

## Cityteam San José

Helps reach the critical needs of community members living below the poverty line by providing them with the resources they need to overcome the hardships they are facing and to break out of the cycle of poverty. Cityteam receives donations of food, clothing, household items, diapers, hygiene products and furniture that will then be distributed to families in need.

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### Immediate ways to help:

- 1) Food preparation
- 2) Pantry organization
- 3) Sorting donations
- 4) Packing food boxes
- 5) Maintaining the gallery (free store)
- 6) Organizing the warehouse
- 7) Distributing food bags, and/or assisting clients

**Kitchen:** Cityteam San Jose serves about 600 meals per day, and we need volunteers to help make this possible! Volunteers will assist with food preparation, pantry organization, and/or clean-up. No cooking experience or special skills are required. At 5pm each day volunteers will assist in serving dinner to our homeless guests.

Please visit [www.cityteam.org/volunteer/](http://www.cityteam.org/volunteer/)  
for more information on how to get involved!

## Prepare and Serve Meals for Homeless Persons in San José

### Loaves and Fishes

Contact: [volunteer@loavesfishes.org](mailto:volunteer@loavesfishes.org)  
or 408-998-1500  
<http://www.loavesfishes.org/volunteer>

### Martha's Kitchen

Contact: [kevmo450f@gmail.com](mailto:kevmo450f@gmail.com)  
or 408-293-6111  
<http://www.marthas-kitchen.org/volunteer.aspx>

### The Salvation Army

Daily lunch & dinner, year-round (excludes Sunday for lunch)  
Contact:  
[Lwayway.gimenez@usw.salvationarmy.org](mailto:Lwayway.gimenez@usw.salvationarmy.org)  
or 408-282-1165, ext. 3218  
[www.salvationarmysiliconvalley.org/santaclara/volunteer-with-salvation-army](http://www.salvationarmysiliconvalley.org/santaclara/volunteer-with-salvation-army)

Under County Health code, City Park Rule No. 2(ff), and the San José Municipal Code (section 13.44.090), the distribution of food in public parks, sidewalks and streets without the proper permits is illegal.

The permitted service providers listed on this handout have agreed to partner with any groups/individuals wanting to distribute food and other donations to homeless persons.

DRAFTED BY THE STAFF OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSE HOUSING DEPARTMENT, HOMELESSNESS RESPONSE TEAM.

### Questions?

Please contact Vanessa Beretta with the city of San José's Homelessness Response team at [vanessa.beretta@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:vanessa.beretta@sanjoseca.gov) or 408-975-4424.



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### **Bill Wilson Center**

Serves youth ages 11-24. Provides food, clothing, showers, lockers, phone, computers, laundry, housing referrals, mental health services, employment training, education support, counseling, workshops, mentoring, case management and overnight services. Conducts street and encampment outreach.

Contact: Heather Rodrigues  
hrodrigues@billwilsoncenter.org, 408-850-6138

#### **Immediate ways to help:**

- 1) Prepare and drop off meals for homeless youth. Breakfasts for 30 / Lunch for 50
- 2) Prepare small food bags to be distributed by outreach workers
- 3) Conduct a toiletry drive – gather soap, shampoo, razors, toothbrushes
- 4) Conduct a clothing drive – new socks and underwear, new or gently used sweatshirts, work attire

#### **Long term opportunities:**

- 1) Serve on a telephone crisis line
- 2) Volunteer at a youth shelter as a mentor
- 3) Volunteer in one of our Youth Programs
- 4) Volunteer Case Aide Visit
- 5) Grief support

Please visit [www.billwilsoncenter.org/action](http://www.billwilsoncenter.org/action) for more information on how to get involved!

### **Downtown Streets Team**

Work-readiness program with dedicated employment assistance, case management, transportation, and other services. Homeless outreach and case management. Environmental cleaning and changing the perception of homelessness.

Contact: Marianna Moles  
mariana@streetsteam.org, 408-899-7350

#### **Immediate ways to help:**

- 1) Attend a Saturday volunteer session – meet the team and do service activity
- 2) Provide mentorship/support
- 3) Gather (and store until needed) household items for a newly housed individual – bedding, furniture, basic kitchen items, cleaning supplies
- 4) Prepare small food bags and hygiene kits to be distributed by outreach workers
- 5) Help decorate and make apartments of newly housed individuals “home”
- 6) Volunteer at an Apply-a-Thon, helping Team Members with employment applications

#### **Other ways to contribute:**

- 1) Develop Employment Opportunities
- 2) House our Team Members
- 3) Fundraise

Please visit [www.streetsteam.org](http://www.streetsteam.org) for more information on how to get involved!

### **Homefirst (formerly EHC LifeBuilders)**

Conducts outreach, provides case management, shelter and other support services for adults, families, veterans, and youth.

Contact: Renee Travers  
rtravers@homefirstsc.org, 408-539-2143

#### **Immediate ways to help:**

- 1) Donate blankets for winter shelters
- 2) Donate toiletries (shampoo, etc.) for shelter clients and outreach
- 3) Donate new white socks, t-shirts, and underwear in all sizes
- 4) Volunteer as a tutor for children
- 5) Organize a group for other volunteer projects available year-round

Please visit [www.homefirstsc.org/volunteer/](http://www.homefirstsc.org/volunteer/) for more information on how to get involved!

### **LifeMoves (formerly InnVison Shelter Network)**

Provides network of shelter-based programming with case management services, housing opportunities.

Contact : Lynnelle Bilsey  
lbilsey@lifemoves.org, 650-685-5880 ext 125

#### **Immediate ways to help:**

- 1) Prepare & serve meals at one of the San José shelters
- 2) Be a lifeskills teacher
- 3) Childcare
- 4) Tutor computer use, financial literacy and reading to adults and/or children
- 5) Help homeless individuals with job search
- 6) Prepare small food bags to be distributed by outreach workers

Please visit [www.lifemoves.org/how-you-can-help/](http://www.lifemoves.org/how-you-can-help/) for more information on how to get involved!