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Volunteer Connections Newsletter

Welcome to the 7th edition of *Volunteer Connections* — a project by Los Gatos Thrives — created to bring meaningful ways to volunteer in our community.

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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. To see opportunities posted in previous editions, please refer to the **Volunteer Connections Newsletters here**.

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**.

The next *Volunteer Connections* newsletter will be emailed Friday, September 4, 2026. Local nonprofits, not already on our distribution, may contact **lgvolunteerconnections@gmail.com** for information on how to participate.

Volunteer Opportunities at a Glance

JFS Silicon Valley:

- Volunteers Needed to Help Pack or Deliver Holiday Food Bags.

Live Oak Adult Day Care - Los Gatos:

- Volunteers Needed to Help with the Live Oak Adult Day Care Program.

Veterans Memorial & Support Foundation:

- Grant Writer Needed.
- Foundation Fundraiser Needed.

JFS Silicon Valley

Volunteers Needed to Help Pack or Deliver Holiday Food Bags

Volunteer Need Overview: September 7th through 9th we will need help preparing High Holiday food bags for our Holocaust Survivors and other Jewish clients.

Organization Mission: JFS Silicon Valley is an inclusive nonprofit social services organization providing comprehensive support services to individuals and families facing life's challenges. We engage community partners and collectively we make a positive impact on the lives of those we serve.

Organization Website: https://www.jfssv.org

Special Skills or Age Requirements: Anyone under 18 must be accompanied by a parent. Everyone must wear closed-toe shoes for this project. Delivery volunteers must be pre-registered in our volunteer database at **https://bit.ly/JFSVolunteerApplication**.

Dates and Times Volunteers Needed:

Grocery Packers: Monday, September 7, 10:00 - noon. Tuesday, September 8, 10:00 - noon.

Delivery Drivers: Tuesday, September 8 anytime between noon to 5:30pm or Wednesday, September 9 anytime between 9:30am - 5:30pm.

Location of Volunteering Activity:
JFS Silicon Valley office address will be provided when you register to volunteer.

Contact for More Information: Contact our Manager or Volunteer Services at **408-556-0600** or go to **www.jfssv.org** for more information and to register as a volunteer.

Live Oak Adult Day Care

Volunteers Needed to Help with the Live Oak Adult Day Care Program

Volunteer Need Overview: Engaging in simple conversation and assisting our staff in the delivery of activities such as games, crafts and music. Help with serving meals.

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

We provide a structured Day Program for clients over 60 who are unable to participate in programs for independent seniors. Our clients have a variety of age-related illnesses such as dementias, Parkinson's Disease, and history of stroke and depression. The Program provides stimulating activities for the clients and gives respite for their caregivers.

Organization Website: **https://liveoakadultdaycare.org/**

Special Skills or Age Requirements: Volunteers must be 16 years or older and have a negative TB test.

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, Room 7, Los Gatos, CA 95030

Contact for More Information: Contact Melanie Wright, Program Director **408-354-4782** or **lg@liveoakadc.org**.

Veterans Memorial & Support Organization

Grant Writer Needed

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. 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 is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to uplifting the 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/**.

Veterans Memorial & Support Organization

Foundation Fundraiser Needed

Volunteer Need Overview:

We are seeking a dedicated and passionate Foundation Fundraiser to support our mission of honoring and serving veterans who have bravely sacrificed for our country. This is a non-paid volunteer position, ideal for someone who wants to make a meaningful difference in the lives of veterans.

As a Fundraiser, you will play a crucial role in helping us grow our resources and extend our outreach. Your efforts will directly contribute to sustaining programs and services that provide critical support to veterans and their families.

Key Responsibilities Include:

- Meet with potential donors 1:1 to raise funds for the Foundation.
- Identify and engage potential donors, sponsors, and community partners.
- Maintain donor databases and send thank-you communications.
- Collaborate with other volunteers and team members on fundraising goals.
- Provide input to Event Planner/Organizer about creative fundraising events, strategies and campaigns.

- Provide input into grant writing and proposal submissions.
- Represent the Veterans Foundation with integrity and compassion.

Organization Mission: The Veterans Memorial & Support Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to uplifting the lives of Veterans, active military Service Members and their families.

Organization Website: https://honoravet.org

Special Skills or Age Requirements:

- Deep passion and respect for veterans and military families.
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills
- Motivated, self-directed, and able to work independently.
- Experience in fundraising, event planning, marketing, or grant writing is a plus.
- Basic computer literacy (email, Word, spreadsheets).
- Willingness to learn and contribute to a team-driven mission.

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/**

Current and past editions of this newsletter can be found at our *Volunteer Connections* website by clicking **here**.

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