



New Directions

2010 Volunteer Opportunities!

Community Service Projects:

- **Arts & Crafts Activities** – Have a creative activity your group would like to share? Arrange for an arts exchange activity with our veterans.
- **Bake Sales/Lemonade sales** – Volunteer your time and talents by hosting a bake sale or lemonade stand with the proceeds benefiting New Directions.
- **Fundraising Drives** – Get together with your group or organization and arrange a drive for much needed basic necessities for our veterans. New undershirts, underwear and socks are always in demand.
- **Gardeners** – Have a green thumb? Help care for the gardens at one of our residential facilities (West Los Angeles or Mar Vista).
- **Prepare Sack Lunches** – Every month New Directions Outreach staff needs 200 sack lunches for distribution to hungry men, women and children living on the streets of Los Angeles. Our Outreach team serves everyone as they look for homeless veterans to educate them about the many programs and services we offer.
- **Welcome Wagon Baskets!** Throw a house-warming party and bring the results to New Directions! We are always looking for items to include in a welcome wagon basket for each and every formerly homeless veteran who has recently moved into a home. Suggested items include toiletries, cleaning supplies, small grocery items (i.e. tea bags, instant coffee, hot chocolate, rice, macaroni, canned goods), first aid kit, basic bedding.

Individual Volunteer Opportunities:

- **Answer Phones** for the Women's Program during regular business hours.
- **Administrative Assistance** - Assistance with general office tasks will help New Directions continue its efficient operations.
- **Events** - Volunteers are needed to provide the people power we need at our various fundraising events throughout the year. Depending on the event, volunteers may be needed to set up and staff events. Pre-event prep work is also needed which includes but is not limited to assisting with securing silent auction donations, sending out event acknowledgments, etc.
- **Housing Help** – Help New Directions find new housing leads for formerly homeless veterans. By calling landlords and finding available listings, you will be able to help clients ready to graduate from our programs secure housing.
- **Job Development** – Help New Directions introduce potential new employers to our organization by phoning new leads and encouraging hiring one of our qualified veterans!



- **Mock Interviews** – Assist a veteran seeking employment by helping him or her practice interview skills.
- **Tutors** – Assist our clients with help in basic math and basic language arts skills as part of the educational component of our program.

Other Desired Special Skills & Talents:

- Dog groomer
- Muralist
- Theatre Arts Instructor
- Yoga Instructor
- Writer, researcher, skilled office personnel
 - From clerical support to intense research projects, New Directions can use your pro bono support in our marketing and public relations activities.

All volunteers are required to complete an initial screening, application process, background check, TB and drug testing prior to being hired by New Directions. Please call LaShanda Maze at (310) 914-4045 ext. 161 for more info.