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Volunteer Connections Newsletter

Welcome to the 8th 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, October 2, 2026. Local nonprofits, not already on our distribution, may contact lgvolunteerconnections@gmail.com for information on how to participate.

Volunteer Opportunities at a Glance

[Live Oak Adult Day Care - Los Gatos:](#)

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

Los Gatos Thrives:

- Volunteer Grant Implementation Manager Needed.

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- Volunteers Needed for the Grocery Rescue Team.
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Live Oak Adult Day Care - Los Gatos***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://liveoakaduldaycare.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](tel:408-354-4782) or lg@liveoakadc.org.

Los Gatos Thrives***Volunteer Grant Implementation Manager Needed***

Volunteer Need Overview: A grant implementation manager volunteer with project management experience is needed for the planning of intergenerational spaces to enhance mental health and wellness for a future Los Gatos Community

Center. The position is available immediately with project completion on February 15, 2027.

Organization Mission: Los Gatos Thrives Foundation is a 501(c)(3) 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: Project management experience.

Dates and Times Volunteers Needed: Mid-September to February 15, 2027.

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.

Saratoga Area Senior Coordinating Council (SASCC)

Volunteers Needed for the Grocery Rescue Team

Volunteer Need Overview: SASCC holds Grocery Rescue every Tuesday at the Prospect Center from 10am - 12:00pm. We have three different volunteer positions for this program.

Pickup Team: *Shift: 10:00 – 10:45 AM (plus a short return trip at 12:00 PM)*

Drive SASCC's refrigerated van from the Senior Center to Trader Joe's Los Gatos, check the quality and temperature of the food, load it up, and deliver it to Friendship Hall. No special license is required — all drivers are insured under SASCC's commercial auto policy and complete Second Harvest's Grocery Rescue food-handling training before their first run. Best for volunteers who are comfortable driving a small van and lifting boxes and crates.

Weigh & Bag Team: *Shift: 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM*

Work in the Friendship Hall kitchen: unload the van, weigh and record the food by category (produce, bakery, dairy, meat, and so on), and assemble balanced grocery bags so every household gets a good mix. This is the heart of the operation and a great fit for volunteers who like hands-on work with a team. Standing and light lifting are involved.

Check-In Team: *Shift: 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM*

Greet participants as they arrive, help form and manage the line outside the Hall, assist newcomers with registration (paper form or QR code), and check people in on our scanner/kiosk. You'll route participants through in groups of five and lend a hand to anyone with mobility needs. Ideal for volunteers who enjoy welcoming people and keeping things moving smoothly — this is the friendly face of the program.

Organization Mission: SASCC provides access to physical and social activities, along with resource services, that improve the overall quality of life for older adults in our communities.

Organization Website: <https://www.sascc.org>

Special Skills or Age Requirements:

Pickup Team: Driver's license and ability to drive.

Weigh & Bag Team: Ability to lift up to 50lbs.

Dates and Times Volunteers Needed: Weekly on Tuesdays, from 10:00am - 12:00pm.

Location of Volunteering Activity:

The **Pickup team** will start at the Saratoga Senior Center at [19655 Allendale ave, Saratoga](#) and drive to the Los Gatos Trader Joe's and then drop off at the Prospect Center at [19848 Prospect Rd, Saratoga, CA 95070](#).

The **Weigh & Bag team** and the **Check-In Team** will meet at the Prospect Center at [19848 Prospect Rd, Saratoga, CA 95070](#).

Contact for More Information: Contact Keely Ingram, SASCC Senior Center Coordinator at membersservices@sascc.org for more information or register directly at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe8n_HyS4Rlr7J4oCG...

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