

THE BLUE BOOK 2019

LOCAL RESOURCES FOR ENDING HOMELESSNESS

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The Blue Book is a compilation of agencies providing services to people in the Ventura area that are experiencing homelessness. It is also intended as a resource for caring citizens to identify opportunities to volunteer to contribute to putting an end to homelessness in our area.

If you would like to have your organization included in the Blue Book, Please complete the form below and return to Kappy Paulson, kmp160@sbcglobal.net

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Agency: [ACTION \(Area Christians Taking Initiative on Needs\)](#)

Brief description of services provided in Ventura:

ACTION is a Ventura County nonprofit that networks with Christian churches to meet needs. We match volunteers up with those in need. The types of unmet needs vary greatly: From moving someone, home and car repairs, locating needed appliances or furniture, etc. We especially help with keeping people in their home and seniors living independently. We do not give financial support. We give the church a way to send their congregation out into the neighborhoods to put their faith into action and touch lives.

Who to contact to [volunteer](#):

Darcie

805 987-0300

Darcie.Nardi@actionvc.org

www.actionvc.org

Areas where volunteers may be helpful:

- Labor intensive projects
- Volunteers who can help seniors do small tasks
- Handymen
- Electricians
- Plumbers
- Mechanics
- Gardeners
- Those with good interpersonal skills

We also have a shortage of people available during week days.

Other:

We host [Community Christian Shoppe](#) where toys are given to low-income families at Christmas time and Serve Day in June where we send thousands of volunteers out to serve people and agencies on one day.

Agency: [Bike Ventura](#) (The Ventura Bike Hub)

Description of services or support provided to the homeless community:

- A brick and mortar store stocked with second-hand bikes for sale, accessories, clothing and more.
- A bike store where all levels of bicyclists can work on their bike with the assistance of our master mechanics and trained volunteers. Stand time (or workshop time) is \$5/hour and includes access to our wide array of tools.

Who to contact to [volunteer](#):

<https://bikeventura.org/volunteer/>

(805) 641-2665

Areas where volunteers may be helpful:

- Bicycle Mechanics
- Event Planning
- Photography

Additional Information (if any):

490 N. Ventura Avenue, Ventura, CA

Hours of Operation

Sunday || 2pm-6pm
Tuesday || 3:00pm – 7:00pm
Thursday || 3:00pm – 7:00pm
Friday || 3:00pm – 7:00pm
Saturday || 11:00am – 6:00pm

Volunteers Only

Wednesday | 3:00pm – 7:00pm

Give us a ring at (805) 641-2665

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Joey Juhasz-Lukomski, Executive Director
joey@bikeventura.org

Agency: [Buddy Nation](#)

Description of services or support provided to the homeless community:

Suppose a Home is Not a House? Our mission is: Keeping Pets with Their People in Harsh Surroundings. Buddy Nation was formed in Ventura, California to address the large population of homeless people and their beloved pets. These pets are often the only ones who love their people and give them affection, protection and companionship.

The first street pet to be helped was Buddy, a grey and white Pit Bull who was hit by a motorcycle and left in the street to die. He was rescued by passersby and taken to a veterinarian for surgery, which resulted in Buddy losing his leg. Although the vet greatly discounted the surgical fee and care, there were bills to pay and after care needs. Buddy Nation was initiated to provide the funds and follow up care for the person and her pet. A group of friends chipped in to pay the vet and a motel stay for after care. The founder, Debra Reeves, started going around to the homeless encampments to bring food and bedding for the animals (all kinds) as well as tents, sleeping bags and tarps for their people. This evolved to include getting the pets to veterinarians for medical treatment and to work with the other animal organizations to provide spays and neuters, vaccinations, micro chipping, licenses, food, leashes, harnesses, toys and treats.

We work with social workers to re-home pets whose people have died, been evicted, are hospitalized or jailed. We foster pets who can return to their people and find new homes for those who can't.

Who to [contact](#) to volunteer:

Cappi Patterson 805-766-5920 ccparis@sbcglobal.net

Areas where volunteers may be helpful:

We raise needed funds through donations, bake sales, yard sales, social media and through a high end artisans store that sells donated hand-made pet coats and gives a percentage of the store's overall sales to Buddy Nation.

We work as a village of helpers ... no one is Queen Bee ... all are volunteers who just see a need and fill it. We work cooperatively with all the other animal organizations for the good of the animals. By assuring that their pets are healthy and thriving, we are able to give some dignity back to people who really need it.

We have figured out what works in Ventura and have acted on it. We constantly evolve as we see needs and opportunities.

Helping homeless pets of Ventura with veterinary care, spay/neuter, food and supplies

Additional Information (if any):

Agency: [Cabrillo Economic Development Corporation](#)

Description of services or support provided to the homeless community:

The Resident & Community Services Department (RCS) delivers resident programs and services in partnership with other nonprofit organizations and government agencies. Resources include health and wellness programs, such as food distributions; English as a Second Language (ESL), citizenship, and financial education classes; and homework clubs, reading programs, and arts and cultural activities for youth.

Who to [contact to volunteer](#):

Luz Soto, Director of Property Management & Resident Services 805-659-3791 Ext 105

Areas where volunteers may be helpful:

Volunteers help with reading programs and afterschool homework clubs. Skills in English, Math and arts and crafts are always needed. Cabrillo participates in many FOOD Share programs and uses volunteers for food distributions.

Additional Information (if any):

For over 35 years, Cabrillo has made it its mission to address socio-economic disparities in housing, education, food distribution, and health—especially for low-income Latino populations, seniors and our vulnerable residents with disabilities—by developing and managing safe, secure and affordable housing. Along with safe, quality housing, we strive to provide services and resources that help people improve their lives and achieve their best. The programs support focus areas that are considered critical for moving families out of poverty and into self-sufficiency, and to foster leadership development and community engagement among residents. With public, private and community partners, we create a ladder of opportunity for families to achieve physical and mental well-being and improve their overall quality of life.

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Agency: [Catholic Charities Ventura County](#)

Brief description of services provided in Ventura:

- Oxnard Community Center: Provides rental assistance, utilities assistance, food distribution at the food pantry, pantry referrals, lunches for the homeless and case management.
- Ventura Community Center: Offers homeless prevention services such as, rental assistance and utility assistance, material services, emergency food pantry and case management.
- Moorpark Community Services Center (Moorpark Pantry Plus): Provides supplemental food, clothing, eviction prevention assistance, utility assistance and holiday programs with information and referrals.
- Older Adult Service and Intervention System (OASIS): A comprehensive program that provides a variety of human services to seniors, aged 60 and above, supports the independence and dignity of seniors, while protecting their quality of life through friendly volunteer visits, in-home needs assessment, on-going case management and transportation assistance to medical and other appointments.
- Pro-Bono attorney services

Who to contact to [volunteer](#):

Rick Raine

(805) 643-4694 x306

303 N. Ventura Ave, Ventura, CA 93001

Or go to: vcinfo@ccharities.org.

Areas where volunteers may be helpful:

- distributing food in the pantry
- answering phones
- assisting with office duties
- driving to pick up food from local stores that supply our pantries
- event planning for one of our fundraisers
- visiting elderly clients,

Agency: [Church of the Foothills](#)

Brief description of services provided in Ventura:

- \$15,000 Financial support provided to many Ventura social service agencies via grants program, including: Project Understanding; Family to Family; Step Up Ventura; Turning Point Foundation; CASA; CLUE; Food Share; Ventura Homeless Prevention Fund; One Stop; UU Park Outreach
- Members volunteer in many social service agencies including: Family to Family; CASA; VSSTF; One Stop; Project Understanding; Food Share
- Scholarships awarded for post-high school education

Who to contact to volunteer: see below

Areas where volunteers may be helpful:

- Annual homeless count: <http://volunteerventura.org>
- Ventura River and beach cleanups: <http://www.venturahillsides.org/volunteer.html>
- Food Share: scott.marsi@gmail.com
- Family to Family: scott.marsi@gmail.com
- One Stop: James Boyd (805) 233-1788

Other:

6279 Foothill Rd, Ventura, CA 93003
Community Services Manager - Peter Brown
805 644-3036
Admin@foothillschurcheinventura.com

Agency: City of Ventura

[Safe & Clean, Affordable Housing and Homelessness Committee | Ventura, CA](#)

Brief description of services provided in Ventura:

The City of Ventura is not a social service provider; however, we collaborate and facilitate existing and new programs through our local social service providers through funding.

