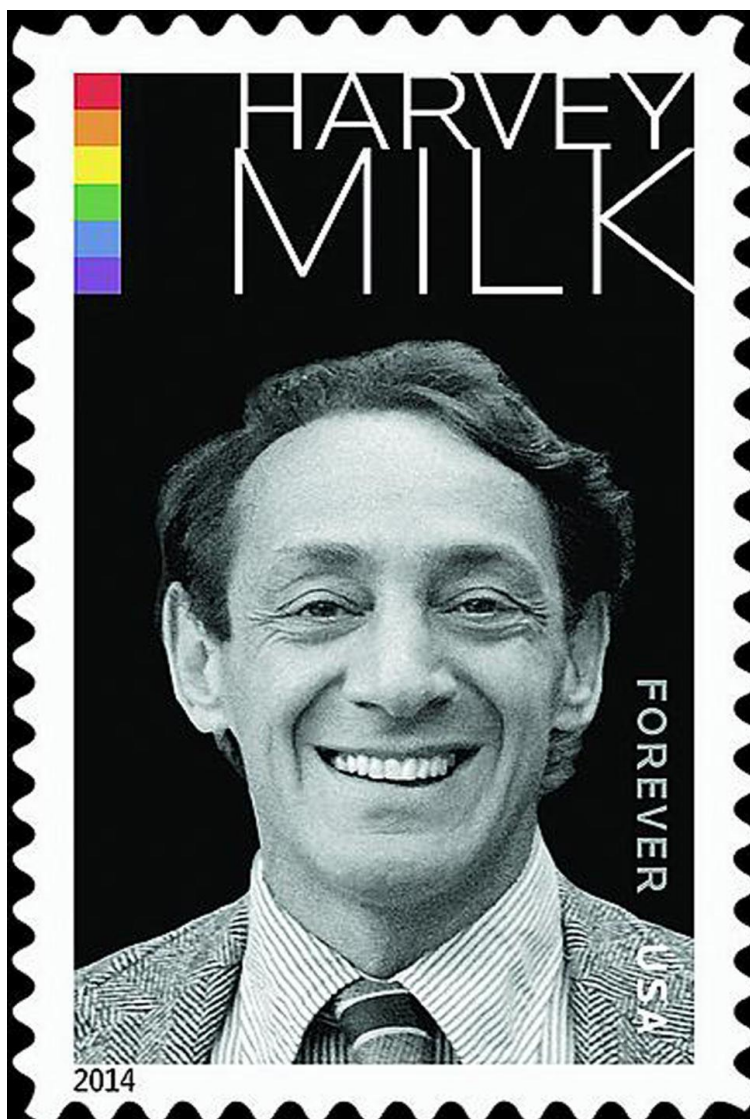


**CELEBRATE THE LEGACY OF
HARVEY MILK!
VOLUNTEER & GIVE BACK!**



"All young people, regardless of sexual orientation or identity, deserve a safe and supportive environment in which to achieve their full potential." Harvey Milk

Harvey Milk Day 2015

The City of West Hollywood proudly celebrates Harvey Milk Day **annually!** People around the world commemorate Harvey Milk Day by giving back to their communities and helping others. Harvey Milk was the first openly gay individual to hold elected office in the United States when he served on the San Francisco Board of Supervisors from 1977 until his untimely death in 1978. Harvey Milk's legacy as a civil rights leader is still felt today. He was named one of TIME Magazine's most influential people of the 20th century. He was posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2009 and was the subject of a movie for which Sean Penn won the Academy Award for best actor. Many Institutions and organizations are named for Harvey Milk to commemorate his life and social contributions. In October of 2009, Governor Schwarzenegger signed a bill to create a state day of recognition for Harvey Milk, to be observed on Harvey Milk's birthday, May 22. Many public schools and other educational institutions in California conduct commemorative projects, events and activities in memory of Harvey Milk on May 22. Topics such as equal rights are especially promoted on this day



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VOLUNTEER SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

