



volunteer and donation opportunities

homelessness



We Are Santa Monica is an initiative of the City of Santa Monica that invites you to join neighbors, local nonprofits, businesses, and community organizations to create a stronger community for all.

We see the many needs of the people who live, work, and play in our city. From housing and social services to lifelong education, our programs, resources, and community partnerships reflect our long-held commitment to the the wellbeing of every person in our city. Together, we are working to create a Santa Monica that works for everyone.

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addressing homelessness The surge of homelessness is becoming a painful reality for many in our city. On any given night, there are approximately 950 individuals without shelter in Santa Monica. We are making historic strides to respond with compassion for everyone and at all levels, and many are ready to join us and take action. Our website and Homelessness Toolkit provide practical tips and resources to immediately get involved.

maintaining inclusivity and diversity In a city as diverse as Santa Monica, we all belong. By expanding affordable housing, raising workers' incomes, and helping Santa Monica residents stay in their homes and build their community network, we are working together to help ensure that our city remains welcoming, affordable, and open to all. Join us and connect to the many resources, programs, and events available to our community.

helping everyone learn and thrive We believe in providing learning opportunities at every stage of life. Our first focus areas is for every child to be kindergarten ready. It will take all of us to reach every family and child in the city so that our young students get the support they need to be ready to learn, inside and outside the classroom.

Homelessness is an issue that affects everyone.

If you'd like to be a solution to the regional crisis, please volunteer or donate. Whether you're a student, young professional, member of a family or faith group, or a retiree, there are volunteer and donation opportunities offered for everyone by community organizations that are working on the front lines of homelessness in Santa Monica.



Best for families



Best for young professionals



Best for faith groups



Best for retirees

We Are Santa Monica.

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Organizations:

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WISE & Healthy Aging

Back On My Feet

811 W 7th St., 12th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90017
la.backonmyfeet.org

MISSION: To revolutionize the way our society approaches homelessness. Our unique running-based model demonstrates that if you first restore confidence, strength and self-esteem, individuals are better equipped to tackle the road ahead and move toward jobs, homes and new lives.

VOLUNTEER: Fundraising

DONATE: Money



Chrysalis

1853 Lincoln Blvd., Santa Monica, CA 90404
310.401.9400 | changelives.org

MISSION: To create a pathway to self-sufficiency for homeless and low-income individuals by providing the resources and support needed to find and retain employment.

VOLUNTEER: Class facilitation, professional resume writing, interview practice

DONATE: Money, stocks and bonds, travel-sized hygiene products, business attire (ties, black belts, shirts, etc.)



Clare Foundation

909 Pico Blvd., Santa Monica, CA 90405
866.452.5273 | clarefoundation.org

MISSION: To provide effective and affordable alcoholism, substance abuse and behavioral health treatment and prevention services.

VOLUNTEER: Fundraising events, promotional campaigns, digital design, administration, alumni support

DONATE: Money



Didi Hirsch Mental Health Services

4760 S. Sepulveda Blvd., Culver City, CA 90230
888.807.7250 | didihirsch.org

MISSION: Didi Hirsch Mental Health Services transforms lives by providing quality mental health and substance abuse services in communities where stigma or poverty limit access.

VOLUNTEER: Suicide Prevention Center
24-hour crisis line/online crisis chat

DONATE: Money, travel-sized hygiene items, body wipes, sunscreen, blankets, bedding, socks, undergarments, non-perishable items, reusable shopping bags, travel-sized first-aid kits, water bottles



Disability Community Resource Center

12901 Venice Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90066
310.390.3611 | dcrc.co

MISSION: To connect people with disabilities to resources, training and advocacy tools; promote disability pride; and build self-determined lives.

VOLUNTEER:

- day of service (service organization or companies)
- administrative and clerical support
- fundraising and special events
- public relations

DONATE: Money, stocks and bonds



Families Give Back

info@familiesgiveback.org | familiesgiveback.org

MISSION: To offer volunteer opportunities for families with children from 6-16, enabling them to give back to their communities and instill the value and importance of service work in children.

