

2009 Thanksgiving Service Opportunities

From LMU's Center for Service and Action



People in Progress and New Elements Thanksgiving Day Festival (Direct Service)

People in Progress will be hosting their 11th annual Thanksgiving Day Festival, which is expected to feed over 2,000 homeless and low-income people. "New Elements Community Treatment" outreach teams will transport people from the skid row area to the festival, where they will be served a complete, hot traditional Thanksgiving meal. Signups are not required but highly recommended because they will help match volunteers with specific jobs.

Date: Sunday, November 22

Time: Noon - 3 p.m.

Location: 810 S. Beacon Street Los Angeles, CA 90731

Contact: Sonya Parry, (213) 384-6689

**Volunteers please prepare to arrive 30 minutes early and stay at least 30 minutes after the event.*

Los Angeles Regional Foodbank (Indirect Service)

Volunteers are needed to help with the food-packaging program, which provides canned foods and non-perishable items for working poor and individuals throughout Los Angeles County. Donations of these foods are greatly appreciated.

Dates: Monday, November 23; Tuesday, November 24; and Wednesday, November 25

Time: 8:45 a.m. to noon or 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.

**shifts should be set up in three hour increments.*

Location: 1734 E. 41st Street Los Angeles, CA 90058-1502

Contact: Mike Espy, (323) 234-3030 x156

Downtown Women's Center (DWC) Thanksgiving Celebration (Direct Service)

Signups start Monday, November 2, are encouraged as soon as possible if you want to volunteer on Thanksgiving Day, and are needed to participate in this volunteer activity.

Date: Friday, November 27

Time: Three possible shifts for volunteers to work:

6:30-8:30 a.m.

Duties: set up, food preparation, baking, holiday crafts, and clean-up

8:30-11:00 a.m.

Duties: holiday crafting, hosting activities, serving food, hosting tables, and clean-up

11:00-2:00 p.m.

Duties: holiday crafting, hosting activities, raffles, karaoke, serving a meal, hosting tables, and clean-up

Location: 325 S. Los Angeles Street Los Angeles, CA 90013

Contact: Katie Escuerdo, (213) 680-0600

If you have any questions about these opportunities, please contact Lorena Chavez at 338-2959.

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Downtown Women's Center Homewalk (Indirect Service)

DWC will host a 5K walk, which is part of United Way of Greater Los Angeles' year-round campaign to end homelessness. Money raised will go towards housing communities and educating about the importance of Permanent Supportive Housing. Walkers will also learn more about homelessness and what they can do to address the issue. Join the DWC team to contribute.

Date: Saturday, November 7, 2009

Time: 7:30 a.m. registration begins, 9 a.m. walk begins

Location: Exposition Park, 700 Exposition Park Drive Los Angeles, CA 90037

Contact: Steven Alvarez, (213) 680-0600

Chrysalis 25th Anniversary Celebration (Direct Service)

There are volunteer opportunities surrounding the Chrysalis 25th Anniversary Celebration. A dinner break will be provided. Dress code is business professional, and volunteers are expected to dress in all black. Comfortable shoes are recommended. Parking is available in the City of Santa Monica parking lot adjacent to the hotel. All day parking costs \$7.

Date: Tuesday, November 10

Duties: Greeter, Honoree/Guest Liaison, Registration, Silent Auction, Live Auction, and Floaters

Time: 3:30-9:30 p.m.

The Chrysalis Events team also needs assistance with Auction Preparation

Date: Saturday, November 7

Time: 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Duties: Building/preparing auction baskets for the silent auction

Location: 1853 Lincoln Blvd, Santa Monica, CA 90404

Contact: Jessica Wishan, (310) 401.9392

Parking available on Michigan St. for two hours on Lincoln in metered parking anytime between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. or after 6 p.m.

Chrysalis Thanksgiving Dinner Celebration (Direct Service)

Help serve food, as well as set-up, and break down, for the Thanksgiving Dinner.

Date: Wednesday, November 18, 2009

Time: 5-8:30 p.m.

Location: San Fernando Valley - 14015 Van Nuys Blvd, Pacoima, CA 91331

Date: Thursday, November 19, 2009

Time: 5-8:30 p.m.

Location: Downtown LA - 516 S. Main St, Los Angeles, CA 90013

Date: Monday, November 23, 2009

Time: 5-8:30 p.m.

Location: Santa Monica - 1853 Lincoln Blvd, Santa Monica, CA 90404

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