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## A New Community Newsletter from Los Gatos Thrives

Welcome to the third edition of *Volunteer Connections*, created to bring you meaningful ways to volunteer in our community.

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**April 2026**

***Volunteer Connections*** provides a simple venue for Los Gatos residents to find the latest service opportunities with local nonprofits. We truly believe that volunteering is one of the best ways to give back, find purpose, and stay connected to the community we love.

Each *Volunteer Connections* edition lists the current service opportunities that local nonprofits and civic organizations wish to highlight and fill. Individuals are advised to contact the nonprofit directly for more information and to sign up.

If you have a friend or family member who might like to get more involved in the Los Gatos community, we encourage you to forward this newsletter to them or have them check our website at [lgvolunteerconnections.org](http://lgvolunteerconnections.org).

The next *Volunteer Connections* newsletter will be emailed Friday, May 8, 2026. Local nonprofits, not already on our distribution, may contact [lgvolunteerconnections@gmail.com](mailto:lgvolunteerconnections@gmail.com) for information on how to participate.

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### **Volunteer Opportunities at a Glance**

#### **CADRE (Collaborating Agencies' Disaster Relief Effort):**

- Volunteers Needed for Emergency Readiness Initiative.

#### **Live Oak Adult Day Care:**

- Looking for Compassionate Volunteers to Spend Time with our Seniors Living with Mild to Moderate Dementia.

### **SASCC / RYDE:**

- RYDE Volunteers Needed to Help the Seniors in our Community Get Where They Need to Go.

### **Veterans Memorial & Support Foundation:**

- Videographers and Videography Production Assistants Needed to Capture Veteran and Supporter Comments & Testimonials of Service.
  - Event Manager and Event Assistants to Assist in Organizing Foundation Veterans' Support Events, Fundraisers, and Educational Programs.
  - Grant Writer (Non-Paid Position) Location: Remote or Local | Part-Time | Volunteer Opportunity.
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## **CADRE (Collaborating Agencies Disaster Relief Effort)**

### ***Volunteers Needed for Emergency Readiness Initiative***

**Volunteer Need Overview:** Virtual support for Emergency Managers including research, tech support, and data management among other things. Support for upcoming community projects and events. Volunteer deployment to non-profits in the area that work with the unhoused, senior communities, and many more.

**Organization Mission:** CADRE is recruiting volunteers age 55+ to support Community Support Networks focused on disaster preparedness. Opportunities include virtual and in-person roles, ranging from one-time to ongoing commitments.

**Organization Website:** <https://www.cadresv.org>

**Special Skills or Age Requirements:** All volunteers are welcome. CADRE especially needs volunteers 55 and older.

**Dates and Times Volunteers Needed:** Varies.

**Location of Volunteering Activity:** Varies.

**Contact for More Information:** Contact [volunteer@cadresv.org](mailto:volunteer@cadresv.org) or [408-337-2151](tel:408-337-2151).

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## **Live Oak Adult Day Care**

***Looking for Compassionate Volunteers to Spend Time with our Seniors Living with Mild to Moderate Dementia***

**Volunteer Need Overview:** Engaging in simple conversation, and assisting in group activities such as games, crafts and music. Help with serving lunch.

**Organization Mission:** Live Oak Adult Day Care Services is twofold: To enhance the lives of dependent seniors and to provide respite for their caregivers.

**Organization Website:** <https://liveoakaduldaycare.org/>

**Special Skills or Age Requirements:** None provided.

**Dates and Times Volunteers Needed:** We are open from 9am-3pm Monday-Friday and welcome any amount of time.

**Location of Volunteering Activity:** 111 Church Street RM#7, Los Gatos, CA 95030

**Contact for More Information:** Contact Melanie Wright/Program Director **408-354-4782** or [melanie@liveoakadc.org](mailto:melanie@liveoakadc.org).

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## SASCC / RYDE

### *RYDE Volunteers Needed to Help the Seniors in our Community Get Where They Need to Go*

**Volunteer Need Overview:** RYDE Drivers provide transportation for the seniors in our community to the places they need to go within our service areas (Los Gatos, Saratoga, Monte Sereno, Campbell, Cupertino, and parts of San Jose). Volunteer Drivers are trained with standardized modules on providing transportation services to older adults and those with cognitive impairments, in addition to education about the resources and services available to older adults in our region.

**Organization Mission:** RYDE Senior Transportation is SASCC's low-cost, curb-to-curb transportation program serving ambulatory older adults age 65+ across the West Valley region, including Los Gatos, Saratoga, Monte Sereno, Campbell, Cupertino, and parts of San Jose. Designed with the community-dwelling senior in mind, RYDE facilitates access to medical appointments, senior and community centers, grocery stores, and other essential destinations.

**Organization Website:** <https://www.rydescc.org>

**Special Skills or Age Requirements:** Volunteers must be 18 years or older with a valid drivers license and auto insurance. Additionally, all volunteer drivers are required to complete a LiveScan DOJ/FBI background check before participating.