Areas where volunteers may be helpful:

- Annual homeless Point-in-Time Count in late January. Please sign up to be a volunteer by December.
- Occasional abandoned encampment and beach clean-ups are scheduled on an as needed basis. If you'd like to be on the volunteer list for such efforts, email Meredith Hart mhart@cityofventura.ca.gov

Other:

501 Poli Street Ventura CA 93001

Safe & Clean Program Manager – Meredith Hart

805-658-4735

mhart@cityofventura.ca.gov

<https://ca-ventura.civicplus.com/351/Safe-Clean-Initiative>

- River Haven – Partnership with Turning Point
- Safe Sleep – Partnership with Salvation Army
- Foul Weather Shelter
- Year-Round Shelter – Partnership with County and Mercy House
- Ambassadors – Partnership with Downtown Ventura Organization/Partners
- Santa Clara River Bottom Trash Removal Program
- Safe & Clean Team

Agency: [City of Ventura – Community Development](#)

The City of Ventura reorganized in 2018 and the Community Development Program no longer provides direct services to people without homes. Contacting them about affordable housing related to planning and zoning may be useful.

Brief description of services provided in Ventura:

The Community Development Department is responsible for planning and zoning, building and safety, code enforcement and housing and redevelopment for the City of Ventura. The department works to ensure that new construction and additions to existing structures meet the policies and guidelines that have been established for public safety, zoning and development. Community Development also works with various city commissions that help guide and advise the City Council regarding growth in the city. Many projects that come before the city for review are presented to one or more commissions or committees for recommendations to the City Council.

Who to contact to volunteer:

Areas where volunteers may be helpful:

Community Services Manager
501 Poli St.
Ventura, CA 93002-0099

805-654-7893,
805-654-7894
storres@cityofventura.net

Agency: [City of Ventura - Police Department](#)

Brief description of services provided in Ventura:

The Ventura Police Department is engaged in what's called restorative policing, or street outreach. This means that officers are working with chronic offenders, by conducting enforcement, uniting them with family or friends if they desire or getting individuals the appropriate medical attention that they need to get off the streets. Embedded within the unit is a mental health technician who assists in evaluating individuals and connecting them to resources for long term solutions. The Patrol Task Force works closely with the Safe and Clean Team to address concerns in Ventura. There is currently one Sergeant, two Corporals and three officers. An additional officer will join near the end of the year, making it an eight-person team.

Who to contact to volunteer:

While there aren't volunteer opportunities through PTF, you can schedule a ride along to see what they do. Contact Ashley Bautista abautista@cityofventura.ca.gov

Areas where volunteers may be helpful:

Spread the word about efforts through Safe & Clean and encourage giving to charities.

Other:

1425 Dowell Dr. Ventura CA 93003
Communications Manager – Ashley Bautista
805-339-4317

Agency: Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice ([CLUE-VC](#))

Description of services or support provided to the homeless community:

We are a county-wide coalition of faith-rooted advocates united to:

- Raise the level of awareness among our congregations of the linkage between economic justice and the imperatives of faith.
- Engage congregations in efforts to influence policy and public opinion to achieve economic justice, particularly for our region's working poor.

Who to contact to [volunteer](#):

To find out more about volunteer opportunities, [contact us here](#) or call (805) 607-3599.

Areas where volunteers may be helpful:

- Contact Congress
- Become a legal observer at the border
- Join a CLUE workgroup to help protect immigrant families

Additional Information (if any):

The *Justice Seeker* newsletter is published semiannually. Go to <https://www.cluevc.org/newsletter/> to read our current issue.

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Phone: (805) 607-3599

Email: <https://www.cluevc.org/contact-clue-vc/>

Agency: [Coalition for Family Harmony](#)

Brief description of services provided in Ventura:

- Domestic Violence Emergency Safe House is a 30-day program to exit safely from an abusive relationship
- Rape Crisis Program provides intervention, emergency response, advocacy and accompaniment to victims of sexual assault 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Offers crisis counseling and intervention, needs assessment, emergency shelter, restraining order assistance, and linkage to appropriate community resources as well as counseling services for survivors of sexual assault and non-offending care givers and a 24-hour bilingual hotline.
- Batterer's Intervention Program helps participants modify behavior patterns and break the cycle of violence by learning new skills around power control, accountability and communication.
- Juvenile Probation Programs was created for juveniles on probation and designed to prevent recurring criminal and adverse behaviors by adolescents. Includes anger management, substance abuse and teen empowerment groups, along with individual counseling.
- Counseling to survivors and perpetrators of domestic violence and sexual assault.

Who to contact to [volunteer](#):

1 (800) 300-2181

admin@thecoalition.org

<https://thecoalition.org/volunteers/>

Areas where volunteers may be helpful:

- Fundraising Volunteer
- Administrative Volunteer
- Events Volunteers

Other:

Main Office:

Executive Director - Caroline Prijatel-Sutton

805-983-6014

1030 North Ventura Rd. Oxnard, CA

93030

Agency: [Community Action Ventura County](#) (CAVC)

Brief description of services provided in Ventura:

- Our Homeless Resource Center offers year-round day shelter and extensive opportunities for receiving assistance and referrals.
- Food pantry on Thursday's from 1-3

Who to contact to volunteer:

Director of Operations
Timothy Hawkins
805-436-4015

Areas where volunteers may be helpful:

- Volunteers can help us organize food bags either Wednesday afternoons or Thursday mid-morning into the afternoon.
- Volunteers needed that have some knowledge and/or capability of helping/building kayaks.

Other:

Social enterprise putting homeless people to work building kayaks.

Agency: [Community Bible Church](#)

Brief description of services provided in Ventura:

- Food Pantry: Available on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of every month from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon.

Who to contact to volunteer:

Areas where volunteers may be helpful:

Other:

Amanda Lawrence

Agency: [Community Presbyterian Church](#)

Brief description of services provided in Ventura:

- Food Outreach: Held every Thursday except for the fifth Thursday of the month. In the case of disabilities, home delivery can be arranged.
- Clothing: Available one Thursday a month.

Who to contact to volunteer:

Areas where volunteers may be helpful:

Other:

Community Presbyterian Church

805-648-2737

CPCventura.org

Agency: [Downtown Ventura Partners](#)

Description of services or support provided to the homeless community:

- Property based improvement district whose mission is to keep downtown Ventura clean, safe, fun and as economically viable as possible.
- Manage [Park Safety Ambassador Program](#): Manage negative behaviors in parks. Build relationships with individuals. Help with links to social services help case workers locate people and offer hospitality.
- Manage the Family Reconnection Program that [provides transportation to needy individuals who want to reconnect with family and/or a support group. Referrals accepted.
- Organize long term treatment fund, easy and quick access to get individuals to treatment locations.

Who to contact to volunteer:

Meredith Hart/ Kevin Clerici\ (805) 641-1090
420 E. Santa Clara St, Ventura CA 93001
meredith@downtownventura.org
kevin@downtownventura.org

Areas where volunteers may be helpful:

Be a Park Safety Ambassador

Email a copy of your resume to Operations Manager Steve Caramihai at Steve@downtownventura.org

Agency: [Family to Family](#)

Description of services or support provided to the homeless community:

Provide hot meals 5 days a week in Ventura at 303 North Ventura Avenue, Ventura, CA

Who to contact to volunteer:

Kay Lee 818-216-0813

Areas where volunteers may be helpful:

Cook and serve dinners. Cleanup
Food and monetary donations

Additional Information (if any):

Meals Served at 303 North Ventura Ave, Ventura CA 93001

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Agency: [Goodwill Industries of Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties](#)

Description of services or support provided to the homeless community:

Our mission is to provide vocational and educational opportunities to eliminate barriers to employment, strengthen communities and help people in need reach their full potential through the power of work. Services include:

- Veterans Services
- Department of Rehabilitation
- 2nd Chance Re-entry
- Subsidized Employment
- Workforce Training
- Youth Programs

Who to contact to volunteer:

For training and work opportunities go to www.gwvsb.org

Areas where volunteers may be helpful:

Additional Information (if any):

Phone: 805 981-0130

Email: info@goodwillvsb.org

Notify of future “Partners For Change” Workshops (please provide contact)?

