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## **New West Charter Middle School Community Service Directory**

### **ANIMALS**

- **Much Love Animal Rescue**  
<http://muchlove.org/volunteer>
- **PAWS LA**  
PAWS LA helps to take care of pets whose owners are facing financial or physical difficulties. You can help by delivering food or volunteering at one of their special events. [www.pawsla.org](http://www.pawsla.org).
- **Ride On LA**  
Volunteers 12 or older can groom and tack horses, walk beside disabled riders with poor balance. No previous experience necessary. 818-700-2971 or [www.rideon.org](http://www.rideon.org).
- **Santa Monica Animal Shelter**  
1640 9<sup>th</sup> St. Santa Monica. 310-450-6179. [www.santamonicapd.org/animal/](http://www.santamonicapd.org/animal/)  
14 and older only
- **SERT (Special Equestrian Riding Therapy)**  
Students 13 or older can help disabled individuals learn to ride horses  
818-776-6476. Agoura Hills. [www.set.org](http://www.set.org)
- **Strides Therapeutic Riding**  
Students 13 or older can help disabled individuals learn to ride horses and groom the animals. 4737 Wilbur Ave. Northridge. 818-341-4737. [www.strides.org](http://www.strides.org)
- **Venice For The Animals**  
Feed animals and help with adoption procedures. <http://vftafoundation.org>

### **ELDER CARE**

- **Berkley Gardens Residential Care**  
Senior Citizen retirement home. 2602 Broadway, Santa Monica  
310-453-8816 – Director of Activities
- **Gardens of Santa Monica**  
Senior Citizen retirement home. 851 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Santa Monica. 310-939-2260
- **Jewish Family Services of Santa Monica**  
Play music or just be company for a senior  
1424 Fourth St. #303. 310-485-4544 ext 303 – Ana Corral
- **Ocean House**  
Senior Citizen retirement home. 2107 Ocean Ave. Santa Monica  
310-399-3227 – Melissa
- **Ocean Villa**  
Assisted living for seniors. Participate in planned activities or just be company for a senior. 413 Ocean Ave. Santa Monica. 310-393-0242 – Father Paul Volunteer Coordinator

- **Organization for the Needs of the Elderly**  
Work at Encino's Farmers Market. Blowing up Balloons, greeting people and assisting sellers. Parental supervision required. Sundays 7:30am - 1:00pm.  
818-705-2345 – Joyce
- **Senior Smiles** – [www.seniormiles.org](http://www.seniormiles.org). You will be trained to work with senior citizens who are lonely and would like to see a friendly face every once in awhile.
- **Sunrise Care Center**  
Play music or just be company for a senior  
1321 Franklin St. Santa Monica. 310-828-5596
- **Upward Bound House**  
This facility houses low income elderly and has a wide variety of opportunities for people to volunteer of all ages. 310-458-7779 or [www.upwardboundhouse.org](http://www.upwardboundhouse.org).

### **ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE**

- **Children's Nature Institute**  
[www.childrensnatureinstitute.org/volunteer/](http://www.childrensnatureinstitute.org/volunteer/)
- **Coalition for Clean Air**  
10780 Santa Monica Blvd. 310-441-1544  
[www.coalitionforcleanair.org](http://www.coalitionforcleanair.org)
- **Concerned Off Road Bicyclists Association**  
Trail work and maintenance on mountain bike trails.  
818-909-7185 or [www.corbamt.com](http://www.corbamt.com).
- **Friends of Ballona Wetlands**  
Help restore and maintain the wetlands.  
310-306-5994 or [www.ballonafriends.org](http://www.ballonafriends.org).
- **Heal the Bay**  
Beach clean-up, adopt a beach or stream maintenance.  
310-453-0395 or [www.healthebay.org](http://www.healthebay.org).
- **Kayaking Clean Up - Marina Del Rey**  
Contact Jeff Ranes or Jennifer Bost at 310-829-7391 ext 521
- **Mountains Restoration Trust**  
This organization helps to replant trees in the Santa Monica Mountains.  
818-591-1701 or [www.mountaintrust.org](http://www.mountaintrust.org).
- **North East Trees**  
This organization helps to protect and restore the natural and historic heritage of the Los Angeles urban areas and surrounding communities.  
[www.northeasttrees.org](http://www.northeasttrees.org).
- **Treepeople**  
Tree planting around the community. 818-623-4879 or [www.treepeople.org](http://www.treepeople.org).
- **Tree Musketeers**  
136 Main St. suite A, El Segundo, CA 90245  
310-322-0263 or [www.treemusketeers.org](http://www.treemusketeers.org)
- **Zuman Farms**  
Plant and harvest food in this beautiful setting in Malibu. 29127 PCH.  
310-457-4356 - Alan

### **HOMELESS AND HUNGRY**

- **Beyond Shelter**  
<http://beyondshelter.org/home.html>
- **Children Helping Poor and Homeless People**

Check the website at [www.chphp.com](http://www.chphp.com) for further information.

