



WHAT JEWS DO AT CHRISTMASTIME: *VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES IN LOS ANGELES & VENTURA COUNTIES*

VOLUNTEER IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY:

UNION STATION HOMELESS SERVICES helps men, women, and children rebuild their lives and end homelessness. Volunteers are needed to help with the Annual Dinner-in-the-Park on Christmas Day at Pasadena's Central Park.
Please contact: Marissa Albanese – (626) 240-4550 ext. 542
Website: www.unionstationfoundation.org

TOYS FOR TOTS, sponsored each year by the United States Marine Corps Reserve, collects and distributes toys at Christmastime to needy children. Volunteers are needed for sorting and transporting toys from **December 1st-December 15th, 2009**.
Please contact: Sgt. Jose Torres – (626)398-0295 ext. 1116 OR jose.j.torres@usmc.mil
Website: www.toysfortots-socal.org

THE SABAN FREE CLINIC provides affordable quality health care and human services for the underprivileged. Volunteers are needed for the annual holiday party, **Tuesday, December 15th, 2009, 12-3 pm**, throughout the day to help set up, pass out gift items and break down.
Please contact: Teena Thornton – (323) 330-1617 OR tthornton@thesabanfreeclinic.org
Website: www.thesabanfreeclinic.org

THE LOS ANGELES REGIONAL FOOD BANK is focused on hunger in Los Angeles. Volunteers are needed to help package, sort, and assemble food packages that feed needy individuals, families, seniors, and children: **Saturday, December 5, 2009, 8:45am – 12:45pm** and/or **Saturday, December 12, 2009, 8:45am – 12:45pm**
Please contact: Ana Martinez – (323) 234-3030 ext. 190 or 156 OR amartinez@lafoodbank.org
Website: www.lafightshunger.org

ST. VINCENT MEALS ON WHEELS prepares and delivers nutritious meals to homebound elderly and other vulnerable residents.
Please contact: Carol Martinez – (213) 484-7494 OR carolmmartinez@yahoo.com
Website – www.stvincentmow.org

PATH (PEOPLE ASSISTING THE HOMELESS) helps homeless individuals and families. Volunteers are needed to work directly with participants, cook and serve food, and perform other non-client contact work.
Please contact: Sally Evans – (323) 644-2207 OR sallye@epath.org
Website: www.epath.org

Specific Volunteer Opportunities:

- **Holiday Meals** – Volunteers are needed throughout December to assist with serving meals.
- **Christmas Caroling** – Sing festive carols for families at PATH. Dates are flexible.

ST. JOSEPH CENTER helps clients fulfill their basic needs by providing them with food, clothing, and other necessities. Volunteers are needed for various activities (preparing/serving food, working with needy children, sorting donations, etc).
Please contact: Tiana Rideout – (310) 396-6468 ext. 326 OR trideout@stjosephctr.org
Website: www.stjosephctr.org

SHRINERS HOSPITAL joins Salvation Army volunteers to help bring smiles and good cheer to the children of Shriners.
Please contact: Pastor Arthur G. Spencer – (213) 489-2076
Website: www.salvationarmy-socal.org



THE DOWNTOWN WOMEN'S CENTER provides permanent supportive housing and a safe and healthy community for homeless women.

Please contact: Vanessa Wai – (213) 680-0600 OR Volunteer@DWCweb.org

Website: www.DWCweb.org/volunteer/holidayhelp.htm

Specific Volunteer Opportunities:

- Help create our gifts this season by helping us create and assemble holiday gifts for each of the women, at the center. **Gift Wrapping Parties** will be held on: **Tuesday, December 16th from 4pm to 8pm; Wednesday, December 17th from 4pm to 8pm; Sunday, December 20th from 2pm to 4pm.**

THE LOS ANGELES MISSION serves the homeless and destitute community of Los Angeles' Skid Row. Volunteer orientations are scheduled regularly, and individuals or groups are welcome.

Please contact: (213) 629-1227 ext. 301

Website: www.losangelesmission.org

Specific Volunteer Opportunities:

- **Volunteer Orientation** – Saturday, December 5th, 9:00 – 11:00am

Join us for our monthly Volunteer Orientation and tour of the Mission. Safe, secure parking is provided at 310 E. Winston Street (the back entrance to the Mission).

- **Annual Christmas Meal and Toy Giveaway** – Thursday, December 24th, 11:00 – 3:00 PM

COVENANT HOUSE CALIFORNIA serves homeless and runaway youth between the ages of 18-24 years of age.

Please contact: Tanya Quaife – (323) 461-3131 OR tquaife@covca.org

Website: www.covenanthouseca.org

Specific Volunteer Opportunities:

- **Gift and Donation sorting Dec. 16th-20th, 2009**

FROM-THE-HEART is responsible for providing thousands of new books to needy children all over Los Angeles.

