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# Check out what young entrepreneurs have to offer

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Shoppers, are you ready to buy goods from a 6-year-old entrepreneur?

The Orange County Rescue Mission will host its second annual OC Children's Business Fair from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the Rescue Mission's Village of Hope in Tustin.

"For many children, including those who live at the Village of Hope, this event will be their first opportunity to learn how creativity and hard work can contribute to their futures in business," Jim Palmer, president of the Orange County Rescue Mission, said in a statement.

The fair will feature 63 booths, each hosted by children ages 6-14. Some of the participants live at the Rescue Mission's Village of Hope, and others are bringing their entrepreneurial ideas from all over

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Orange County.

"In addition to learning the basics of how to create their own business, these children are given valuable insights on important life skills, such as how to set a budget, create a business plan, and provide customer service," Palmer explained. "These principles provide essential building blocks that will help children understand that their dreams of success really are within reach."

Palmer said the mission has a record-high number of children living on-site at the Village of Hope.

The Rescue Mission is part of a privately funded nonprofit organization that provides food assistance and shelter in addition to counseling, education, job training, mental wellness, life-skills training, and medical services.

The event is sponsored by the California Policy Center, ORCO Block & Hardscape, The Lincoln Club, Crevier Classic Cars, and several other donors from the local community.



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Grace Wakeling, 13, of Tustin, left, and Danae Bosch, 13, of Irvine talk to the judges about their cupcakes that featured flavors such as strawberry Nutella, Boston cream pie, creme brulee, and more. The cupcakes were sold for \$1.50 each.

It is part of a larger Children's Business Fair event, created by Acton Academy and the Acton School of Business, which is the largest entrepreneurship event for children in North America.

For more information about the OC Children's Business Fair, go to [tustincbf.com](http://tustincbf.com) or contact Ashley Binder at 714-247-4343.