Agency: [Habitat for Humanity](#)

Brief description of services provided in Ventura:

- Works in partnership with people from all walks of life to build simple, decent and affordable housing. Volunteers provide the labor, and Habitat raises funds from individuals, foundations, corporations, businesses, faith-based organizations and grants to build the houses. The houses we build are then sold to very low-income families at no profit and with a no-interest mortgage. We are currently building 8 homes (numbers 5764 overall in Santa Paula).
- In addition, Habitat of Ventura County offers support to low-income homeowners in need of home repairs through our Preserve A Home (PAH) program. Repairs include painting and landscaping; new energy-efficient windows; a new roof; replacing electrical wiring, building ramps and accessible showers, and much more. We have completed over 300 home preservations around the county, and are in the process of repairing between 35 and 40 this fiscal year - including 2 in the city of Ventura/

Who to contact to [volunteer](#):

Tricia Keem, Volunteer & Resource Development Coordinator
tricia@habitatventura.org
805-485-6065 ext. 208

Areas where volunteers may be helpful:

- On the new construction site in Santa Paula - We build Wednesday through Saturday, and welcome both skilled and unskilled volunteers.
- With our Preserve A Home (PAH) program - These are completed all over the county and involve home repairs of various sorts.
- At our 2 Restores - discount home improvement centers - in Oxnard and Simi Valley
- On committees that might be of interest, such as events, fundraising, family selection, etc.

Other:

Agency: [Housing Authority of the City of San Buenaventura](#)

Brief description of services provided in Ventura:

- Resident Services assists public housing residents and Section 8 Housing Voucher Clients to move towards self-sufficiency through the provision of educational, employment, financial, social and recreational programs.

Who to contact to volunteer:

Areas where volunteers may be helpful:

Other:

Contacts: <https://www.hacityventura.org/ContactUs/contacthacsb.html>

EXECUTIVE OFFICE & PUBLIC HOUSING & AFFORDABLE HOUSING

995 Riverside Street, Ventura, CA 93001

Dan Hardy (also works with County Continuum of Care Housing Committee)

Phone: (805) 648-5008

Fax: (805) 643-7984

SECTION 8, COMMUNITY SERVICES

11122 Snapdragon Street, Suite 100,

Ventura, CA 93004

Phone: (805) 647-5990

Fax: (805) 647-4691

Housing Authority does not provide any emergency assistance. Assistance is provided based on the date and time that application is received.

Agency: [Independent Living Resource Center \(ILRC\)](#)

Description of services or support provided to the homeless community:

The Independent Living Resource Center (ILRC) is a private non-profit organization providing disability advocacy and independence increasing or maintaining services to Ventura, Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties. We provide this support to individuals with all disabilities, all ages, and all income levels. Following the Independent Living Philosophy, our services are team-based; our consumers must be active participants in achieving their goals.

Services include:

- Housing
- Personal Assistance
- Interpreting
- Peer Support
- Assistive Technology
- Youth transition
- Older Individuals Who Are Blind
- Advocacy

Who to contact to volunteer:

Areas where volunteers may be helpful:

Additional Information (if any):

SANTA BARBARA OFFICE

423 W. Victoria Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

(805) 963-0595 Voice/Text (TTY)

(805) 963-1350 Fax

(805) 284-9051 Video Phone

Monday - Friday

9am-12pm & 1pm-5pm

www.ilrc-trico.org

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Agency: [Interface Children and Family Services](#)

Description of services or support provided to the homeless community:

- Case Management
- 211 – Referrals

Who to contact to volunteer:

805-485-6114

Areas where [volunteers](#) may be helpful:

Camarillo Office

Additional Information (if any):

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Agency: [Insight Meditation](#)

Brief description of services provided in Ventura/Congregational Involvement:

We give \$250.00 per quarter to different organizations. In the past we have given to the Homeless Fund of Ventura, Bell Arts, Ojai Animal Shelter and River Haven. We also take meals to River Haven once a month.

In addition, we also have signed up to be a support congregation for Family Promise of West Ventura County.

Organizations we support, financially and through volunteering:

Homeless Fund of Ventura, River Haven and Family Promise of West Ventura County

Who to contact to volunteer:

Robin Lerner at MSRSL1000@gmail.com

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Yes

Agency: [Kids and Families Together](#)

Brief description of services provided in Ventura:

- Pre & Post Adoption Counseling
- Individual, Couple and Family Therapy
- Foster Parent Mentoring and Support, Education and Training
- Clinical Case Management for Foster and Kinship Families
- Permanent Connections for Foster and Emancipated Youth
- Facilitated Support Groups for Foster Care and Adoption
- Book and Video Lending Library
- F.O.O.D Share pantry for Emancipated Youth and Kinship Families
- Kids & Families Together Newsletter with useful information on local and national resources

Who to contact to volunteer:

Areas where volunteers may be helpful:

Other:

- Family Therapy Services: Families participating in a therapeutic process. Attachment and trauma focused interventions based on a relational model of change. Contact: Melana Luke 805 -643-1446 ext. 116
- Early Periodic Screening Diagnostic and Treatment - EPSDT (In partnership with Ventura County Behavioral Health: Family-driven services, in-home and/or in-office providing counseling and case management and support services focusing in childhood attachment. Contact Savannah Migliuri 805 643-1446 ext. 149 or Melana Luke 805 -643-1446 ext. 116
- Family Attachment Model — FAM (in partnership with Ventura County Children & Family Services): Available for Pre and post adoptive families, guardianship and long-term placement. An 18-session in-home service. Contact: Melana Luke 805 -643-1446 ext. 116
- Relationship Assessment Program RAP (in partnership with Ventura County Children & Family Services): Available to birth families from within the Child Welfare System. An

18-session in-home therapeutic support program. Contact Alex Lemus 805 643-1446 ext. 142

Agency: Kids and Families Together Cont.

- Support & Education and Training — SET (in partnership with Ventura College): Available to Foster and Kinship Caregivers within Ventura County Child Welfare. Providing weekly in-home services specializing in topics relevant to caregivers of children who have experienced attachment trauma. Contact: Melana Luke 805 -643-1446 ext. 116
- In Home Placement Training IPT - (in partnership with Ventura County Children & Family Services): For newly licensed or re-licensed Foster Caregivers within Ventura County. Providing an individualized 6-hour training focused on therapeutic parenting techniques. Contact: Melana Luke 805 -643-1446 ext. 116
- Peer Education Training — PET (in partnership with Ventura College): Available to Foster Parents within Ventura County. Connects new foster parents with experienced foster parents providing support and information to help caregivers raise children and navigate the Child Welfare System.

Agency: [Laundry Love](#)

Description of services or support provided to the homeless community:

The Laundry Love initiative consists of regular opportunities to come alongside people who are struggling financially by assisting them with their laundry. Laundry Love partners with groups and local laundromats in cleaning clothes and linens of low-income or no-income families and individuals. We see the laundromat as a place where strangers become friends, people are known by name, hope is hustled, and the worth of every human being is acknowledged and celebrated.

Who to contact to volunteer: See chart below

Areas where volunteers may be helpful: Locations as of 2/27/2019

Coin Wash 5:00pm - 7:00pm (2nd Tuesday of the month)	9308 Telephone Rd, Ventura, California 93004 (805) 901-4029	crazysox@gmail.com Sara Cameron Directions
Midtown Coin Laundry 6:30pm - 8:30pm (last wash at 8:00pm) (4th Tuesday of Every Month)	1848 E Main St, Ventura, California 93001 (805) 868-0645	BenBlanchard5@gmail.com Ben Blanchard Directions
Mission Plaza Laundromat 4:00pm - 7:00pm (3rd Tuesday of each month)	110 North Olive St, Ventura, California 93001 (805) 642-3262	shayna2ventura@gmail.com Shayna Metzner Directions
Main Street Coin Laundry 7:30 am - 9:30 am (Every Friday)	1183 E Main St. Santa Paula, California 93060 (805) 218-7628	ctulberg@gmail.com Carolyn Tulberg Directions
Main Street Coin Laundry 7:30 AM - 9:30 AM (Every Tuesday)	1183 E. Main St. Santa Paula California, 90360 (805) 444-7468	dullenkopf@mac.com Gail Dullenkopf Directions
Laundroland 4:00pm - 7:30pm (3rd Tuesday of each month)	105 Bald St, Ojai, California 93023 (213) 220-0241	fathergreg@standrewsojai.org Directions

Additional Information (if any): Laundry Love always needs quarters, laundry detergent, dryer sheets, etc. They can also use laundry bags and baskets. Sometimes entertainment is appreciated.