Please contact: Barri Evins – (310) 657-7733 OR FromTheHeart345@aol.com

Website: www.firstbook.org/fromtheheart

Specific Volunteer Opportunities:

- Sunday, December 6th – 10:00am-1:00pm – Volunteers are invited to help sort books in preparation for the giveaway.

- **The Annual From-the-Heart Big Book Giveaway** – Sunday, December 20th – 9:00am-3:00pm – Volunteers will be sent to Head Start Centers across Los Angeles. Drivers, schleppers, and people to help hand-out books are needed.

THE REAL MEDICINE FOUNDATION helps underprivileged families in and around East L.A. and Inglewood.

Please contact: Sarah Stern – (818) 793-1234 OR sarah@realmedicinefoundation.org

Website: www.realmedicinefoundation.org

Specific Volunteer Opportunities:

- **Friday, December 18th and Saturday, December 19th** – Volunteers needed to help decorate and join in the fun at both parties.

ALEXANDRIA HOUSE is a transitional facility for homeless women and children. Volunteers are needed for two holiday parties, Friday, December 18th and Saturday, December 19th (also needed for set-up and clean-up). Minimum age to volunteer is 12.

Please contact: Michele Richards – (213) 381-2649 OR Michele@alexandriahouse.org

Website: www.alexandriahouse.org



PROJECT CHICKEN SOUP cooks and delivers meals to people with HIV/AIDS. Volunteers are needed to cook and deliver meals to clients. Please call ahead of time to make sure there is space available.

Please contact: Cathryn Friedman – (323) 933-5402 OR projectchickensoup@sbcglobal.net

Website: www.projectchickensoup.org

THE 26TH ANNUAL TEMPLE ISRAEL OF HOLLYWOOD CHRISTMAS DINNER FOR THE HUNGRY AND HOMELESS OF HOLLYWOOD is being held December 24th and December 25th at the Hollywood Methodist Church. All kinds of help is needed, before, during, and after the event. **On Christmas Day, 8am-5pm, must be at least 13 years old. Younger children and their parents are needed to help set-up on Christmas Eve from 10am-3pm.**

Please contact: (323) 876-8330 ext. 3100 OR dinnerproject@tioh.org

Website: www.tioh.org

VOLUNTEER IN VENTURA COUNTY:

OPERATION GRATITUDE sends care packages addressed to individual Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines deployed overseas. Volunteers are needed to help assemble care packages.

Please contact: Charlie Othold – (818) 437-6201 OR opgratvolunteer@yahoo.com

(Please make sure to write "Operation Gratitude Volunteer" in the subject line)

Website: www.operationgratitude.com

SOVA runs food pantries that serve more than 6,000 needy people. Volunteers are needed for food collection, warehouse sorting, and pantry packing. *Locations in both counties.*

Please contact: Maxine Meyer – (818) 988-7382 ext. 116 OR mmeyer@jfsla.org

Website: www.jfsla.org/sova

THE RESCUE MISSION ALLIANCE attends to the needs of the less fortunate in Southern California. Volunteers are needed for meal preparation, meal service, clean up, decorating, gift wrapping, greeters, sorting and stocking food donations, tutors, counselors, facility maintenance, clerical, and more.

Website: www.erescuemission.org

VENTURA COUNTY RESCUE MISSION

Please contact: Jonathan Leeper – (805) 436-4599 OR jleeper@erescuemission.org

LIGHTHOUSE WOMEN & CHILDREN'S MISSION

Please contact: Mary Kay Huszar – (805) 436-4555 OR lighthousevolco@erescuemission.org

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY RESCUE MISSION

Please contact: Lena Woo – (818) 474-1284 OR lwoo@erescuemission.org

VALLEY FOOD BANK

Please contact: William Hernandez – (818) 510-4140 OR whernandez@valleyfoodbank.org

CENTRAL COAST RESCUE MISSION

Please contact: Mark Parke – (805) 357-1206 OR mparke@erescuemission.org

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST IN SIMI VALLEY hosts and serves community dinners, twice a month, the second and third Tuesdays, to 50-75 homeless men, women, and children. Volunteers are needed to set-up tables and chairs, prepare and serve food, interact with dinner attendees compassionately and help clean-up.

Please contact: (805) 526-6001 OR info@uccsimi.org

Website: www.uccsimi.org

CHILDREN OF THE NIGHT rescues children ages 1-17 from pornography and prostitution. COTN is always looking for volunteers. In addition, they will be hosting a series of fun holiday parties, and would love help. Minimum age to volunteer is 21.

Please contact: Candice Ali – (818) 908-4474 ext. 111 OR Cali@childrenofthenight.org

Website: www.childrenofthenight.org