VOLUNTEER:

- food pantries
- soup kitchens
- community clean-up
- clothing sort

DONATE:

- money, stocks, bonds
- legal services
- accounting services



The Giving Spirit

11693 San Vicente Blvd., #113, Los Angeles, CA 90049
310.943.6460 | thegivingspirit.org

MISSION: The Giving Spirit provides aid and a human connection to homeless men, women, children and families in LA. We also educate volunteers and communities about the human face of homelessness.

VOLUNTEER: PR, marketing, fundraising, admin support, project management, grant writing, event execution, street outreach

DONATE: Money, survival kit items, in-kind goods, large event facility, transportation



Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles

1640 5th St., Suite 124, Santa Monica, CA 90401
800.399.4529 | lafla.org

MISSION: To provide civil legal aid to poor and low-income people in Los Angeles County.

VOLUNTEER: Translation, legal services for projects, clinics and cases

DONATE: Money, stocks



The People Concern

1453 16th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90404
323.334.9000 | thepeopleconcern.org

MISSION: To provide integrated services to most vulnerable members of the community who are in need of assistance, including homeless individuals, survivors of domestic violence, challenged youth, and others who have nowhere else to turn.

VOLUNTEER: Meal service and preparation, administration, enrichment instruction

DONATE: Money, new socks & underwear, travel-sized hygiene items



Meals on Wheels West

1823-A Michigan Ave., Santa Monica, CA 90404
310.394.5133 | mealsonwheelswest.org

MISSION: Delivering More Than a Meal to homebound seniors, veterans, the disabled, chronically ill and newly housed formerly homeless of all ages.

VOLUNTEER: Pick up and deliver meals

DONATE: Money, cars



New Directions for Veterans

11303 Wilshire Blvd., #116, Los Angeles, CA 90073
310.914.4045 | ndvets.org

MISSION: Empower men and women who served in the military, and their families, to lead productive and fulfilling lives.

VOLUNTEER:

- fundraising and special event support
- holiday meal service
- plan a “Day of Service” with your organization/company to provide services including gardening, painting, cleaning, and assembling care packages

DONATE: Money, bag lunches for welcome center, personal hygiene items, stocks & bonds, vehicles



Safe Place for Youth

2469 Lincoln Blvd., Venice, CA 90291
310.902.2283 | safeplaceforyouth.org

MISSION: To inspire, nurture, and empower the resilient human spirit of homeless youth by providing immediate and lasting solutions, one young person at a time.

VOLUNTEER: Meal service, clothing distribution, street outreach, advocacy, healing arts, education and employment, mentoring, admin support

DONATE: Money, meals, travel-sized hygiene items, clothing, backpacks, sleeping bags, backpacks



The Salvation Army Santa Monica Corps

1533 4th St., Santa Monica, CA 90401
310.451.1358 | santamonica.salvationarmy.org

MISSION: To provide food, clothing, and hygiene for homeless individuals and families and transitional housing for veterans and youth through case management and navigation to local and regional shelters, housing, and substance-abuse treatment.

VOLUNTEER: Food pantry, meal service, outreach, administration

DONATE: Money



The Santa Monica Adult Rehabilitation Center–Salvation Army

1666 11th St., Santa Monica, CA 90404
310.450.7235 | santamonicaarc.salvationarmy.org

MISSION: Through holistic therapy, group and individual counseling, life skill development, and spiritual direction, residents learn to abandon substance reliance. For over 100 years, The Salvation Army's no-fee rehabilitation programs have provided emotional, spiritual and social assistance to those struggling with drug and alcohol addiction.

VOLUNTEER: Seniors-in Family Thrift Stores, program counselors

DONATE: Furniture, clothes, computers, household goods, and household items



Step Up On Second

1328 Second St., Santa Monica, CA 90401
310.394.6889 | stepuponsecond.org

MISSION: To support individuals with severe and persistent mental illness in developing opportunities to reintegrate into the community.

VOLUNTEER: Facilitating socialization, support and educational groups, admin support, fundraising and special events, community education, public relations, food donation and preparation, carpentry, maintenance and repairs

DONATE: Money



St. Joseph Center

204 Hampton Dr., Venice, CA 90291
310.396.6468 | stjosephctr.org

MISSION: To provide working poor families, as well as homeless men, women, and children of all ages with the inner resources and tools to become productive, stable and self-supporting members of the community.