310-840-4777 – Christine

- **Children's Hunger Fund**  
[http://childrenshungerfund.org/volunteer\\_how\\_details.php?volunteerHowID=1](http://childrenshungerfund.org/volunteer_how_details.php?volunteerHowID=1)
- **Fed Up With Hunger** - <http://givelifemeaning.org/fed-up-with-hunger.html>.  
Work with local organizations trying to fight hunger.
- **Food on Foot**  
Help distribute pre-packaged food and clothing on Sundays at 3:30 P.M. in Hollywood. 310-442-0088 or [www.foodonfoot.org/volunteer.asp](http://www.foodonfoot.org/volunteer.asp)
- **Heartfelt Foundation**  
Help feeding those who are hungry, assisting at-risk and in-need families, supporting disadvantaged or abused children, helping those with no homes, to providing comfort to the sick and terminal.  
[http://www.heartfelt.org/our\\_mission.html](http://www.heartfelt.org/our_mission.html)
- **HOPE – Helping Other People Eat**  
HOPE provides a hot, nutritious meal every Wednesday and Thursday afternoon in Palisades Park located in Santa Monica, CA. 2210 Lincoln Boulevard, Room 15 Venice, CA 90291. 310.391.1432
- **Midnight Mission** - <http://www.midnightmission.org/help-volunteer.asp>
- **OPCC**  
1453 16TH STREET, SANTA MONICA, CA 90404 310.264.6646  
OPCC, (formerly the Ocean Park Community Center), is a network of shelters and services for low-income and homeless youth, adults and families, battered women and their children and people living with mental illness.  
<http://www.opcc.net/GivingtoOPCC/Volunteer/tabid/114/Default.aspx>
- **People Assisting the Homeless**  
5 students per adult and the adult will have to go to an orientation meeting.  
Serve dinner Mon - Sun 4:30 - 6:00pm  
236 Cotner Ave. 310-996-0034
- **Project Chicken Soup**  
12 - 15 years old. 5 students per adult. Serve Kosher dinners twice a month on Sundays for people with HIV and AIDS. Drivers and cooks needed also.  
338 N. Fairfax. 323-655-5330
- **SOVA Food Pantry**  
818-789-7633. [www.jfsla.org/index.php?/volunteer](http://www.jfsla.org/index.php?/volunteer)
- **Turning Point**  
Transitional housing dedicated moving residents from the street to independent living. 1453 16<sup>th</sup> St. Santa Monica. 310-828-6717. [www.turningpoint.org](http://www.turningpoint.org)
- **Upward Bound House**  
This transitional housing facility for homeless families has a wide variety of opportunities for people of all ages to volunteer.  
310-458-7779 or [www.upwardboundhouse.org](http://www.upwardboundhouse.org).
- **Westside Food Bank**  
Help with the intake of donated food. 1710 22nd Street. Santa Monica  
310-828-6016 ext 13 Allison. [www.westsidefoodbankca.org](http://www.westsidefoodbankca.org)

## **MISC ORGANIZATIONS AND WEBSITES**

- **American Cancer Society**  
Enter your zip code and find volunteer opportunities in the fight for Cancer  
[www.cancer.org/docroot/COM/COM\\_0.asp](http://www.cancer.org/docroot/COM/COM_0.asp)
- **Cedars Sinai Hospital**  
Hospital assistant Saturdays or Sundays.

