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Better Way Anaheim (BWA) March 2024 Report

BWA (Better Way Anaheim) serves the Homeless Population of Anaheim through a “Pathway to Work for Homeless” Program. Each month there are 40 Opportunities in BWA 1.0 Program that gives a Gift Card for volunteering and 60 Opportunities in BWA 2.0 Employment Program for Participants to serve as an Employee of JMh / Love Anaheim.

In March 2024, BWA 1.0 had 27 Participants (unduplicated number = 24) and BWA 2.0 had 82 Employment Opportunities filled by 8 individuals. 32 Participants (unduplicated) completed 109 Opportunities in both Programs combined.

Some tasks performed in March by both BWA 1.0 and 2.0 were: Painted 6 Park tables and 3 trash cans, spread wood chips in 2 Parks, prepared Modjeska Park to be painted by scraping wood bridges and pillars. painted brick blocks and hangers at Delphi Field Baseball Park on their fences, and we assisted in the removal of a tree stump. We served in 6 Anaheim Parks a in total. We also passed out flyers for an Anaheim Public Utilities Community event.

We activated the Anaheim Inclement Weather Shelter Network (AIWSN) 4 nights throughout March at two Churches and were able to provide a safe shelter for 24 homeless people. We attended the Community Fair at Olive Elementary where we had a number of children come and help us make about 50 care bags that they were able to take home with them. We also gave them items such as kids hand sanitizer, Love Anaheim wristbands, and trays of Strawberries. We supported Eggstravaganza at Maxwell Park where we set up and helped with the preparation for families to come and enjoy the celebration of Easter. All the families enjoyed the Easter egg hunt even in the rain! When it was over we completed tear down and transported everything back to MBC.

BWA assisted in partnership with Anaheim AFPN to support 22 Food Pantries - including 11 Anaheim MFRCs, 4 FRCs, 3 United Methodist Church (UMC) Pantry's, 4 MBC Pantries. We packed ~ 400 Food Bags each week in partnership with COA / Community Services Dept, distributed Food Bags to **362 families** at 15 AMFRCs (Anaheim Mobile Family Resource Centers), served 2 times at Renewable Farm, performed inside work, prepped and assembled care bags, food bags and prepared “Touchpoints.” It was a fabulous month of service to our Anaheim Community.