Agency: [Lift Up Your Voice — Circle of Love Program](#)

Brief description of services provided in Ventura:

- Circles of Love (aka Make a Buddy) — Take one homeless individual who is ready to get out of homelessness, ready to get healthy, prepare for a job, apply for services and housing and add one to six members of your congregation who are ready to mentor and support that individual as he or she goes through the process. Mix in a case manager ready to guide you through and a lot of love and someone who was once homeless will be homeless no more. That's the solution to homelessness that the City of Denver undertook so successfully, now deemed to be a best practice for faith communities involved in homelessness, and you can now be part of it here in Ventura.

Who to contact to [volunteer](#):

Call or email Kathy Powell at KathyPurplePrincess@gmail.com or 805-910-8860

Areas where volunteers may be helpful:

- Circle members might drive an individual to a doctor's appointment or to a follow-up meeting with a case manager, help a homeless individual fill out an application, write a resume, search for a job, open a bank account, or search for an apartment or negotiate an agreement with a potential roommate.

Other:

Agency: [Many Mansions](#)

Description of services or support provided to the homeless community:

Many Mansions develops and manages affordable housing sites throughout the Southern California region. Currently Many Mansions owns and operates 14 affordable housing sites and is expanding throughout Ventura and Los Angeles counties. Additionally, Many Mansions acts as the management company for other affordable housing sites, including several properties developed by the Area Housing Authority of the County of Ventura (or its affiliates). Services include:

- On-site case management
- Job development
- Resource referral
- Financial education
- Community Activities
- Food assistance
- Life skills training
- Individual Service Plan
- The Homework Tutoring Club
- Camp Many Mansions
- The Friday Activities Club
- Book Bonanza
- The Many Mansions Career Preparation Program
- Girl Talk
- Youth Advisory Board
- The School Liaisons/School Supplies
- Holiday Gift Programs

Who to contact to volunteer:

Volunteers play an integral part in all our programs by generously giving of their time to tutor children, plan and lead activities, oversee crafts and games, speak on special topics, and much more.

Children’s Services is an essential element in our efforts to break the cycle of poverty and provide Many Mansions’ resident children with an enriching environment to help them be successful later in life. If you would like to learn more about Children’s Services, please contact **Coreen Ellrott**, Director of Services at (805) 601-5368 or coreen@manymansions.org.

Areas where volunteers may be helpful:

See Above

Additional Information (if any):

Notify of future “Partners For Change” Workshops (please provide contact)?

Agency: [National Alliance on Mental Illness](#)

Description of services or support provided to the homeless community:

NAMI, the National Alliance on Mental Illness, is the nation’s largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans affected by mental illness.

- our [education programs](#) ensure hundreds of thousands of families, individuals and educators get the support and information they need.
- NAMI shapes national [public policy](#) for people with mental illness and their families and provides volunteer leaders with the tools, resources and skills necessary to save mental health in all states.
- Our toll-free [NAMI HelpLine](#) allows us to respond personally to hundreds of thousands of requests each year, providing free information and support—a much-needed lifeline for many.
- Public awareness events and activities, including [Mental Illness Awareness Week](#) and [NAMI Walks](#), successfully fight stigma and encourage understanding.

Who to contact to volunteer:

NAMI Ventura County	
Address:	NAMI Ventura County PO Box 1613 Camarillo, CA 93011-1613
Phone:	(805) 641-2426
Fax:	(805) 275-2188
Email Address:	info@namiventura.org
Website:	http://www.namiventura.org

Areas where volunteers may be helpful:

- Become a [NAMI program](#) trainer so you can teach a class or run a support group
- Volunteer on the [NAMI HelpLine](#): call 800-950-NAMI to find out more
- Join or create a [NAMI On Campus](#) club at your university
- Implement one of NAMI's free community outreach programs such as [Say It Out Loud](#), [Sharing Hope](#) or [NAMI FaithNet](#)
- Raise awareness during [Mental Health Month](#), [Mental Illness Awareness Week](#), [National Minority Mental Health Month](#) and [Suicide Prevention Awareness Month](#)

Additional Information (if any):

Notify of future “Partners For Change” Workshops (please provide contact)?

Agency: [National Health Foundation – Recuperative Care](#)

Recuperative care (also known as medical respite) is a not-for-profit program that offers healthcare providers a safe place to discharge homeless patients when they no longer require hospitalization but still need to heal from an illness or injury. These facilities allow individuals to continue their recovery and receive treatment for minor illnesses while case managers facilitate access to primary care, behavioral health services and other supportive social services, such as transportation, food and housing.

Description of services or support provided to the homeless community:

Hospital Partnership
Temporary Housing
Social Services
Medical oversight
Bridge housing

Who to contact to volunteer:

Areas where volunteers may be helpful:

Additional Information (if any):

155 S. Oak St.
Ventura, CA 93004
(805) 667-8215
<https://nationalhealthfoundation.org/recuperative-care/>

Notify of future “Partners For Change” Workshops (please provide contact)?

Agency: [Orchard Church](#)

Brief description of services provided in Ventura:

Who to contact to volunteer:

Areas where volunteers may be helpful:

Other:

- 2 community serve days a year where we do projects at places like Tenderlife, City Center, Riverhaven and local parks and schools.
- Weekly food collection for the Project Understanding food pantry.
- Support Project Understanding at Thanksgiving and with 2 x's a year breakfast in a baggie (about 1000 bags each time).
- Host a tutoring site for Project Understanding that serves 100 low income children. (as well as snacks and occasional food, counseling and speech therapy)
- Hosts and contributes with time, funds and people to the Action Ventura Community Christmas Shoppe that is designed to assist 600 families with toys, meals (breakfast and lunch day of event, (pictures with Santa, prayer, gift wrapping, freebies, live music and more. We work with 12 other congregations for this event.
- Serving a home cooked meal at Riverhaven each month and both serve and share the meal with the residents. Hosts the Thanksgiving meal for the residents and their families...a sit-down full Thanksgiving meal for about 60. We do the same thing for Christmas and have individual gifts for each resident.
- Have served a monthly meal at Tenderlife...currently on hold.
- Have a regular outreach to Cabrillo Village with tutoring, sports and special events.
- Other outreach efforts as special needs arise.

Agency: [Our Lady of Assumption](#)

Description of services or support provided to the homeless community:

Trained volunteers from the parish of Our Lady of Assumption meet with people in need. We interview, listen to their story and provide financial assistance with rent, utility bills, auto repair, license fees, etc. for those in a crisis situation. We also have resources for social services in the community.

Who to contact to volunteer:

Sharon Fleur or Michael Mueller at 805-642-4104 or svdp@ola-ventura.org

Areas where volunteers may be helpful:

Meeting, along with another trained volunteer, with a person in need either in a Home Visit or at our SVdP office at 21 N. Dunning Street, Ventura CA 93003

Additional Information (if any):

We meet the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 9AM -10:30 AM at 21 N Dunning Street, Ventura, CA 93003

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YES!

Agency: Pacific Clinics – [TAY Tunnel](#)

Description of services or support provided to the homeless community:

The transitional age youth (TAY) Wellness and Recovery Center, or TAY Tunnel, is a community-based drop-in center focused on the unique needs of the TAY (ages 18–25 years old) population who are recovering from mental illness and often substance abuse issues, and are also at risk of homelessness, substance abuse, incarceration and increasing severity of mental health issues. The program is a portal for service access, by offering supports commonly utilized by young adults with a serious mental illness without the pressure of enrolling in services.

[Adult Services](#)

[Youth & Family Services](#)

[Mental Health Services Act \(MHSA – Prop 63\)](#)

[County Mental Health Triage Services](#)

Who to contact to volunteer:

Areas where volunteers may be helpful:

Additional Information (if any):

(805) 240-2538

141 West Fifth Street, Suite D, Oxnard

Brochure:

<http://vcportal.ventura.org/VCHCA/Behavioral%20Health/pdf/Trans%20Age%20Youth%20Wellness/tay-tunnel.pdf>

Notify of future “Partners For Change” Workshops (please provide contact)?

Agency: [Peoples Self-Help Housing](#)

Description of services or support provided to the homeless community:

Peoples' Self-Help Housing is a national award-winning non-profit organization that creates affordable housing and self-sufficiency programs on California's Central Coast -- San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura Counties. Services include:

- Supportive housing
- Education
- Community Building and Engagement
- Home Ownership and Home Buying education and workshops

Who to contact to volunteer:

For more information about volunteering with Peoples' Self-Help Housing, check us out on [VolunteerMatch](#) or [VolunteerSLO](#).

