

Community Service Opportunities

1. **Operation Gratitude** <http://www.operationgratitude.com/> 2100 Lassen Street Chatsworth, CA. 91311
Assemble care packages for men and women in all the military branches throughout the world

2. **San Fernando Valley Rescue Mission (818) 469-0448**
8756 Canby Ave. Northridge, CA 91325 Office: (818) 785-4476

Current opportunities include receptionist, meal host, cook, children's activity leader. Accommodates family volunteer groups
http://sfvrescuemission.org/get_involved/volunteer-2/

3. **TreePeople** <https://www.treepeople.org/>

12601 Mulholland Drive Beverly Hills, CA 90210 (818) 623-4879

Minimum age: 16 - Under the age of 16, must be accompanied by an adult

Treepeople is an organization committed to working with nature. They need volunteers to participate in tree planting projects throughout Los Angeles County

4. **Children's Hunger Fund:** <https://www.yelp.com/biz/childrens-hunger-fund-sylmar-2?osq=Volunteer>

Help families in need locally and world wide—pack food and toiletries, wrap presents for the holidays

13931 Balboa Blvd Sylmar, CA 91342 (800) 708-7589

5. **Food on Foot**

Every week, volunteers from around the city gather and help distribute food and clothing. Use our online volunteer sign-up, and show up. It's surprisingly easy – and a few hundred people will thank you for it. Approximately 90 minutes of your time on a Sunday. No contractual agreements. Show up once or twice or every week. Children under 17 must be accompanied by an adult
Jay Goldinger, Founder (310) 442-0088 <https://www.foodonfoot.org/volunteer/>

6. **MEND** <http://mendpoverty.org/>

10641 N. San Fernando Rd. Pacoima, CA 91331 **Phone: (818) 897-2443 or (818) 896-0246**

A wide variety of volunteer opportunities is available for anyone interested in helping MEND make this a merry Christmas for its community. After reviewing the opportunities below, simply click on the "Register Now!" link to claim your place in one or more of the Christmas activities. All events are based at the MEND center

7. **Best Friend's Animal Society:** <http://la.bestfriends.org/>

All volunteers new to the Center (including previous Best Friends volunteers) are required to go through a New Volunteer Orientation before actively volunteering.

15321 Brand Blvd Mission Hills, CA 91345 **(818) 643-3989**

8. **Operation Blankets of Love: animal welfare and emergency relief organization**

16911 San Fernando Mission, PMB 187 Granada Hills, CA 91344 **Call 818-402-6586 for more information.**

<http://www.operationblanketsoflove.org/volunteer.shtml>

9. **Green-for-Kids:** <http://www.green-4-kids.com/>

Requires driving to homes on organization's data base to pick up items from porches for recycling

5315 Laurel Canyon Blvd N Hollywood, CA 91607 **(818) 441-2499**

10. **Los Angeles Public Library:** <http://www.lapl.org/teens/volunteer-opportunities>

Contact local libraries for volunteer opportunities. With the exception of Teen Council, teens must be 14 years old to volunteer at the library. Some volunteer programs require a 20 hour minimum service.

11. **Los Angeles County Library:** <http://www.colapublib.org/volunteer/>

Statement from web site: Anyone who has an interest in libraries and books, a concern for their community, or a passion for helping others can be a volunteer. There is no age requirement from children to tweens to teens to adults, baby boomers, grandparents and everyone in between! As long as you can accomplish the assigned activities, we welcome volunteers with a variety of different skills, interests and abilities.

12. Pine Ridge Care Center

14122 Hubbard Street Sylmar, CA 91342 **(818) 361-0191** www.pineridgenursingcare.org

Minimum age: 12 The Pine Ridge Care Center is a nursing care facility. Volunteers will be assisting in the dining room, talking and reading to elders.

13. Strides Therapeutic Riding: www.strides.org/mainpage.html

11582 Longacre Avenue Granada Hills, CA 91344 **(818) 341-4737**

Minimum age: 13 Strides Therapeutic Riding offers opportunities for disabled people to achieve a variety of goals, including cognitive, physical, emotional, social, educational and behavioral goals. Volunteers can aid riders in mounting horses and help provide support to riders while doing exercises, playing games, and going through obstacle courses. Volunteers can also help groom and tack horses and assist in the training of horses. There are also volunteer opportunities at horse shows, special events and in fundraising, and building and repair work at the ranch. No previous experience is necessary to volunteer.

14. Wildlife WayStation www.wildlifewaystation.org

11301 Clybourn Avenue (enter on Foothill Blvd.) Lake View Terrace, CA 91342 **(818) 892-8144**

Ages: 5-14

The Wildlife Ranger Program has expanded to include students from ages 5-14. They teach the students how to make specific treats for various animals at the ranch. They take pictures of the animals and show the photos to the Ranger students. The students pick a wild or exotic animal to research and share the information with the other rangers. Learn about the animal's origin, habitat, food and care. Students meet the 4th Saturday of the month, from 10:00am-Noon

15. SPCA Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

Youth aged 12 and up can be animal care givers working in the shelter, cleaning kennels, feeding and exercising animals and assisting kennel attendants with the public. Youth under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult. **Phone: (888.772.2521)**

Website: <http://www.asPCA.org/get-involved/top-ways-to-help-animals-in-your-community>

16. Volunteer Center of LA<http://www.lavolunteer.org>

This is an organization that provides volunteers to other organizations. If you call them they will try to find places for you to volunteer. In Los Angeles the number is **(213) 484-2849**.

