize there is still a lot of poverty out there and serving should be an experience all us privileged people should do.





# WHAT DID I LEARN?

- I was surprised to learn that there is poverty even in the first world countries like America.
- Stuff that we throw out or do not need can easily be used can by those who are more disadvantaged than us.
- People in community can come together and play a role, no matter how small, to help improve the lives of people around them.



# THE END

Thank You

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**THE END!**