Or contact us: info@pshhc.org

Areas where volunteers may be helpful:

For a current list of volunteer needs go to <https://www.pshhc.org/volunteering/>

Additional Information (if any):

To view a list of affordable rental units, go to https://www.pshhc.org/housing/affordable_rental_properties/

To view a list of self-help home ownership properties, go to https://www.pshhc.org/housing/self_help_ownership/home-ownership-developments.html

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Agency: [Project Understanding](#)

Brief description of services provided in Ventura:

- [First Step Center](#) helps people identify resources for which they are eligible, whether in a Project program or through referral to another agency.
 - [Homeless to Home](#) project helps homeless people to find housing and establish a sustainable lifestyle
 - Food Pantry project helps at-risk individuals and families stay housed by assisting with the fundamental need if food. Project helps these people establish and maintain good nutrition though a monthly food grant.
 - Homeless Prevention: Project provides housing assistance to prevent eviction of individuals and families.
 - [Tender Life Maternity Home](#) project provides housing and nutrition for homeless pregnant women though childbirth and for a recovery period. During and after residents' pregnancies, provides training in life skills and employment application.
 - [Tutoring centers](#) provide free weekly tutoring to children Kindergarten-5th. Most tutoring relationships are one-to-one with the same tutor. Eleven Tutoring Centers are open after school in Ventura, Oxnard, Saticoy, El Rio and Santa Paula.
- [SHORE at the WAV](#) (Supportive Housing Opportunities in a Residential Environment) assists those who desire to end their homelessness. SHORE is Case Management of previously homeless families and individuals in permanent, supportive housing apartments subsidized by Section 8 funds.

Who to contact to [volunteer](#):

- For general information regarding volunteer opportunities, and to obtain a volunteer application, go to <http://www.projectunderstanding.org/volunteer> or call (805) 652-1326
- For tutoring contact Carolyn Pillado, (805) 652-1326
- For the Food Pantry contact Wayne Hayward, (805) 652-1326
- For general information call Brandy Beesley (Executive Director) (805) 620-2825, or Jann Hueling (805) 794-1874

Areas where volunteers may be helpful:

- Homeless to Home program
- Helping with food and clients at Food Pantry
- Delivering food to Seniors and Disabled Adults
- Tutoring children at a Tutoring Center
- Providing administrative support in the main office

Other:

Office — 2686 Johnson Drive, Suite 204 Ventura, CA 93003; 805 652-1326

Pantry — 2734 Johnson Dr., Ste. E, Ventura, CA 93003

Website – www.projectunderstanding.org

Notify of future “Partners for Change” Workshops?

Yes, please - Karen Campbell (805) 320-0225; venturarealtor@gmail.com

Agency: [Salvation Army Ventura](#)

Brief description of services provided in Ventura:

- Sunday Worship and services: 10:00am bible study followed by 11:00am service.
- Emergency Disaster Services provides disaster response teams that are on-call to serve at all disasters and civil disorders which place a community at risk, or which may disrupt or destroy family security and well-being.

The program provides assistance to families affected by emergency disasters, Since the Thomas Fire, we have been providing financial and emotional support (Located at the Corps).

- Food Pantry is open 1 day a week (Wednesday 9am-12pm) where assistance is given with food for individuals and families. **Located at the Ventura Corps: 650 South Petit Ave. Ventura, CA 93004**
- Summer Camp: We have a great opportunity for kids during the summer. In a beautiful and safer environment kids can spend a week in the summer learning about different topics and enjoy swimming, hikes, mountain biking, crafts, and more.
- Music Program: The music program in Ventura provides an opportunity for children in the community to learn to play musical instruments. This is an outstanding enrichment opportunity for these children.
- Angel Tree/Toy Drive: Christmas gift program opened to low income families. Sign-ups begin in October and distribution of toys are in December
- Hope Center: The facility on Oak can house 8 single men and 4 single women in our Shelter Program. We now can house 5 single veteran men. It is a sober living environment where individuals will be assigned to in depth case management to help them improve their situation and get connect to the services they need and find permanent housing as soon as possible. Three meals are served each day.
- Homeless services: Our street team engages homeless individuals, where they are, developing case management support with the goal of sustainable housing and employment.
- Safe sleep: The Salvation Army operates the Ventura Safe Sleep Program, where approved individuals can sleep in their cars in the parking lots of two area churches between 7:00pm-7:00am daily.
- Eye Clinic: The Salvation Army in partnership with the Rotary and Lions club offer a free eye clinic at the Hope Center. The Eye clinic is open the public every Thursday from 7:30am-9:30am. It is best to call the Hope Center to schedule an appointment. Those who attend the Eye clinic will receive a free eye exam and if needed a free pair of glasses.

Who to contact to [volunteer](#):

To volunteer at the Ventura Corps please contact:

Laura Krolkowski (Corps Assistance/ Thomas Fire Disaster Case Manager)

805-659-3598 or through email at Laura.krolikowski@usw.salvationarmy.org

Areas where volunteers may be helpful:

Ventura Corps: Food Pantry, answering phones, organizing donations, and cleaning inside and outside of property. Holiday season for Angel Tree distribution and Kettle Campaign.

Other:

Corps Officers:

Lt. Fabio and Silvia Simoes

Fabio.Simoes@usw.salvationarmy.org

Silvia.simoes@usw.salvationarmy.org

Ventura Corps — 650 South Petit Ave. Ventura, CA 93004 805-659-3598

Social Service Director:

Sandra Troxell

Sandra.troxell@usw.salvationarmy.org

Hope Center - 155 South Oak St. Ventura, CA 93001 805-648-4977

Agency: [School on Wheels](#)

Brief description of services provided in Ventura:

The mission of School on Wheels, Inc is to support children and youth experiencing homelessness in their education. We work to close gaps in learning by providing backpacks, school supplies, scholarships, and one-on-one after-school and evening tutoring. Our services are entirely free of cost and referrals can be made via our website www.schoolonwheels.org or calling our office (M-F, 9:00 - 5:00 pm) at (805) 641 - 1678

Who to contact to [volunteer](#):

Terrie Soto
www.schoolonwheels.org
805-641-1678 (office)
805-366-9846 (cell)

Areas where volunteers may be helpful:

- Tutors
- Tutor Coordinator
- Occasionally filling backpacks and misc. specific projects

Other:

Agency: [Seventh Day Adventist Church](#)

Brief description of services provided in Ventura/Congregational Involvement:

We deal with homeless individuals on a weekly basis; they are welcome in our worship services. We also operate a Food Share outlet through our Community Services Center. We provide childcare services during the week. We also partner with Homeless2Home, Turning Point Foundation, Project Understanding, The City Center Transitional Living, The Kingdom Center Oxnard, providing volunteers, mentors, food items, and funding (see below).

Organizations we support, financially and through volunteering (please give an estimate of the level of volunteer and/or financial support you provide):

Turning Point Foundation, Project Understanding, The City Center Transitional Living, and The Kingdom Center Oxnard.

- The total number of volunteers and their hours is unknown as it varies from week to week.
- We distributed over \$300,000.00 in 2016 to the organizations listed above.

Who to contact to volunteer:

Pastor James A. Ayars, jimayars@aol.com, 805 551-7345 cell 805 642-5387 office

Areas where volunteers may be helpful:

Notify of future Partners For Change Workshops?

Absolutely!!!!

Agency: South Coast Fellowship – Open Hands Ministry

Brief description of services provided in Ventura:

- Provides food and clothing resources Monday through Thursday
- Pantry is open 9-11 except for Monday, when it closes at 10:15 or 10:30

Who to contact to volunteer:

James Kam, Pantry Director

Office: (805) 658-7223, cell: (805)320-7454

Areas where volunteers may be helpful:

- Help clients load food in cars
- Retrieve carts
- Assist at outside food tables
- Ladies contribute in and outside of Pantry; men ride to donation sites to load/unload food, sort product to make it available to clients

Other:

Notify of future Partners For Change Workshops?

Pastor Rafael Robles (805) 658-7646

Agency: [Step Up Ventura](#)

Description of services or support provided to the homeless community:

Step Up Ventura provides attachment-based, trauma-informed supportive services to children ages zero to five years who have been affected by or are at risk of homelessness. Children attend full-time therapeutic childcare and/or preschool so their parents can obtain full-time employment and work towards stable housing. One-on-one support is given to each child to assure growth towards developmental milestones and kindergarten readiness. Parents receive parent coaching and guidance on meeting their child's developmental and emotional needs.

