



## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### Access Center

The Access Center provides emergency services and case management to homeless and low-income individuals and families. Volunteers are needed Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. to distribute food and clothing, stock shelves, and help with maintenance and upkeep. **New volunteer orientations are held twice a week. All volunteers must attend a new volunteer orientation before they will be allowed to volunteer. To sign up contact Gina at (310) 450-4050 ext. 131 or [gfrazier@opcc.net](mailto:gfrazier@opcc.net)**

### Daybreak Day Center & Shelter

Daybreak is a day center and shelter committed to helping homeless, mentally ill women meet their basic needs and reclaim their dignity. Volunteers help prepare and serve meals, back-up staff and converse with women who use our services. Open seven days a week. **All volunteers must attend a new volunteer orientation before they will be allowed to volunteer. To sign up contact René at (310) 393-6045 or [rbucanan@opcc.net](mailto:rbucanan@opcc.net)**

### k9 connection

k9 connection brings the magic of dogs and kids together. At-risk 14-18 year old teens train homeless shelter dogs in basic obedience, assisting the dogs to develop the skills to become adoptable. Volunteer opportunities include general program support, foster homes and animal transport. **Ask for Roxanne at (310) 264-5424.**

### Samoshel

Samoshel provides homeless men and women an alternative to living on the streets and to help them obtain jobs and permanent housing. Samoshel provides emergency lodging and transitional housing for 70 homeless people. The program includes on-site case management, alcohol/substance 12-step meetings, and housing referrals and job assistance. Volunteer opportunities include: preparation and serving of meals; recreational activities, literacy and life skills training assistance. **Ask for Alinda at (310) 581-9825.**

### Sojourn Services For Battered Women And Their Children

Sojourn provides a sheltered environment where survivors of domestic violence are empowered to begin violence-free lives. **All interested individuals must attend a mandatory 40 hr. domestic violence counselor training program mandated by California Evidence Code §1037.1.** Trainings are held in the spring and fall. Trained volunteers assist with our hotline, children's empowerment play groups, support group facilitation, court accompaniment, and more. Outreach programs provide court advocacy and community education. Trainings are held in the fall and spring. **The next training begins on April 10, 2012. For more information, call (310) 264-6646, Ext. 225 or email [sojournvolunteertraining@opcc.net](mailto:sojournvolunteertraining@opcc.net).** To download an application, go to [www.opcc.net](http://www.opcc.net), click Sojourn and then Volunteer.

## **Turning Point Transitional Housing**

Turning Point is a 55-bed, nine-month transitional housing shelter for homeless men and women which includes intensive case management and a service-enriched program. Volunteer opportunities include: preparation and serving of breakfast and dinner; day, evening and weekend greeters; recreational activities, arts and crafts; literacy and life skills training assistance. **Ask for Viveca at (310) 828-6717 x120 or [vcoble@opcc.net](mailto:vcoble@opcc.net)**

## **Other Opportunities**

In addition to the above, our volunteer resource boards, which raise funds and awareness for individual projects, are always seeking new members. Board membership requires a commitment of time and the willingness to find financial resources to support each project.

### **Host a Meal**

If your employees, congregation, family or group of friends would like to host a meal for the clients of the Access Center, Daybreak, Samoshel, Safe Haven or Turning Point, please contact us. We need groups all year round that wish to prepare, cater and/or serve meals at the above shelters. This donation of both food and service is priceless and helps OPCC save thousands of dollars. Please note that due to security reasons, you cannot host at meal at Sojourn's Shelters.

### **Canned Food Drive**

A food drive is an easy way to contribute to those in need. The food donated helps feed low income individuals and families, who are often forced to choose between buying food or paying essential bills like rent, gas or electric. We will schedule delivery of collection barrels and pick them up when your food drive is over.

### **Toiletry Drive**

For those who travel, the small shampoos, toothpaste and soaps that the hotels give you are the perfect size for us to give to clients that use our shower programs.

### **Towel Drive**

OPCC's programs always need your used face cloths and bath towels. Whether they are frayed on the end or have a small hole, they can be put to good use.

For more information on any of these above opportunities, please contact Donna Miller at 310/264-6646 ext.235 or [dmiller@opcc.net](mailto:dmiller@opcc.net).

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## **One Day Event Volunteer Opportunity**

OPCC's Sojourn project is again an official charity of the LA Marathon and will be hosting the Water Station at Mile 25 (located in Santa Monica near Ocean Blvd and Margarita)! We need lots of energetic, hard working volunteers to pour and serve water, rake up cups, cheer on runners and more. Please note you will be standing throughout this event.

The Marathon takes place on Sunday, March 18th. If you would like to join us that day, please [click here](#) and register online at the LA Marathon website. Or you can copy and paste this address into your browser [http://www.doitsports.com/volunteer/join-protected-group.tcl?event\\_id=221](http://www.doitsports.com/volunteer/join-protected-group.tcl?event_id=221) and it will take you to the site.

Next, select the group: Sojourn Services For Battered Women And Their Children; then, enter the password: empowerme and complete the form. Additional details will be emailed to you closer to the date. If you have questions, please email Donna Miller at [dmiller@opcc.net](mailto:dmiller@opcc.net)

To learn more about OPCC visit our website at [www.opcc.org](http://www.opcc.org)