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Better Way Anaheim, a program that provides a work like experience for homeless, began in December 2017.

The program has served more than 1,175 homeless participants since its inception and grown with them as they take their next steps to end their homelessness and improve their lives. At least once a week, we gather up to 10 individuals and perform service projects and maintenance activities at Anaheim parks and public facilities, in neighborhoods and on Anaheim streets. Regularly, we connect participants with representatives from CityNet and, also, we have referred 100% of our participants to Chrysalis since November of 2018.

Better Way Anaheim has served at Anaheim Central Library, 19 Anaheim Parks, and other community locations. We have assisted the Neighborhood Services Department to mitigate Code Enforcement issues at local residences. In line with the Volunteer Guidelines regarding COVID-19, we are serving at Riverbed Farm, an aquaponics farm near Boysen Park, as it is a food-producing facility, which is essential per the health orders. Better Way Anaheim is assisting with Food Distributions and Mask Distributions, and Flyer Distributions for Anaheim Public Utilities. We have done projects at Lamb of God Church, Anaheim First Christian Church and Magnolia Baptist Church. We have assisted Anaheim Public Utilities by painting fire hydrants (80 to date). We have served at The Hive and assisted City Net with their various programs for the homeless.

Part of the program is to involve the community as lunch donors. We have had more than 20 individuals and groups donate with some providing lunch regularly for the Better Way Anaheim participants and staff.





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What Is **BETTER WAY ANAHEIM**

Better Way Anaheim, an innovative program offering voluntary community service projects for those who are homeless provides basic work experience as well as access to additional services to help end homelessness.

Love Anaheim works with City Net, Anaheim's partner on homeless outreach, **and others that are part of the Anaheim Homeless Collaborative**, a collection of more than 100 groups working collectively to address homelessness.

The groups help identify potential candidates who would benefit from community service as a way of developing basic work experience.

Love Anaheim conducts weekly community service outings of up to five hours each on 1 or 2 days per week, serving up to 10 homeless individuals per week.

Participants work to clean up parks, paint trash cans, fences or fire hydrants and work on other community projects.

Those taking part in Better Way Anaheim serve as volunteers and are provided lunch as well as and gift cards worth \$60 for each day of service. They'll also have access to the Anaheim Homeless Collaborative with referrals to housing, healthcare, social services benefits, employment and other services designed to end homelessness.

Participants come from locations across the City including "Bridges at Kraemer" or other Anaheim shelters.

The city of Anaheim donated to Love Anaheim a surplus Dodge Caravan, formerly used by Anaheim Public Utilities. The van, now wrapped in the Better Way Anaheim and Love Anaheim logos, is used by a driver and helper to take up to five participants on community service outings.

How Can You Get Involved?

1. **Refer Homeless individuals** to the Love Anaheim website so they can participate. They can sign up by clicking the green "Volunteer" button at loveanaheim.org, and signing up for Better Way Anaheim Service Project Opportunity for various dates. **The Better Way Information Number is 657-201-7582.**
2. **Volunteer to provide a lunch for 7 people** when the Better Way Anaheim group is serving. Lunches can be purchased at a variety of local food places.
3. **Volunteer to be the "helper"** in the van when the Better Way Anaheim group is serving.
4. **Provide a service project for those in the program.** Go to loveanaheim.org and click on the blue "Submit A Project" button.
5. **Donate Gift cards for the Gift Card Packs** that will be given to the participants the day they serve. We need \$60 Walmart or Target gift cards.
6. **Donate funds to support the project.** Donations can be made online using a credit card at DONATE TO BWA. Checks can be made out to Love Anaheim and sent to: Love Anaheim 720 S. Magnolia Ave, Anaheim, CA 92804 – write BWA in the memo line.
7. **Pray for the Better Way Anaheim program to succeed and for each participant** to have courage to take their next step. Go to www.loveanaheim.org; click green volunteer Button to sign up for [BWA Prayer Team](#).