- All Day Year-Round Program - provides homeless children and their families attachment-based, trauma informed services.
- Outreach Program - Our two-person teams have specialists in mental health and early childhood education. They meet with homeless parents and their children, covering practical information and doing hands on activities that address the specific needs of their children.

Who to contact to volunteer:

Kate Curtin, our Volunteer Coordinator, if you would like to volunteer:

E-mail: volunteer@stepupventura.org

Phone: (805) 275-6497

Please contact Board Vice President Judy Alexandre if you would like to join our Board of

Directors: Email: info@stepupventura.org

Phone: (805) 665-3385

Areas where volunteers may be helpful:

- Public Events
- Committees
- Board of Directors

Additional Information (if any):

We are housed at Happy Ventures Preschool which is located at 1338 E Santa Clara St. Ventura, CA 93001

Notify of future "Partners For Change" Workshops (please provide contact)?

Agency: [Temple Beth Torah](#)

Brief description of services provided in Ventura:

- Annual food and clothing drive that collects almost 2,000 lbs. of food, \$1,000 for Food Share and a large quantity of clothing for distribution to homeless and foster children
- Provide clothing to Lift Up Your Voice for distribution at the park.
- Have ongoing collection of socks, sundries etc. for distribution to agencies
- Brotherhood Food Pantry operates every Tuesday serving about 50 people
- Operate a Project Understanding Tutoring Center 3 times a week at Temple Beth Torah
- Support The Bike Hub
- Provide a meal to River Haven on the first Monday of the month
- Provide breakfast at Family to Family on the first Sunday of the month
- Regular participation on the Ventura Social Services Task Force (FSSFT) and the VSSFT Faith Subcommittee

Who to contact to volunteer:

Temple Office – Martha
805-647-4181

7620 Foothill Rd, Ventura CA

Agency: [The City Center](#)

Description of services or support provided to the homeless community: Transitional housing for children and their parent(s) for 6-24 months. This is a work program. All adults are to work full-time and are encouraged to attend school, save money and get reliable transportation

Who to contact to [volunteer](#):

Dale and Patti Downs – The City Center 805-628-9035

Areas where volunteers may be helpful:

Construction, Clean-up, child care, mentoring, meals and Classes

Additional Information (if any):

Notify of future “Partners for Change” Workshops? YES

Agency: [The River Community](#)

Brief description of services provided in Ventura:

- Family Food Pantry
- Outreach Ministry Bags of Love
- Office open all week as a referral source for those that are homeless
- Working with H2H and referring clients as needed

Who to contact to volunteer:

Areas where volunteers may be helpful:

Other:

Lead Pastor

Jim Duran

805-648-7955

jimduran@me.com

In communication with the city to begin a pilot program to assist those living in parks

Agency: [The Soap Box](#)

The Soap Box is on hiatus as of 9/1/2019. The portable shower system may occasionally be available for small events

Description of services or support provided to the homeless community:

- Mobile Shower unit
- 2 unisex stalls
- Provide toiletries, towels, clean socks, underwear and tee shirts

Who to contact to [volunteer](#):

Kayce Betzel 805-216-8309

Areas where volunteers may be helpful:

Shower volunteers: 1 Man, 1 Woman & 1 Trailer driver - needed for every run

Additional Information (if any):

Please see the website – www.thesoapbox.com

Needed at shower site – water source, area to drain grey water
Focus is for the homeless population

Notify of future “Partners for Change” Workshops?

Yes, please

Agency: [Turning Point Foundation](#)

Brief description of services provided in Ventura:

- Our Place Shelter provides emergency housing and drop in services.
- Quality of Life enrichment activities and community integration for mentally ill and dual diagnosed adults living in Board and Care Homes with staffing provided by persons with lived mental health experience.
- The Wellness Center focuses on empowering members to develop their own Wellness and Recovery plans, develop Center activities and schedule, and take ownership of the Center recovery programming.
- Rehabilitation Centers provides two community rehabilitation centers that offer unique socialization activities and rehabilitation services.
- River Haven Community is a self-sustaining tent community where basic needs can be met in a stable, sanitary environment free of violence drugs and alcohol until residents are able to access housing.
- Countrywide Supported Housing is a supported transitional housing program, where clients pay 30% of their income for rent and can stay as long as two years.
- Homeless to Home provides Housing First Harm Reduction with street outreach and housing stability case management services to house and support clients in their housing.
- New Visions Clubhouse Ventura
- Oxnard Clubhouse

Who to contact to [volunteer](#):

Volunteer Information: <https://turningpointfoundation.org/ways-to-care/>

Ramon Valdez

(805) 232-8635

2697 Saviers Road, Oxnard, CA 93033

rvaldez@turningpointfoundation.org

Other Contacts: <https://turningpointfoundation.org/contact/>

Areas where volunteers may be helpful:

Other:

Monarch Meadows: A rehabilitation garden at California University Channel Islands. It offers serenity and healing for mental health clients.

Administrative Offices: 805-652-0000; 505 Poli St. suite 401 Ventura, CA 93001

Agency: [US Veterans Affairs](#)

Brief description of [services provided in Ventura](#):

If you are a Veteran who has lost your home, receive the support you've earned to get back on your feet. Contact VA's National Call Center for homeless Veterans at 877 4AID-VET (877-424-3838) to speak to a trained VA responder. The hotline and online chat are free and neither VA registration nor enrollment in VA healthcare is required to use either service.

- VA's Compensated Work Therapy (CWT) has three unique programs which assist homeless Veterans in returning to competitive employment, Sheltered Workshop, Transitional Work and Supported Employment.
- The Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program provides grants and per diem payments to help public and nonprofit organizations establish and operate supportive housing and service centers for homeless Veterans.
- HUD-VA Supportive Housing (VASH) Program is joint effort between the Department of Housing and Urban Development and VA. Vouchers allow Veterans and their families to live in market rate rental units while VA provides case management services. A housing subsidiary is paid to the landlord on behalf of the participating Veteran. The Veteran pays the difference between the actual rent charged by the landlord and the amount subsidized by the program.
- The Acquired Property Sales for Homeless Providers Program makes all foreclosed properties available for sale to homeless provider organizations at a 20 to 50 % discount to shelter homeless Veterans.
- The Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) Program provides grants and technical assistance to community-based, non-profit organizations to help Veterans and families stay in their homes.
- Health Care for Homeless Veterans (HCHV) offers outreach, exams, treatment, referrals, and case management to Veterans who are homeless and dealing with mental health issues, including substance use.
- Homeless Patient Aligned Care Teams (H-PACTs) Program provides a coordinated "medical home" specifically tailored to the needs of homeless Veterans that integrates clinical care with delivery of social services with enhanced access and community coordination.
- VA's Homeless Dental Program provides dental treatment for eligible Veterans.
- Project CHALENG (Community Homelessness Assessment, Local Education and Networking Groups): Brings together providers, advocates, and other concerned citizens to identify the needs of homeless Veterans and work to meet those needs through planning and cooperative action.
- Veteran Outreach provides eligible justice-involved Veterans with timely access to VA's mental health and substance use services when clinically indicated, and other VA services and benefits as appropriate.
- VA's Substance Use Disorder Treatment provides substance use services in the community to aid homeless Veterans' recovery.

Agency: US Veterans Affairs, cont.

- The Health Care for Re-Entry Veterans Program helps incarcerated Veterans successfully rejoin the community through supports including those addressing mental health and substance use problems.
- The Readjustment Counseling Service's Vet Center Programs feature community-based locations and outreach activities that help to identify homeless Veterans and match homeless Veterans with the necessary services.

Who to contact to volunteer: NA

Areas where volunteers may be helpful: NA

Other:

Agency: [United Way of Ventura County](#)

Brief description of services provided in Ventura:

- Volunteer services to the cities of Ventura County. Includes Interface, Rescue Mission Alliance, Domestic Violence Shelter, Caring Neighbors, Many Mansions, Lutheran Local Services, Area Housing Authority, YMCA and others.