VOLUNTEER: Service delivery, administration, and fundraising

DONATE: Money, food, school supplies, diapers, and art supplies



Upward Bound House

1104 Washington Ave., Santa Monica, CA 90403
310.458.7779 | upwardboundhouse.org

MISSION: To provide homeless families with housing and supportive services to suit their specific needs, including housing stability, healthy relationships, and emotional and financial well-being.

VOLUNTEER: Prepare care kits, assist at events such as Kids' Night (arts & crafts, yoga, games and movie nights), Farm with Us, Life Skills Workshop and Home Run For Kids

DONATE: Money, clothes, food, bedding, etc.



Venice Community Housing

720 Rose Ave., Venice, CA 90291
310.399.4100 | vchcorp.org

MISSION: To eliminate barriers preventing low-income people from being successful, contributing citizens by reducing the number of homeless people on the street, investing in housing, training young people to be self-reliant, and building strategic partnerships.

VOLUNTEER: Tutor, mentor, host a drive (food, hygiene, and clothing), maintenance (landscaping, gardening, and painting), administration

DONATE: Money, food, kitchenware and small appliances, toiletries, diapers and baby wipes, laundry detergent, cleaning supplies, sheets, blankets and towels, clothing, shoes



Venice Family Clinic

604 Rose Ave., Venice, CA 90291
310.392.8630 | venicefamilyclinic.org

MISSION: To provide quality primary health care to people in need.

VOLUNTEER: Administration, fundraising, medical, and social services

DONATE: Money, wheelchairs, canes, children's books

West Coast Care

1223 Wilshire Blvd., #865, Santa Monica, CA 90403
310.351.2565 | westcoastcare.org

MISSION: To lead the way in reducing homelessness, reconnect people with their families, and improve the quality of life for the whole community.

VOLUNTEER: Coordinate hygiene kits and tap cards

DONATE: Money

Westside Coalition

P.O. Box 7411, Santa Monica, CA 90406
310.314.0071 | westsideshelter.org

MISSION: To working collaboratively on issues of housing, hunger and health through service coordination, public education and advocacy.

VOLUNTEER: Contact the organization

DONATE: Money



Westside Family Health Center

1711 Ocean Park Blvd., Santa Monica, CA 90405
310.450.4773 | wfhcenter.org

MISSION: To provide comprehensive, high quality, cost-effective health care in an educational and supportive environment that empowers patients to take an assertive role in caring for their well-being through all stages of life.

VOLUNTEER: Administration, outreach, photography, translation, videography, nurse practitioners, physicians/specialists, registered dietitians, registered nurses

DONATE: Money



Westside Food Bank

1710 22nd St., Santa Monica, CA 90404
310.828.6016 | westsidefoodbankca.org

MISSION: To provide food to social service agencies on the Westside of Los Angeles County, often enabling low-income people to stay in their homes and deterring the problem of homelessness.

VOLUNTEER: Food sorting, office administration, holiday events

DONATE: Money, food



WISE & Healthy Aging

1527 4th St., 2nd Floor, Santa Monica, CA 90401
310.394.9871 | wiseandhealthyaging.org

MISSION: To advance the dignity and quality of life of older adults through leadership, advocacy and high-quality, innovative services.

VOLUNTEER: Administration, one-on-one interaction, tax return preparation, meal serving

DONATE: Money, vehicles, stocks, bonds and real estate

For more opportunities, visit Volunteer Match at

volunteermatch.org.

Additional resources on homelessness:



Santa Monica's community newsletter Seascapes provides a holistic look at homelessness in our community in the February 2018 edition. Download a copy at:

santamonica.gov/seascapes

A toolkit to homelessness was shared with the community in spring 2018. This toolkit was designed to help the Santa Monica community know what to do and how to make a difference when faced with the reality of homelessness in our city.



There is background info for understanding a bit about the issue, context for what the City and its partners are doing, and practical advice on ways we can all jump in and help. Download a copy at:

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