Volunteer Los Angeles – www.volunteerlosangeles.com

Volunteer Center of Los Angeles – www.vcla.net (323) 450-5080

One Brick (Los Angeles) – www.losangeles.onebrick.org

Volunteer Match – www.volunteermatch.org (415) 241-6868

LA Works – www.laworks.com (323) 224-6510

Big Sunday – www.bigsunday.org (323) 549-9944

We Serve LA – <http://www.lamayor.org/volunteerism>

Volunteering in America – www.volunteeringinamerica.gov (202) 606-5000

California Volunteers – www.californiavolunteers.org (888) 567- SERV

Gay for Good -- <http://gayforgood.org/groups/los-angeles>

Global Volunteers LGBT -- <http://www.globalvolunteers.org/lgbt/Default.asp>

Global Volunteerism -- <http://www.volunteersforprosperity.gov/>

AIDS Project LA -- <http://www.apla.org/>

The Trevor Project -- <http://www.thetrevorproject.org/>

WEST HOLLYWOOD



Saturday, May 23, 2015

10 am – 4 pm

West Hollywood Gateway

7100 Santa Monica Blvd West Hollywood, CA 90046

The West Hollywood Gateway is graciously hosting the West Hollywood Harvey Milk Day of Service project. Volunteers will be handing out shopping lists to Gateway patrons between 10 and 4pm. in support of a food and clothing drive. Volunteers will:

- Collect non-perishable food items to benefit SOVA Food Bank
- Collect Clothing and personal hygiene items to benefit the LGBT Center's Youth Center on Highland
- Write thank you letters/cards to active duty service members and veterans to support Operation Gratitude. (Operation Gratitude annually sends 150,000+ care packages with plus personal letters of appreciation, to New Recruits, Veterans, First Responders, Wounded Warriors, Care Givers and to individually named U.S. Service Members deployed overseas.) Volunteers will also host a letter writing table for the public to participate.
- Promote local volunteer activities.

The public can assist by dropping off donations and or shopping for donations that day between 10 am and 4pm. There will be a curbside drop off available.

Volunteer Shifts: 10 am – 12 pm, 12 pm – 2 pm and 2pm – 4pm

Advance registration required. Sorry no walk-in volunteers. For more info: 323-848-6885 or wehovcorps@gmail.com

Local Volunteer Opportunities

Ace of Hearts

Ace of Hearts is a non-profit dog rescue organization dedicated to rescuing dogs from LA shelters the day they are to be euthanized.

What: Help at adoptions with set up and/or break down, train as walkers for our extra strong dogs, show our dogs to interested parties, or collect donations

When: **Saturdays, 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM**

Where: The Petco in West Hollywood, 508 N. Doheny, West Hollywood, CA 90069

More Info: Volunteers must be 18 years of age or accompanied by an parent or guardian who is a registered volunteer at all times 310-358-3344; dogsfromheaven@aol.com

Take a BITE out of Hunger

The primary goal of the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank is to collect and distribute the most nutritious food available to people at risk for hunger in Los Angeles County—4,000 square miles with the largest population of any county in the nation. We distribute food through a network of 670 partner agencies that include food pantries, shelters, soup kitchens, and youth and senior centers.

What: Volunteers are needed to help sort, inspect, and repackage donated food items from local food drives. Help us help those in need by donating your time to fight hunger in our community

When: **Various Opportunities Year Round!**

Where: Los Angeles Regional Food Bank
2825 E. 54th Street, Vernon, 90058

Register: Online at www.lafoodbank.org/volunteer

Tails of the City Animal Rescue

Tails of the City Animal Rescue is an all-volunteer, no-kill 501(c)(3) organization, dedicated to the rescue, treatment, boarding and re-homing of animals in the greater Los Angeles area. Pet adoptions are held every weekend at the Petco on LaBrea in Los Angeles.

What: We need help unloading the van and setting up cages and pens. We also need people to take them for walks and spend a little one-on-one time with them. Volunteers talk to our potential adopters about our animals and the adoption process. We also need dog walkers to take walks with potential adoptees.