- 310-423-3277 or [www.csmc.edu](http://www.csmc.edu).
- **Dosomething.org**  
Enter your zip code and find an organization to volunteer for at [www.dosomething.org](http://www.dosomething.org)
  - **Idealist.org**  
Enter your zip code and find an organization to volunteer for at [www.idealist.org](http://www.idealist.org)
  - **Kidscare.org**  
Check the website at [www.kidscare.org](http://www.kidscare.org) for further information
  - **L.A. Works**  
Check the website at [www.la-volunteer.org](http://www.la-volunteer.org) for further information
  - **Network for Good**  
Enter your zip code and find an organization to volunteer for at [www.networkforgood.org](http://www.networkforgood.org)
  - **Operation Gratitude**  
Operation Gratitude seeks to lift troops' morale, and bring a smile to their faces by sending care packages to service members overseas. Care packages contain food, toiletries, entertainment items and personal letters of appreciation, all wrapped with good wishes of love and support.  
[http://www.opgratitude.com/volunteer\\_hours.php](http://www.opgratitude.com/volunteer_hours.php)
  - **Santa-Monica.org**  
To find activities in the Santa Monica or Westside area type the word volunteer in the search box of [www.santa-monica.org](http://www.santa-monica.org).
  - **Servenet.org**  
For projects in your area go to [www.servenet.org](http://www.servenet.org).
  - **Special Olympics Southern California**  
[www.sosc.org/default.htm](http://www.sosc.org/default.htm)
  - **St Matthews Thrift Shop**  
Working in thrift shop selling and sorting clothes. 310-396-9776
  - **USA Freedom Corps**  
For projects in your area go to [www.usafreedomcorps.gov](http://www.usafreedomcorps.gov)
  - **Volunteermatch.org**  
For projects in your area go to [www.volunteermatch.org](http://www.volunteermatch.org).

## **YOUTH SUPPORT ACTIVITIES**

- **Access Books**  
Organize book drives, paint libraries, catalog books, pick up and deliver donated books. Saturdays and Sundays. 310-204-6350 or [www.accessbooks.net](http://www.accessbooks.net).
- **American Red Cross Youth in Action**  
610 N. Eucalyptus, Inglewood. 310-330-7750. 14 and older.
- **Artists Helping Children**  
Click on to this website for a wide variety of community opportunities.  
<http://www.artistshelpingchildren.org/wayschildrencanvolunteer.html>
- **AYSO VIP**  
AYSO VIP Program provides a quality soccer experience for children and adults whose physical or mental disabilities make it difficult to successfully participate on mainstream teams. <http://soccer.org/Programs/VIP/>
- **Boys and Girls Club of Venice or Santa Monica**  
Assisting with arts and crafts. Tutoring kids. 1 hour a week if possible.  
[www.bgca.org](http://www.bgca.org).
- **Camp Ronald McDonald - Goodtimes**  
Volunteer and work with kids with Cancer and their families.  
310-476-8488 or [www.campronaldmcdonald.org/goodtimes](http://www.campronaldmcdonald.org/goodtimes)

- **Children's Action Network**  
Reading a book to a child and creating a project afterwards. Maximum of four kids at once. Parental supervision required.  
310-470-9599 – Rebecca
- **Foundation for the Junior Blind**  
The Foundation offers a wide variety of volunteer opportunities for youngsters, teens and adults. 323-295-4555 or [www.fjb.org](http://www.fjb.org).
- **Kids Café**  
Volunteers can help with meal preparation and service as well as tutoring the kids. Venice Boys and Girls Club. 1234 Pacific Ave. Venice. 310-690-9607
- **Kidsave International**  
[www.kidsave.org](http://www.kidsave.org) or 1-888-Kidsave.
- **Library reading programs**  
Contact your local library for volunteer opportunities
- **Locks for Love**  
Donate hair to children under 18 who are suffering from long-term medical hair loss. [www.locksoflove.org/donate\\_hair.php](http://www.locksoflove.org/donate_hair.php)
- **My Stuff Bags Foundation**  
Stuff bags for abused and neglected children. 5347 Sterling Center Drive Westlake Village, CA 91361. Diane - 866 3MY-STUFF. <http://mystuffbags.org/>
- **Neighborhood Youth Center**  
Tutoring and helping kids with homework. Parental supervision required. Commitment is 1 hr a week for 10 weeks. Open until 6:00pm.  
310-390-6641 – Margie
- **Pacific Palisades Branch Library**  
Helping children read and work on projects. 310-459-2754
- **Police Activities League (PAL)**  
Tutor k – 12 kids in reading, math and other activities.
- **Ronald McDonald House**  
Volunteer and work with kids with Cancer and their families. 323-666-6400
- **Shane's Inspiration**  
Play with disabled children in a playground atmosphere.  
[www.shanesinspiration.org](http://www.shanesinspiration.org)
- **Trinity Care Hospice**  
Trinity Care Hospice provides care for people with a life threatening illness. They ensure that each of their remaining days is met with comfort and support.  
[www.trinitycarehospice.org](http://www.trinitycarehospice.org)
- **Virginia Avenue Park - Homework Assistance Program**  
Youth 13 and up needed to assist elementary students, from 3:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Virginia Park welcomes strong academic students who are mature to work with the 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> graders.
- **Westside Children's Center**  
12120 Wagner Street Culver City  
310-390-0551 - Volunteers must be 13 and older. Plan activity with kids and play with them. <http://westsidechildrens.org/Volunteer>

