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. Better Way Anaheim has served more than 900 Homeless individuals since Dec. 2017.

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 www.betterwayanaheim.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 up to 10 people when the Better Way Anaheim group is serving. Lunches can be purchased at a variety of local food places. CLICK HERE to sign up – look for “Better Way Anaheim PROVIDE LUNCH FOR PARTICIPANTS.”

3. Provide a service project for those in the program. CLICK HERE to submit a project.

4. Donate funds to support the project. Donations can be made online using a credit card, click 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.

5. Pray for the Better Way Anaheim program to succeed and for each participant to have courage to take their next step. CLICK HERE to sign up for BWA Prayer Team.
Love Anaheim successfully launched BWA in December of 2017, since that time, over 900 participants have participated in the program.

Homeless Participants are selected in cooperation with the Anaheim Homeless Collaborative (AHC) and its agencies. Up to 10 participants are served each week on either one of two, 4-5 hour service project opportunities.

Each service project opportunity will include:

- 9 am-2 pm or 10 am - 3 pm time frame
- a 15-20 minute orientation:
  - Introductions to Driver and Helper (Captain)
  - Waiver signing
  - Repeating the Love Anaheim Pledge
  - A brief overview of the day layout including guidelines
  - Overview of project(s) being done
  - Restroom protocol / arrangements
- a 5-10 minute break every hour
- 45-60 minute lunch provided by Faith Based Group, Business, etc, including interaction time with those providing lunch.
- 15 minute de-brief at days end which will include resource lists of additional services provided by the AHC Network
- Receipt of $60 gift card pack

**Love Anaheim Pledge**

I pledge to the people who live, work, and play in Anaheim, that I will spread goodness, meet needs, and demonstrate kindness. I will work hard each day and I will volunteer my time, energy, and resources to make Anaheim a better City.

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