When: Every Saturday, 1:00 pm – 5:00 PM, all year round

Where: Petco, 200 South La Brea Ave Suite C, Los Angeles, CA 90036

More Info: Volunteers under 18 years of age need written parental consent.
www.tailsofthecityrescue.com

LA Pride Festival

Christopher Street West Association, Inc. is a non-profit service organization within the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender community, composed of volunteers committed to the goals of human rights, education, outreach, and better understanding within our community, as well as the non-TLGB community. To further these goals, Christopher Street West brings together the skills, talents, and visions of our diverse community to produce the annual Los Angeles Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Celebration in West Hollywood.

What: As a Welcome Ambassador you will staff the festival entrance, welcome guests, and alert security if you observe any unwelcome situations. Great people skills is a must plus highly observant and comfortable with crowded, noisy conditions.

When: June 11-14, 2015; various shifts

Where: Register online at www.lapride.org/volunteer_app

More Info: Email volunteer@lapride.org with questions.

TreePeople: Park Work Days

TreePeople is an environmental nonprofit that unites the power of trees, people and technology to grow a sustainable future for Los Angeles. Simply put, our work is about helping nature heal our cities.

What: Come to our beautiful 45-acre headquarters atop Mulholland Dr. where hikers, bikers and school children enjoy the trails, trees and views in one of L.A.'s most loved parks. Help keep the park looking great by maintaining the trails, removing invasive plants, re-grading slopes to protect them from erosion, and working in our seedling nursery.

When: **Various Opportunities Year Round!**

Where: Beverly Hills

Register: Online at www.treepeople.org
All volunteers must individually pre-register to attend.

More Info: Volunteers under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Volunteers over the age of 16 but under the age of 18 must provide a parental consent form to the event manager.
www.treepeople.org (818) 753-4600

LA Works

L.A. Works is a 501(c)3 nonprofit, volunteer action center that creates and implements hands-on community service projects throughout the greater Los Angeles area.

What: Various Volunteer Opportunities

When: **Various Opportunities Year Round!**

Where: Various Schools in and around Los Angeles, CA

More Info: Volunteers **must** register through LA Works. www.laworks.com or 323-224-6510

Heal the Bay: Nothin' But Sand Beach Cleanup

Since 1985, people like you who care about our rivers, beaches and oceans have been a part of Heal the Bay's fight to make Southern California coastal waters and watersheds, including Santa Monica Bay, safe, healthy and clean.

What: This is a great opportunity for you and your friends to get involved! Bags and gloves will be provided. However, to help cut down on the number of bags we use for our cleanups, please bring a bucket or bag from home. Open to all.

When: **Various Opportunities Year Round!**

Where: Hermosa Beach, 517 Pier Ave, Hermosa Beach, CA 90254

More Info: All cleanup volunteers must have a signed waiver form (found on the website). Volunteers must be 12 years old or accompanied by a parent. No RSVP is needed. Forms also available onsite at event. More info at 1-800-4325-229, x148; <http://www.healthebay.org/about-us>

Greater West Hollywood Food Coalition

For 25 years the Greater West Hollywood Food Coalition has served a hot, fresh, and nutritious meal every night, seven nights a week, throughout the year to the homeless and hungry. They are in need of volunteers to pick up donated food, help to prepare and serve the nightly meal, and help their clients in a myriad of other ways including finding them a place to live. Go to their website at www.gwhfc.org for more information.

What: GWHFC needs volunteers primarily to serve our six-course nightly buffet meal (from 6 to 8p), to help cook the meal in our modern kitchen (from 3 to 6p), and to pick up donated food (one to two hours, at variable times).

When: **Opportunities available throughout the year, with shifts between 2:00 PM & 8:00 PM**

Where: At the corner of Sycamore and Romaine, along the border of Hollywood and West Hollywood.

More Info: You already have everything you need: the desire to volunteer for an hour or two, to get along with your fellow volunteers, and to give unreservedly of yourself to those in serious need. Also, if you are a reliable driver with a valid license and insurance, and you want to volunteer by picking up food on an as-needed basis, please call (323)634-4908, and leave a message saying that you'd like to be added to the list of pickup volunteers.

The Trevor Project

The Trevor Project is the leading national organization providing crisis intervention and suicide prevention services to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning youth.