## **WALKS AND EVENTS**

- **American Heart Association Heart Walk** – October 15, 2011
- **AIDS Walk-a-thon** – October 16, 2011
- **Alzheimer’s Memory Walk** – October 9, 2011
- **Big Sunday** – May 4, May 5, and May 6, 2011
- **Children’s Hospital Los Angeles Walk for Kids** – Spring 2012
- **Coastal Clean-Up** - September 17, 2011
- **Cure FD** – Spring 2012
- **Earth Day EWaste Drives** – April 21-22, 2012
- **JDRF Walk to Cure Juvenile Diabetes** – November 6, 2011
- **Kickin’ Cancer** - September 18, 2011
- **Kids 4 Kids - Children's Cancer Research Fund** – April 2011
- **LA Cancer Challenge** – October 30, 2011
- **Light the Night – Leukemia and Lymphoma** – October 1, 2011
- **National Psoriasis Walk – [April 2012](#)**
- **One Voice Barker Hanger Food Packaging** – Fall/Winter 2011
- **Revlon Walk** - May 12, 2012
- **Run For Her – Ovarian Cancer** – November 13, 2011
- **St Vincent Beach, Walk/Bike – A – Thon Meals on Wheels** – April 2012
- **Westside Food Bank Hunger Walk** – November 6, 2011
- **World Water Day** – March 22, 2012

This directory is a starting point for students who may not know where to go to fulfill their community service requirement. Please let me know if you would like to add an organization or if any information is incorrect.

Sincerely,

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## **September and October Walk/Run/Bike Events**

### **September**

- **Coastal Clean-Up** - September 17, 2011 Los Angeles  
<http://www.healthebay.org/>
- **Kickin' Cancer** - September 18, 2011 Los Angeles  
[kickincancer.com](http://kickincancer.com)
- **National Kidney Foundation** – September 25, 2011 Los Angeles  
[www.kidney.org](http://www.kidney.org)
- **Lupus Foundation of America – Walk for Lupus Now** – September 24, 2011 Los Angeles  
[donate.lupus.org/losangeles](http://donate.lupus.org/losangeles)
- **Ovarian Cancer Run** - September 11, 2011 Studio City  
<http://www.ovariancancerrun.com>
- **Huntington's Disease Society of America** – September 17, 2011 North Hollywood  
<http://www.firstgiving.com/hdsa-losangeles>

### **October**

- **Bike MS** - October 1-2, 2011 Ventura  
<http://bikecal.nationalmssociety.org>
- **American Heart Association Heart Walk** – October 15, 2011 Los Angeles  
[www.heartwalkla.org](http://www.heartwalkla.org)
- **AIDS Walk-a-thon** – October 16, 2011 Los Angeles  
<http://www.aidswalk.net/losangeles/eventinfo/faq.html>
- **Alzheimer's Memory Walk** – October 9, 2011 Los Angeles or October 16, 2011 Long Beach  
<http://www.alz.org>
- **Run for Congo Women** - October 2, 2011 Los Angeles  
[www.runforcongowomen.org](http://www.runforcongowomen.org)
- **LA Cancer Challenge** – October 30, 2011 Los Angeles  
[www.lacancerchallenge.com](http://www.lacancerchallenge.com)
- **Light the Night – Leukemia and Lymphoma** – October 1, 2011 Sunset Gower Studios, Hollywood or October 22, 2011 - Warner Center Park, Woodland Hills  
<http://www.lightthenight.org>
- **Save the Orangutans 5K Run For Survival** – October 16, 2011 Van Nuys  
[www.orangutan.org](http://www.orangutan.org)

- **Epilepsy Foundation-Walk to End Epilepsy** – October 16, 2011 Rose Bowl, Pasadena <http://give.end-epilepsy.org>
- **Torch Relay For Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals** - October 22, 2011 Redondo Beach [www.torch-relay.org](http://www.torch-relay.org)
- **Race For The Rescues** – October 23, 2011 Rose Bowl, Pasadena