Who to contact to [volunteer](#):

<http://www.volunteerventuracounty.org/>

Areas where volunteers may be helpful:

Other:

Agency: [Unitarian Universalist Church](#)

Brief description of services provided in Ventura:

Who to contact to volunteer:

Areas where volunteers may be helpful:

Other:

- Photo Projects: features places homeless children sleep and the faces of homelessness.
- Circles of Love: Individuals are invited to assist case managers in helping people work their way out of homelessness.
- River Haven: Individuals are welcome to provide dishes for community meetings on 1st and 3rd Mondays.
- Safe Sleep: Houses of faith can volunteer to open their parking lot for people to sleep in their vehicles 7 pm — 7 am
- One Stop: Attend a training session at the church and then volunteer at One Stop Tuesday or Wednesday mornings.
- Family to Family: Serving 150-200 homeless or nearly homeless individuals first Mondays 9:30 — 1.
- Park Outreach: Tempt people who spend their days in the parks to move forward by providing lunch at River Church Thursdays at 11; serving providers will be there.
- Donating nearly \$50,000 each year to agencies working to end homelessness and poverty. (for example, the Ventura Homeless Prevention Fund)

Jennifer Luce, Administrator
805-652-3898

Agency: [Ventura County Area Agency on Ageing \(Homeshare Program\)](#)

Description of services or support provided to the homeless community:

HomeShare is a housing program that matches people looking for housing with people that have extra space and are looking for a roommate. The process includes an application, an interview, inspection of a home provider's property, background checks and follow-up. Homesharing is an alternative way of meeting housing needs that benefits renters and homeowners alike. Some reasons people share include companionship, help with chores and light housekeeping, or financial assistance with taxes, utilities and maintenance. For more information, check out our [HomeShare Information Booklet](#) or call (805) 477-7300 or email at Home.Share@ventura.org.

Who to contact to volunteer:

If you are interested in joining our Volunteer Team, please fill out our [Volunteer Applicant Form](#) and email it to Brian.Murphy@ventura.org to get started or call (805) 477-7300 for more details.

Areas where volunteers may be helpful:

[Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program \(HICAP\)](#)

For more information please call HICAP at (805) 477-7310.

Additional Information (if any):

Interested in becoming a home provider?

Please submit the online [Home Provider Application \(https://www.vcaaa.org/home-provider-online-application/\)](https://www.vcaaa.org/home-provider-online-application/).

Are you a home seeker?

Please submit the online [Home Seeker Application \(https://www.vcaaa.org/home-seeker-online-application/\)](https://www.vcaaa.org/home-seeker-online-application/).

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Agency: [Ventura County Behavioral Health - STAR Program/Rise Program](#)

Brief description of services provided in Ventura:

- STAR serves consumers of all ages who are entering the county's behavioral health care system. The program coordinates access so that consumers receive timely, appropriate, and consistent information, thorough screening, triage, assessment, and/or linkage to appropriate mental health services and supports in an efficient, high quality, culturally sensitive manner county-wide. "Recovery Coaches", who are individuals with "lived experience", assist in engaging persons in treatment who have traditionally been un-served and underserved, while helping to ensure that the concepts of empowerment, wellness and recovery are incorporated from the beginning of the consumers experience with the Behavioral Health Department system. STAR has increased the county's ability to provide consistent, coordinated outreach, assessment, supports and referral to our community, including an increase in service to un-served and underserved individuals.

Who to contact to volunteer:

Areas where volunteers may be helpful:

Other:

Gloria Lozano (Santa Clara Valley Only)

805 981-9216

Gloria.Lozano@ventura.org

Also, launching a new program called Rapid Integrated Support & Engagement (RISE) primarily funded by the Investment in Mental Wellness Act of 2013. The new team will provide multiple services including extensive countrywide outreach to clients who are at risk of or currently experiencing a mental health crisis. The main goal is to successfully link clients to the appropriate level of mental health care they require by providing robust transitional case management and clinical services in field settings. The RISE team will be specifically focusing on those who traditionally fall through the cracks" without special intervention, i.e. homeless, post-psychiatric inpatient hospital clients, etc. The RISE team will also be available to respond to sub-acute crises in the community that do not require the deployment of the existing Adult Mobile Crisis Team. The RISE team is working closely with law enforcement and other community partners, including Homeless 2 Home street outreach teams to ensure effective and efficient service delivery in Ventura County.

The Behavioral Health Advisory Board is also looking at Laura's Law and whether it would be a useful tool for our community. Laura's Law opens the door to court mandated outpatient treatment for consumers who are gravely disabled by their mental illness.

Agency: Ventura County Healthcare Agency - [One Stop Center](#)

Description of services or support provided to the homeless community:

Provides the following services at multiple locations throughout the County;

- Intake and referral to eligible unsheltered homeless persons, to assist in the progression towards a healthier more stable living condition, with the ultimate goal of permanent housing and self-sufficiency.
- Referrals to permanent supportive housing to chronically homeless individuals with disabilities, including substance abuse disorders, mental illness, physical health issues, and/or victims of domestic abuse.
- Addresses clients basic survival needs, i.e. basic medical care, food, clothing, identification, showers, shelter (as best as possible), and helps to identify the causes of their homelessness, and barriers to achieving a more stable living condition, and linking them to services.
- Counseling and referral, including assisting clients in addressing identified needs and barriers, and facilitating referrals to local, state, and federal programs, and private sector agencies for further services, such as emergency, or transitional shelter, employment training, mental health services, substance abuse services, or educational training.
- Facilitate medical care or medicine, including emergency medical care of supplies for special medical needs.
- Transportation or expenses involved with getting qualification documentation or identification for public assistance programs. Transportation cost may include bus passes, or taxi vouchers, and vouchers for fee waivers for the DMV.
- Ongoing case management/mentoring to maintain stability.
- Offers overdose prevention (naloxone) kits.

Areas where volunteers may be helpful:

Registration, Intake, Needs Assessment, Office Administration, Health Risk Assessment, Mail Room Services

Other:

James Boyd

(805) 233-1788

James.Boyd@ventura.org

Agency: [Ventura County Human Services Agency Homeless Services](#)

Brief description of services provided in Ventura:

Connects individuals and families seeking help to a network of agencies that provide health care, mental health services, drug and alcohol abuse treatment, temporary housing, and other benefits, and seeks to help clients' secure permanent housing.

- Homeless Prevention & Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP) funds are available to local residents who are currently homeless or facing homelessness from rental housing within 21 days. May include rental deposits, utility payments; and/or moving and storage costs.
- RAIN Transitional Living Center provides temporary housing and services for individuals and families transitioning from homelessness to self-sufficiency. Provides for adult men and women recovering from injury or illness. Provides case management and counseling, a clean sober environment, nutritious meals, transportation for jobs and job searches and care for children.

Who to contact to volunteer:

Areas where volunteers may be helpful:

Other:

Services (805) 385-1800. (weekdays 8:00AM - 4:30PM or leave a message)

R.A.I.N. 805-383-7505. [Leave your name and number where you can be reached](#)

Homeless Shelters in Ventura <https://www.ventura.org/human-services-agency/homeless-shelters/>

Agency: [Ventura County Human Services Agency Homeless Services – Whole Person Care](#)

Brief description of services provided in Ventura:

- Coordination of health, behavioral health, and social services
- Comprehensive coordinated care for the beneficiary resulting in better health outcomes

Who to contact to volunteer:

Alicia Taroya
(805) 339-1122
800 S Victoria Ave, Ventura CA 93009

Areas where volunteers may be helpful:

Other:

Goals and Strategies

- Increase, improve, and achieve:
 - Integration among county agencies, health plans, providers, and other participating entities
 - Coordination and appropriate access to care
 - Access to housing and supportive services
 - Health outcomes for the WPC population
 - Data collection and sharing among local entities
 - Targeted quality and administrative improvement benchmarks
 - Infrastructure that will ensure local collaboration over the long term
- Reduce:
 - Inappropriate emergency department and inpatient utilization

Agency: [Ventura County Jewish Family Service](#)

Brief description of services provided in Ventura:

- Clinic Counseling
- School Counseling Services
- Low-Cost Legal Services
- Social Skills
- Homeless Outreach
- Senior Case Management
- Holocaust Survivor Services
- Community Based Social Work
- Internship program
- Information and Referral
- CEUs and Workshops

Who to contact to volunteer:

Areas where volunteers may be helpful:

Other:

Main Office:

857 E. Main St. Ventura, CA 93001

805-642-6565

Satellite Office:

80 E. Hillcrest Dr. Thousand Oaks, CA 91360

805-496-3896

Agency: [Ventura County Probation Agency](#)

Brief description of services provided in Ventura:

Who to contact to volunteer:

Areas where volunteers may be helpful:

Other:

Andy Souza
805 662-6987
andy.souza@ventura.org

Agency: [Ventura County Public Defender's Office](#)

Description of services or support provided to the homeless community:

- County Law Office representing indigent people charged with criminal offences.