What: Event Volunteer

When: Event volunteers support The Trevor Project at various events throughout the year including TrevorLIVE, Pride festivals, and Trevor Ambassador City fundraisers. Tasks may include event set-up and strike, escorting VIP guests, guest and volunteer check-ins, gift bag assembly and more.

Where: Los Angeles, year round opportunities

More Info: Visiting www.trevorproject.org/pages/volunteer to learn more details about the organization, volunteer opportunities and what will be the best fit for you. We strive to balance the skills, time constraints, and desires of each individual with the needs of the many young people that utilize our services. **Please note: You must be at least 18 years old to volunteer. If you are under 18 please consider our Youth Advisory Council.*

AIDS Project Los Angeles

What: APLA, NOLP has a number of opportunities for volunteers such as distributing groceries to clients, pre-bagging groceries, filing and stocking shelves.

When: Various Opportunities Year Round!

Where: Los Angeles

More Info: Visit www.apla.org/get-involved/volunteer/ to fill out an application for various events.

AIDS/LifeCycle

We regularly need volunteers for special projects in our offices in Los Angeles.

What: Volunteer's and Roadies

When: **Various Opportunities Year Round!**

Where: Los Angeles

More Info: A Roadie must register for AIDS/LifeCycle just like the Cyclists and spend the whole week working on the event. A Volunteer helps out all year long in the office, on special events, doing outreach, or even helping with Opening Ceremony and the Finish Line Festival. Apply at www.aidslifecycle.org

Downtown Women's Center

The Downtown Women's Center is a nationally recognized pioneer of permanent supportive housing and the only resource in Los Angeles that is exclusively dedicated to serving the unique needs of homeless and very low-income women in downtown Los Angeles' Skid Row community. Permanent supportive housing is successful, cost-effective combinations of affordable housing with services that help people live more stable, productive lives. This housing model improves stability and reduces the use of high cost public services.

What: Volunteers are needed for a variety of tasks ranging from cooking and donation sorting to residence hosting and kitchen assistance. Some of the opportunities require training. Group volunteer opportunities are also available.

When: Volunteer times vary by activity. Volunteer orientation dates for those wanting to learn more about the Downtown Women's Center and ending women's homelessness in Los Angeles are:

Various Opportunities Year Round!

Where: Downtown Women's Center, 442 S. San Pedro Street, Los Angeles, CA 90013

More Info: Must be 18 years or older to participate. For more information about volunteering and training, please contact the Camille Crenshaw, Community and Corporate Engagement Associate at volunteer@dwcweb.org or visit www.dwcweb.org

Gay for Good – 2015 Harvey Milk Day of Service at Alliance Neuwirth Academy

What: Come out and join the G4G family for their 2015 Harvey Milk Day of Service in partnership with the L.A. Mayor's office, the Milk Foundation and this year's students from UCLA. Located in South LA, this high school needs campus murals, landscaping and edible gardens. Show your pride, and support this special annual event. Students, parents, faculty and community members will work alongside us. The school has an active GSA and openly gay principal, who look forward to our participation. Please bring seeds and new veggies to plant in the gardens.

When: **Saturday, May 23, 2015; 8:45 am – 1:00 pm**

Where: Alliance Neuwirth Academy, 4610 S. Main St., Los Angeles, CA 90037

More Info: Volunteers **must** register through Gay for Good at www.gayforgood.org. Individuals with experience with murals/design, landscaping and garden builds email project leader Steve at steve.gratwick@gmail.com

Operation Gratitude

Operation Gratitude annually sends 150,000+ care packages filled with snacks, entertainment, hygiene and hand-made items, plus personal letters of appreciation, to Veterans, First Responders, Wounded Warriors, Care Givers and to individually named U.S. Service Members deployed overseas.

What: All Volunteer days (weekdays and weekends) include both “**Prep**” and “**Assembly**” work. Since its inception in 2003, Operation Gratitude volunteers have shipped more than One Million Care Packages.

When: **Various Opportunities Year Round!**

Where: The Armory

More Info: For address and additional details, please email: OpGratVolunteer1@yahoo.com

All volunteers must sign a Release Form (**parents/guardians must sign for minor under 18**).