**Dates and Times Volunteers Needed:** As needed, within RYDE service hours: Monday-Friday, 8am-4pm.

**Location of Volunteering Activity:** Los Gatos, Saratoga, Monte Sereno, Campbell, Cupertino, and parts of San Jose.

**Contact for More Information:** Contact [sam@sascc.org](mailto:sam@sascc.org), or give us a call at (408) 892-9739. Sign up directly at <https://www.pinwheel.us/r/eRmwOyy>.

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## Veterans Memorial & Support Organization

### *Videographers and Videography Production Assistants Needed to Capture Veteran and Supporter Comments & Testimonials of Service*

#### **Volunteer Need Overview:**

The Veterans Memorial & Support Foundation, launched in 2012, is raising funds to improve the lives of veterans, active military service members and their families. We have a very active website, Facebook page and are in the media frequently. We require a videographer to assist with our mission. The videographer would be involved in creating video clips of veterans who served in America's military and continue to serve our community today. The videographer will be teamed with a premier video editor who has worked in Hollywood and supported the editing of many award-winning feature films.

We welcome the opportunity for you to learn more about us. Please see the links to follow:

Introducing the Veterans Memorial & Support Foundation:

<https://simplebooklet.com/introducingourfoundation>

Veterans Memorial & Support Foundation - Meet Our Members!

<https://simplebooklet.com/veteransfoundationmembers>

**Organization Mission:** The Veterans Memorial & Support Foundation strives to improve lives of Veterans, active military Service Members and their families.

**Organization Website:** <https://honoravet.org>

**Special Skills or Age Requirements:** Skills in Videography. Junior Videographers also invited to work with our professional video editor.

**Dates and Times Volunteers Needed:** Varies depending upon assignment.

**Location of Volunteering Activity:** Los Gatos and surrounding communities and The Flame of Liberty Memorial site at the Los Gatos Civic Center.

**Contact for More Information:** Contact our Volunteer Action Committee by registering your interest directly through our website at:

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

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## Veterans Memorial & Support Organization

## ***Event Manager and Event Assistants to Assist in Organizing Foundation Veterans' Support Events, Fundraisers, and Educational Programs***

**Volunteer Need Overview:** The Veterans Memorial & Support Foundation frequently conducts events in support of its mission. Examples of those events include:

1. Veteran Support Events (e.g. Veterans hikes and weekly Veteran Support Breakfast meetings that network veterans in support of fostering emotional fitness).
2. Fundraiser Events (e.g. Vet Gala dinner & auction, on stage performances, movie nights, community golf events).
3. Educational Events (e.g. 9/11 Remembrances, Memorial Day Tributes).

**Organization Mission:** The Veterans Memorial & Support Foundation strives to improve lives of Veterans, active military Service Members and their families.

**Organization Website:** <https://honoravet.org>

**Special Skills or Age Requirements:** Event management volunteers are required with multiple skill sets:

- Research skills to vet venues, entertainers and financial requirements.
- Negotiation / budgeting skills to handle contract terms and financial considerations.
- Drafting compelling value-driven presentations to potential sponsors.
- Organization skills to manage the detail driven data behind invitation lists, RSVP lists as example.
- Production Management - Coordination of the production during rehearsals and onsite.

**Dates and Times Volunteers Needed:** Varies depending upon assignment. Many can be managed around volunteer availability; some require some traditional daytime (M-F 9-5) availability.

**Location of Volunteering Activity:** Some positions are best served from the Silicon Valley geography; others can be remote.

**Contact for More Information:** Contact our Volunteer Action Committee by registering your interest directly through our website at:

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

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## **Veterans Memorial & Support Organization**

### ***Grant Writer (Non-Paid Position) Part-Time***

**Volunteer Need Overview:** The Veterans Memorial & Support Foundation, established in 2012, is seeking a dedicated and skilled Grant Writer to help secure funding opportunities that will advance our mission. This is a non-paying

volunteer role--ideal for someone passionate about veteran causes with writing experience. Writing experience in support of nonprofit development is a plus.

Key Responsibilities include:

- Research and identify appropriate grant opportunities from foundations, corporations, and government sources.
- Collaborate with CFO of Foundation to identify budgetary needs in support of programs for which grants are sought.
- Write compelling grant proposals, letters of inquiry, and related documents.
- Maintain calendar of application deadlines and reporting requirements.
- Work collaboratively with the Foundation's leadership and program teams to gather necessary information.
- Track submitted proposals and assist with follow-up communications and reports.

**Organization Mission:** The Veterans Memorial & Support Foundation strives to improve lives of Veterans, active military Service Members and their families.

**Organization Website:** <https://honoravet.org>

**Special Skills or Age Requirements:**

- Writing experience (developing successful proposals is preferred but not required).
- Strong written communication skills and attention to detail.
- Ability to work independently and meet deadlines.
- Familiarity with veterans' issues or a strong passion to support those who served; we'll fill you in on the rest!
- Proficiency with Google Docs, Microsoft Word, Excel, and email.

**Dates and Times Volunteers Needed:** Most work can occur around the flexibility of the volunteer.

**Location of Volunteering Activity:** May be remote or local. Volunteer can operate remotely with access to virtual meeting tools to occasionally meet with other Foundation Volunteers.

**Contact for More Information:** Contact our Volunteer Action Committee by registering your interest directly through our website at:

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

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