Who to contact to volunteer:

- Paul Drevenstedt
- (805) 654-2408
- 800 S Victoria Ave., Room 207, Ventura CA 93009

Areas where volunteers may be helpful:

Additional Information (if any):

Notify of future "Partners For Change" Workshops (please provide contact)?

Agency: [Ventura County Rescue Mission/Lighthouse for Women & Children](#)

Description of services or support provided to the homeless community:

VENTURA COUNTY RESCUE MISSION

The Ventura County Rescue Mission serves the poor and homeless, offering hope to thousands of hurting people. It is the longest standing year-round shelter for homeless men in Ventura County.

LIGHTHOUSE FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN

The Lighthouse for Women and Children, serving homeless single women and women with children, established its Life Recovery program in 1998, offering a transitional living program that included a program for recovery from drug and alcohol addiction. In December of 2003, the Lighthouse established a year-round emergency shelter that also serves as an overflow shelter when the two domestic violence shelters in the County are full.

Who to contact to volunteer:

Ventura County Rescue Mission

Dee Higgins

(805)436-4599

VCRMVolCo@erescuemission.org

Lighthouse for Women & Children

(805)436-4555

Lighthousevolco@erescuemission.org

Areas where volunteers may be helpful:

For a current list of volunteer needs go to: <https://vcrecuemission.org/homeinfo/volunteer/>

Additional Information (if any):

Notify of future “Partners For Change” Workshops (please provide contact)?

Agency: [Ventura County St. Vincent de Paul](#)

Brief description of services provided in Ventura:

The St Vincent de Paul of Los Angeles' office, located in an Oxnard business park just east of La Colonia, closed Oct. 1., 2018. It had operated the winter warming shelters for years before transitioning to case management and housing services.

The various St Vincent de Paul Conferences of Charities volunteer groups remain in place at individual parishes (Our Lady of the Assumption in Ventura, Sacred Heart in Ventura, St Sebastian in Santa Paula, etc.), and assist with food, clothing, shelter, bills, appliances and other needs.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL- Sacred Heart Conference

805-216-2787

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL- Our Lady of the Assumption Conference

805-642-4104

Areas where volunteers may be helpful:

- Work in a food pantry
- Visit retirement and convalescent homes
- Conduct a food, clothing, blanket or toy drive for those in need
- Plan service opportunities for youth members
- Deliver food or meals to shut-ins
- Drive senior citizens to the grocery store or doctor's appointments

Other:

Agency: [Ventura County – Veteran Services Office](#)

Description of services or support provided to the homeless community:

- The County of Ventura – Veteran Services Office is staffed by VA accredited professionals providing free services that connect the 50,000 military personnel and veterans and their families living in the county with federal & state veteran’s affairs benefits and local recourses. This includes monthly monetary benefits, assistance with burial & bereavement, education, employment, emergency financial needs, incarceration/legal, housing & homelessness, health care, mental health care, substance abuse and more. Military personnel within 180 days of separation and every veteran, dependent, and survivor is encouraged to contact our office to receive a full assessment of their benefits. <https://www.ventura.org/human-services-agency/veteran-services/>

Who to contact to volunteer:

- Services are provided by professional only – no volunteer opportunities

Agency: [Ventura Homeless Prevention Fund](#)

Brief description of services provided in Ventura:

- Ventura Homeless Prevention keeps people who would, if not for us, fall into homelessness. 23,000 residents of Ventura live each day just one paycheck away from homelessness. An illness, accident, or temporary job loss can cause them to fall behind in the rent. It's a temporary setback, but with no savings, they find themselves facing eviction. Experience has shown that a one-time infusion of 700.00 or less can give people a chance to get back on their feet. Ongoing case management ensures that the household remains stable, and over 90% of those the Fund has helped remain in their homes one year later. If people are allowed to fall into homelessness, a downward spiral often begins. To prevent this, it is crucial that we get people back into housing right away. Ventura Homeless Prevention protects landlords against financial loss that comes as a result of renting to someone who has been homeless, thus making more landlords willing to rent to this segment of the population and making more rental units available for those who have been homeless.

Who to contact to volunteer:

- Sue Brinkmeyer.
- 818 281-6249
- sbrink@glendale.edu

Areas where volunteers may be helpful:

- Serve on committee, or work within Ventura Homeless Prevention

Other:

To donate to the program: Mail checks to Ventura Homeless Prevention at 5654 Ralston Ventura, CA 93003.

www.vhpf.net

Agency: [Ventura Unified School District](#)

Brief description of services provided in Ventura:

<https://www.venturausd.org/edserv/EducationalServices/StudentSupportServices/HomelessFosterYouth.aspx>

Because homeless families frequently move, there are special laws that consider the needs of these families and their children through the McKinney Homeless Assistance Act. If a homeless student moves during the school year, he or she may continue at the original school for the remainder of the year or enroll in another school where he or she currently resides. This school choice decision is based upon consideration of the child's best interest and the parent's request. **Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act, Section 722 (g)(3).**

Homeless or Foster Youth can enroll and begin attending classes before records have arrived at the new school. Schools of students in foster care must immediately forward school records to the new school within five working days after a request. **CA Education Code §490069.5(e)**

A homeless student may remain in her/his school of origin for the duration of homelessness. It is not until the student becomes permanently housed that they may continue at the school of origin until the remainder of the year or enroll in the boundary school.

Who to contact to volunteer:

Areas where volunteers may be helpful:

Other:

JoAnn Young- Myers
Student Support Services Homeless Liaison
805-641-5000 ext. 1106

- Steward B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act, Section 722 (g)(3) - A law that considers the needs of homeless families that frequently move. If a homeless student moves during the school year he or she may continue at the original school for the remainder of the year or enroll in another school where he or she currently resides. The school choice decision is based upon consideration of the child's best interest and parent's request.
- CA Education Code 490069.5(e) - Homeless and Foster Youth can enroll and begin attending classes before records have arrived at the new school. Schools of students in foster care must immediately forward records to the new school within 5 working days after a request
- Homeless and Foster Youth - Rights are granted to homeless families under the "McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act".

Partial listing of Area Houses of Worship Active in Homelessness Prevention/Service

[Bible Fellowship Church](#)

6950 Ralston Street, Ventura, CA 93003
805 656-7766
info@encounterlife.org

[Church of the Foothills](#)

6279 Foothill Rd, Ventura, CA 93003
805 644-3036
Admin@foothillschurcheinventura.com

[Coastline Bible Church](#)

426 S. Mills Road, Ventura, CA 93003
805 642-3244
<https://coastlinebible.org/other/contact/>

[Community Bible Church](#)

5040 Telegraph Road, Ventura, CA 93003
805 339-0019
sally@cbcventura.org

[Community Presbyterian Church](#)

1555 Poli Street, Ventura, CA 93001
805 648-2737
<http://cpcventura.org/contact.html>

[First Christian Church of Ventura](#)

38 Teloma Dr., Ventura, CA 93003
805 642-4146

[Orchard Church](#)

8180 Telephone Road, Ventura, CA 93004
805 647-3757
info@orchardventura.org

[Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church](#)

3175 Telegraph Road, Ventura, CA 93003-3218
Phone: 805-642-7966

Sacred Heart Church - Ventura, CA

10800 Henderson Road, Ventura, CA 93004
Phone: (805) 647-3235
rectory@sacredheartventura.org

San Buenaventura Mission

211 East Main Street, Ventura, CA 93001
805 643-4318
mission@sanbuenaventuramission.org

Saticoy Church

Washington School Auditorium,
96 MacMillan Ave., Ventura, CA 93001
805 624-9125
rexholt@gmail.com

Seventh Day Adventist Church

6300 Telephone Road, Ventura, CA 93003
805 642-5387
jimayars@aol.com

The River Community Church, Ventura

889 E Santa Clara St, Ventura, CA 93001
(805) 648-7955
info@therivercommunity.org

Temple Beth Torah

7620 Foothill Road, Ventura, CA 93004
805 647-4181
TBTVentura@templebethtorah.com

Trinity Lutheran Church

196 N. Ashwood Ave., Ventura, CA 93003
805 644-7474
office@tlcventura.org

Unitarian Universalist Church

5654 Ralston Street, Ventura, CA 93003
805 644-3898
office@uuventura.org

Ventura Center for Spiritual Living

101 South Laurel St., Ventura, CA 93001
805 643-1933
<http://venturacsl.org/contact/>

Ventura Church of Christ

5401 Bryn Mawr, Ventura, CA 93003

805 642-2343

info@venturachurchofchrist.org