

GIVING BACK HOPE, INC.

Is a community-based group of volunteers who have been meeting since 1999 to provide lunches to the homeless in the Skid Row area of downtown Los Angeles. Our current activities include meal distribution, referrals and our annual community outreach event.

Goals: Prevention, education and treatment

- DRUG/ALCOHOL TREATMENT.
- VOCATIONAL TRAINING & JOB PLACEMENT.
- COUNSELING SERVICES, YOUTH PROGRAM FOR DRUG/ALCOHOL, GANG, and GRAFFITI INTERVENTION.
- MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES.
- MEDICAL SERVICES FOR THE UNINSURED.
- TRANSITIONING HOUSING.
- FOOD DISTRIBUTION CENTER.

We meet every second Sunday of each month 8:00 a.m. in the back parking lot at 610 Cypress Ave. LA, CA. 90065. Membership is free and open to all.

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***All donations are gladly accepted
100% goes to help the homeless.***



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The Principle of Giving
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Since 1999

*Giving Back Hope by showing
a new way new way of life.*

GIVING BACK HOPE, INC., a 501(c) 3
Nonprofit Corporation

**Mission Statement: To provide
dignity and a new way of life
through compassionate service
to those in need**

OUR PHILOSOPHY OF TEAMWORK AND COLLABORATION IS ANCHORED IN OUR SHARED VALUES:

- Giving
- Understanding
- Compassion
- Dignity
- Hope
- Respect
- Love
- Teamwork

HISTORY

It all began with a seven-year-old boy's dream. This boy would frequently see homeless people in the community he grew up in. He felt compassion for them though he did not understand why or how they became homeless. He also felt helpless since there was little he could do for them at the time.

He would often daydream and pray to God to make him the President of the United States one day so that he could solve the problem of homelessness. That dream of becoming the president never materialized. However, this boy's passion to help the homeless and less fortunate intensified, as he grew older. He decided to become a community leader to make a difference.

He told his friends about his childhood vision and asked them if they would help make this dream a reality. The goal would be to prepare sack lunches to be distributed to the homeless in the Skid Row area of downtown Los Angeles.

With his friends, an average of about 300 sack lunches are served to the homeless every second Sunday of the month and Giving Back Hope, Inc. was founded.

Currently, the organization is relying on volunteers and private party donations.

Volunteer membership and participation have allowed this project to flourish since 1999.

We are currently working on expanding our services to include facility where we can serve meals, provide social services, and provide life skills training for adolescents.

Planned social services:

- Drug/alcohol treatment
- Vocational training and job placement
- Counseling services
- Youth Program for drug/alcohol abuse and gang prevention
- Mental health services
- Medical services for the uninsured

HOW GIVING BACK HOPE, INC. HELPS

STORY ONE

One Sunday, a volunteer experienced firsthand how giving back can make a difference. He had just finished distributing the lunches on San Julian Street, between Sixth Street and Fifth Street. As he proceeded to get in his car and drive away, he noticed one of the homeless families crossing the street with lunches in their hands. He stopped to let this lady and her two daughters cross the street. One of the girls was only four years old. As he let them cross the street in front of his stopped car, he noticed her hands were full -- juice in her right hand, the sack lunch in her left hand -- and her mother

was holding her forearm tightly. This girl caught sight of the volunteer as she was crossing the street. She flashed him a big smile, waved goodbye and said a big "thank you" to show her appreciation. Needless to say, it touched the heart of this volunteer and made it all worthwhile for him. He made a difference by giving back!

STORY TWO

Volunteers arrived at a Skid Row location where the lunches were going to be distributed and yelled, "Free lunches! We have enough for everybody." Homeless people were scattered everywhere. Some were sleeping on the ground while others were in cardboard boxes. One of the volunteers approached a guy lying on a cardboard box and asked him if he would like a lunch. "Sure, where are they?" was the reply. The volunteer asked him, "How are you doing?" The homeless person answered, "Well, as you can see, not too well. All I have going for me is this cardboard, and my drums. But one day, I hope I will have the opportunity to make my own CD." The volunteer noticed the homeless man had two drums in a shopping cart. Clearly, he had a dream of making it big and making it out of Skid Row. When relating this story to the rest of the group, this volunteer stated he is committed more than ever to always give hope to those less fortunate. We all share this commitment as well.

We hope these two stories help to inspire you and show you the "**Magic of Giving.**" Also, we hope you are encouraged experience "magic of giving" for yourself by becoming a part of Giving Back Hope, Inc.

Volunteers and donations are always welcomed and appreciated by Giving Back Hope, Inc. members and those we help.

THANK YOU FOR LETTING US BE OF SERVICE!