



The Long Beach Multi-Service Center

You can be part of the solution!

Community members play an important role in the solution to end homelessness in Long Beach. Volunteer efforts provide an opportunity to help others, while learning more about what is being done to address homelessness in Long Beach. This volunteer guide offer some suggestions on how you can contribute your talents, energy and expertise to support local efforts in ending homelessness. Long Beach's progress in addressing homelessness would not be possible without the support of community members like you!



Donate

Donate money to the Mayor's Fund for the Homeless, which provides significant support to programs providing assistance to the homeless community in Long Beach. For more information on the Mayor's Fund or to make a donation please visit:

www.longbeach.gov/health/services/directory/mayors-fund/

The Multi-Service Center (MSC) depends on a variety of in-kind donations from the community to provide additional supports to individuals and families while staff works on linkages to housing. Donations such as basic health and hygiene products are much needed provisions for individuals and families experiencing homelessness. Please see the enclosed Amazon link for commonly needed items that can be donated directly to the MSC:

<https://amzn.to/2LSZiiU>

Volunteer

Volunteer time at a local charity that provides food, clothing, or other services which promote self-sufficiency. For a list of local charities please visit:

www.longbeach.gov/health/medialibrary/documents/services/directory/homeless-services/need-assistance/community-foodand-clothing-list/

Provide

If you are a doctor, lawyer, dentist, optometrist, hairdresser/barber, volunteer your time to provide pro bono services to someone in need. Business owners can provide entry level positions, apprenticeships or internships for individuals seeking employment.

Coordinate

Conduct a community drive to collect items that provide additional support to individuals and families while they work towards housing stability such as:

- Back to school supplies and school uniforms
- Travel sized hygiene products
- Tube socks, shoes and winter clothing
- Home goods for people moving back into housing
- Gift Certificates to local grocery store

Spread the Word

Carry copies of the "Pocket Guide Resource Directory" in your car and distribute them in lieu of cash to people who approach you for resources. Pick-up copies of the "Pocket Guide Resource Directory" at City Hall, the Health Department or the Multi-Service Center. See back of brochure for location addresses.



Your support has an invaluable effect on providers and people who benefit from these contributions.

"We can't do what we do, at the level that we do, without the help of volunteers."

Dale Neal
Facilities Manager
Long Beach Rescue Mission

"Volunteering is a meaningful way to contribute to improving our community and uplifting those in need."

Susan Hopewell
Hearts and Hands United in Giving

"I really didn't believe there were people who saw something in me that I couldn't see."

Fred
Previously Homeless
Housed in 2016

"The support of community members make it possible to turn a house into a home."

Shannon Parker
Homeless Services Office
City of Long Beach

For more information on how you can be part of the solution, please contact 562.570.4588.

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