17. Operation Sparkle

These are citywide cleanup days, always in October, sponsored by LAPD. Call the Community Police Station or Service Center in your area. Clean up days are different in each area.

Phone (West Valley): (818.756.8063)

18. Generationon Lots of grass roots ideas for community service <http://www.generationon.org/kids>

19. Lion's Heart: Teen Volunteers and Leaders: <https://www.lionsheartservice.org/chapter-q85-Encino>

<https://www.lionsheartservice.org/about-q10105-What%20is%20Lion>

Statement from web site: Lion's Heart mobilizes teens to volunteer and lead community service projects. We work with local non-profits to find volunteer opportunities for teen Members throughout the year. We provide a range of causes from helping animal charities, supporting our military and their families, improving the environment with beach and park clean ups, working at food pantries or soup kitchens, and many more. Students choose the causes and community service activities that work with their schedule and are meaningful to them. Lion's Heart's extracurricular program teaches students valuable leadership skills such as how to run their own group meetings, elect officer positions and lead community service projects. Lion's Heart groups are comprised of 3 to 20 Members of the same grade and gender and meet eight times a year.

20. Greig Smith LAPD Devonshire Youth Center <http://devonshire-pals.org>

8721 Wilbur Ave Northridge, CA 91324 **Phone 818.885.6432**

We are always looking for additional volunteers. For more info, please visit our [Get Involved](#) tab.

21. Burbank Temporary Aid Center

1304 W. Burbank Blvd. .Burbank, CA 91506Contact: Cherie Combs **Phone: (818)846-2330**

BTAC is a non-profit (501-C3) organization that provides for those who are homeless or needy within the city of Burbank.

22. Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities is committed to manifesting Christ's spirit through collaboration with diverse communities, by providing services to the poor and vulnerable, by promoting human dignity, and by advocating for social justice.

1.Santa Rosa Community Center. Community and poverty services, case management, and community outreach. 511 Kalisher Street San Fernando, CA 91340 **818-365-3194**

2.Loaves and Fishes II Community and poverty services, and case management14640 Keswick StreetVan Nuys, CA 91405 **818-997-0943**

3. Guadalupe Community Center Poverty services, case management, at-risk youth services, pre-school, senior fellowship program, sports and cultural activities for youth, after-school tutoring, clothing store, and Padres de Guadalupe - a forum for parents' involvement.

21600 Hart Street Canoga Park, CA 91303 **818-340-2050**

23. Children's Hunger Fund www.childrenshungerfund.org

12820 Pierce St. Pacoima, CA. 91331 **(818) 899-5122**

24. Habitat for Humanity

Gabriel Valley 770 N. Fair Oaks Pasadena, CA 91103 **Office: 626-792-3838** Email: info@sgvhabitat.org Habitat for Humanity works in partnership with God and people everywhere, from all walks of life, to create a better habitat in which to live and work. To accomplish this, Habitat builds and renovates houses so there are decent houses in decent communities in which people can live and grow into all that God intends.

25. Special Olympics <http://www.sosc.org>

The mission of Special Olympics Southern California is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.

26. St. Jude Project Loaves & Fishes

P.O. Box 2729 Toluca Lake, CA 91610-0729

Contact: Judy Janiak Email: janiak@webtv.net **Phone: (818)842-9211**

The specific purpose of the Saint Jude Project Loaves and Fishes is to promote human dignity and to feed and care for our hungry: homeless, poor and aged.

27. YMCA

1. Burbank Family 321 East Magnolia Burbank, CA 91505 **(818)845-8551**

2. Crescenta- Canada Family 1930 Foothill Blvd. La Canada, CA **(818) 790-0123**

3. Glendale Family 140 N. Louise St. Glendale, CA **(818) 240-4130**

4. Pasadena Family 2750 New York Dr. Pasadena, CA **(626) 798-0862**

The mission of the YMCA is "to put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all."

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28. Boys & Girls Club

24909 Newhall Ave. Newhall, CA **(661) 254-2582**

29. Hunger Defense Fund www.hungerdefensefund.org

26450 Ruether Ave. Suite 208 Santa Clarita, CA **(661) 299-9273**

HDF is a nonprofit humanitarian relief organization located in Santa Clarita, California and is dedicated to reaching out to needy children and their families here in the United States and around the world. HDF responds to natural disasters here in the United States and around the world by providing food, clothing, personal hygiene items, water, blankets etc. to those in need. We believe in a hand up, not a hand out! Currently, HDF is supporting two orphanages, one in Honduras and the other in Kenya, Africa. If you would like to support either of these programs, please go to the donate button and you can contribute by credit card, check or money order.

30. Santa Clarita Community Center 24406 San Fernando Newhall, CA (661) 284-1476

31. Santa Clarita Valley Food Pantry 24133 Railroad Ave. Newhall, CA. (661) 255-9078

32. Single Mothers Outreach www.singlemothersoutreach.org

24271 Main St. Newhall, CA 91321 **(661) 288-0117**

This program empowers single parents and their children by providing hope, support, and resources to help families become self-sustaining.