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## A New Community Newsletter from Los Gatos Thrives

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

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### February 2026

***Volunteer Connections*** was created to provide 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 meaning, and stay connected to the community we love.

On the first Friday of the month, subscribers will receive the latest edition of *Volunteer Connections*. Each edition will list the latest 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!

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### Volunteer Opportunities at a Glance

#### **West Valley Community Services:**

- Volunteers needed to pick up groceries from stores, work in WVCS Food Pantry and Depot, and translate for clients (including documentation).

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

- Community members 55+ needed for volunteer engagement think tank.

#### **Los Gatos Thrives Foundation:**

- Volunteer with grant writing experience needed to be part of our fundraising team.
- Volunteer to serve as Participant Coordinator for Ride & Taste project in collaboration with VTA for training seniors to use the bus system.

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## West Valley Community Services

### *Volunteers Needed to Pick up Groceries From Stores, Work in WVCS Food Pantry and Depot, and Translate For Clients (including Documentation)*

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

- **WVCS Food Market:** Help sort grocery donations, stock the market, and assist clients in the market to shop for groceries at no cost.
- **Grocery Rescue Drivers:** Pick up produce, prepared foods, bakery goods, meats, and other items from local grocery stores and farmers' markets.
- **Depot Volunteer:** Sort and stock donations at our new storage facility at the Moreland School District and help distribution on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Thursdays.
- **Translator:** Volunteer will assist clients and/or staff with translation of important documents needed during intake/recertifications, registrations of programs, and daily communication. (Needed languages: Mandarin, Farsi, Russian, Spanish).

#### **Organization Mission:**

West Valley Community Services comprehensive programs are offered under one roof and are free of charge to low income and homeless families in the West Valley region of Santa Clara County.

We also provide helpful information and referrals to our clients in collaboration with other human service agencies in the community.

Our services can be broken down into the following categories: Food, housing, support and mobile pantry.

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

**Special Skills or Age Requirements:** Volunteers must be 16 years or older. Note that volunteers under 18 must submit a parental consent form. Volunteers must be in good health and not a current client of the agency.

#### **Dates and Times Volunteers Needed:**

Monday - Friday: 8am - 12pm and 1pm - 5pm.

Extended Hours Thursday: 5pm - 8pm.

#### **Location of Volunteering Activity:**

West Valley Community Services, 10104 Vista Drive, Cupertino, CA 95014

**Contact for More Information:** Contact our Volunteer Coordinator at [volunteer@wvcommunityservices.org](mailto:volunteer@wvcommunityservices.org) or [\(408\) 956-6115](tel:4089566115).

Sign up directly at <https://www.wvcommunityservices.org/volunteer>.

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

### ***Community Members Aged 55+ Needed For Volunteer Engagement Think Tank***

**Volunteer Need Overview:** Participate in a think tank and roundtable discussion, sharing perspectives and insights.

#### **Organization Mission:**

Join the Resilience!

Are you 55 or older and passionate about helping your community stay safe and prepared for disasters? CADRE (Collaborating Agencies Disaster Relief Effort) is hosting a think tank where your ideas will directly shape how we engage and support volunteers 55+ in Santa Clara County.

This is not a lecture. It's a conversation. You'll help us understand what kinds of volunteer roles feel meaningful, what gets in the way of saying "yes," and how CADRE can better reach people in your age group. Your lived experience and insight will guide how we design future volunteer opportunities and outreach, strengthening disaster preparedness for the whole community.

Immediately following the think tank, all participants are welcome to join a casual volunteer appreciation gathering with light snacks. No prior volunteering required, just a chance to connect with others who care about community resilience.

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

**Special Skills or Age Requirements:** Volunteers must be 55 or older.

**Dates and Times Volunteers Needed:** February 28th, 2026 2PM-5PM.

#### **Location of Volunteering Activity:**

American Red Cross, 2731 North 1st Street, San Jose, CA 95134

**Contact for More Information:** Contact our Volunteer Engagement Coordinator at [volunteer@cadresv.org](mailto:volunteer@cadresv.org) or [408-337-2151](tel:4083372151).

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## **Los Gatos Thrives Foundation**

***Volunteer With Grant Writing Experience Needed to be Part of Our Fundraising Team***

**Volunteer Need Overview:** A volunteer is needed to assist in seeking grant opportunities and writing grant applications.

**Organization Mission:**

Los Gatos Thrives Foundation is a 501c3 nonprofit organization composed of community leaders seeking to make Los Gatos a place where people of all ages thrive. Our mission is to sponsor and support programs and facilities that create a sense of community and belonging. Our top priority is to create a new, modern community center for the town.

**Organization Website:**

<https://www.losgatosthrives.org>

<https://www.lgcommunitycenter.org>

**Special Skills or Age Requirements:** Volunteer must be experienced in writing grants for nonprofits or government agencies.

**Dates and Times Volunteers Needed:** At one's home on their own schedule as time permits and at monthly in-person meetings.

**Location of Volunteering Activity:** At one's home and in team meetings in Los Gatos.

**Contact for More Information:** Contact Tom Picraux at [losgatosthrives@gmail.com](mailto:losgatosthrives@gmail.com).

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## Los Gatos Thrives Foundation

### *Volunteer to Serve as Participant Coordinator for Ride & Taste project in Collaboration with VTA for Training Seniors to Use the Bus System.*

**Volunteer Need Overview:** The volunteer will coordinate applicant sign-ups and communication, help in hosting the quarterly events, join group for bus ride and social lunch at a Los Gatos restaurant, and conduct minor paperwork.

**Organization Mission:**

Los Gatos Thrives Foundation is a 501c3 nonprofit organization composed of community leaders seeking to make Los Gatos a place where people of all ages thrive. Our mission is to sponsor and support programs and facilities that create a sense of community and belonging. Our top priority is to create a new, modern community center for the town.

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

**Special Skills or Age Requirements:** Preferable if volunteer is 50+.

**Dates and Times Volunteers Needed:** Quarterly events from 11am - 2pm and timely communication between events.

**Location of Volunteering Activity:** Los Gatos Civic Center area. Setting up event details and communication can often be done at home.

**Contact for More Information:** Contact Tom Picraux at [losgatosthrives@gmail.com](mailto:losgatosthrives@gmail.com).

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