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### **Group Volunteer Opportunities Available at Santa Monica and Downtown Locations**

#### **Host Game Day or Night**

- Grab your favorite party game (Pictionary, Bingo and Hedbanz are always hits) and come out to bring some laughter and cheer in our community
- Small prizes (we can give ideas, if needed) and snacks are always a great incentive!
- Preferred times are 1:00-2:00, 6:00-7:00 or 7:00-8:00 (depending on the location)

#### **Host an Ice Cream Social**

- Pick up your favorite ice cream flavors (two to three tubs) and toppings (fresh fruit, nuts, chocolate, sprinkles, cones, etc.)
- Set up buffet style and get creative making and serving sundaes to our residents
- Preferred times are 12:45-1:45, 5:45-6:45 or 6:45-7:45 (depending on the location)

#### **Host a Brunch, Lunch or Dinner Party**

- You and your team will shop, prep, cook and serve a meal to approximately 30-45 of our residents, or bring in a fully catered meal. [www.allrecipes.com](http://www.allrecipes.com) has wonderful suggestions!
- Help our residents build community, socialize and have fun serving them restaurant style
- Lunch 10:30-1:00 (Cooking and Clean-Up) Dinner 3:30-6:00 or 4:30-7:00 (Cooking and Clean-Up)
- Weekend Brunch 9:30-12:00 (Santa Monica Only)

#### **Host a Pizza Party**

- Why go out for pizza when you can order in and share the love? Your group can also get interactive and make pizzas with the residents
- Bring in pizzas, a healthy salad and your favorite beverages to brighten an average day
- Lunch is served at noon, and dinner is served at 4:30, 5:00 or 6:00 (depending on location)

#### **Host Monthly Birthday Celebrations**

- Who doesn't love a birthday celebration? Your group can be the hosts/hostesses with the mostest by bringing our residents cheer with cake and treats to celebrate birthdays once per month. You choose the site you wish to be the official birthday party host.
- Requires a minimum of a consecutive four-month commitment

#### **Life Skills Workshops**

- Work with our program staff to develop a four or six week workshop curriculum focusing on a life skill that will help our residents rebuild their lives
- Determine the schedule and teach the course at your program site of your choice
- At the conclusion of your course, provide feedback to program staff

### **Individual Volunteer Opportunities Available at Santa Monica and Downtown Locations**

#### **Assisting with Lunch or Dinner**

- Perfect for the individual that is short on time, but wants to give back
- Help plate and serve lunch or dinner to the residents in our interim housing facilities
- Interact and help the residents feel a sense of community

#### **Spruce up one of our Interim Housing Facilities**

- Roll your sleeves up and help make one of our facilities a clean, comfortable space for our residents to enjoy
- This could include fun service projects like painting, planting flowers, building benches, etc.
- This is a two-hour time commitment adjusted to fit your group's schedules

### **Individual Volunteer Opportunities Available at Santa Monica Locations Only**

#### **Administrative Assistant (All Santa Monica Sites)**

- Create Excel and Word documents, along with filing those documents
- Answer phone calls and transfer to appropriate staff
- Accept in-kind donations and sort through them

#### **Triage (Access Center in Santa Monica)**

- Intake client information and check them in for a meal ticket
- Show compassion and understanding for the population of people we serve
- Ability and willingness to help where needed (clothing closet, Swashlock, etc.)

#### **Clothing Closet (Access Center in Santa Monica)**

- Accept, sort and put away clothing donations
- Hand out clothing items to clients in need
- Keep closet tidy and organized

#### **Shwashlock (Access Center in Santa Monica)**

- Assist the attendant on duty with handing out towels and toiletries

### **Individual Volunteer Opportunity Available at Downtown Location Only**

#### **Arts Program Assistant (The Village, Skid Row)**

- Assist Hayk, Fine Arts Coordinator, during workshops and open art jams
- Requires a minimum of a three-month commitment to weekly or monthly workshops

*Want to get creative with any of these projects or start a new one? Please reach out with your ideas and suggestions. We are always looking for fun, new opportunities to create and strengthen bonds within our community!*

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**No Time to Come in, but Still Want to Spread the Love? No Problem!**

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**In-Kind Donation Drive**

- How about a healthy challenge between friends or co-workers? Some examples include:
  - See who can gather the most packages of new underwear and/or socks.
  - Donate those jeans and tee-shirts you never wear anymore!
  - Travel sized toiletry collection. Put those hotel shampoos to good use!

**Sack Lunch Preparation**

- Help us feed our most vulnerable neighbors by preparing 50 sack lunches in the comfort of your own home
- These include sandwiches, string cheese, chips, fruit and either water or juice

**Welcome Home Packages**

- **Kitchen Kits** (dish towels, dish soap, utensils, plates and cups, pots and pans etc.)
- **Bathroom Necessities** (shampoo and conditioner, body wash/soap, hand and body towels, shaving cream, razors, etc.)
- **Bedroom Essentials** (comforter, sheets, pillows, pajamas, slippers, etc.)
- **Cleaning Supplies** (dust pan, broom, Windex, counter spray, toilet bowl cleaner and brush, etc.).