



National Volunteer Month

Celebrating the County's Volunteers

Did you know that April is National Volunteer Month in the United States? Since 1981, the Board of Supervisors has recognized volunteers for their invaluable contributions to the County of Los Angeles.

“Volunteers Plant Seeds of Kindness” was the theme of the 37th Annual Volunteer of the Year Awards ceremony at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion. The Board of Supervisors, department heads, and departmental Volunteer Coordinators gathered together to honor these altruistic individuals for their contributions to our community.



In 2018, more than 140,000 volunteers generously donated over 2.5 million hours to County programs. According to the Independent Sector’s latest value of a volunteer hour, the County’s volunteer hours represent a value of \$62 million. Recognizing our volunteers’ dedication to public service and the genuine care shown to the larger community is the foundation for building a cohesive society.

Whatever your age or working situation, the Volunteer Program is ready to steer you in the right direction and get you connected with a department that aligns with your availability, interests, and location. The program offers a great deal of scheduling flexibility and accommodates different time commitments, as well. County volunteer opportunities include: tutoring youth, acting as a museum docent, serving as a reserve officer or fire fighter, visiting the elderly in nursing homes, advocating for children, caring for animals, helping raise funds, being a member of a youth explorer post, and much more.

Contacting the Volunteer Program

To volunteer or get additional information, please visit the Volunteer Program website at <http://employee.hr.lacounty.gov/volunteer-program/> or email Rosa Cervantes at RCervantes@hr.lacounty.gov.



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Calendar of Events

Center Theatre Group

(213) 628-2772

www.centertheatregroup.org

Ahmanson Theatre

Through May 19 – Falsettos

Kirk Douglas Theatre

Through April 28 – Block Party 2019

Mark Taper Forum

Through April 21 – Lackawanna Blues

Grand Park

(213) 972-8080

www.grandparkla.org

Every Tuesday through Thursday (Through May) – Lunch a la Park Food Trucks

Every Wednesday and Friday (Through May) – Lunch a la Park Yoga reTREAT

Every Thursday (Through May) – Lunch a la Park Spring Concerts featuring L.A.'s Youth Artists

The Music Center

(213) 972-7211

www.musiccenter.org

Walt Disney Concert Hall

Through April 20 – Salonen's Stravinsky

April 20 – Ravel's Bolero

April 21 – Murray Perahia

April 26 through April 30 – The Weimar Republic

May 2 through May 5 – Emanuel Ax Plays Mozart

Join the County of L.A. March for Babies

Saturday, April 27, 2019

6:30 am Registration

8:30 am Start

Grand Park

<https://www.countyofla-mfb.com/>

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Wanted: DPSS Volunteers

Utilizing a holistic approach to promote health, personal responsibility, and economic independence, the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) Volunteer Services Program serves the County’s most diverse communities in a personalized manner.

The DPSS Volunteer Services Program offers benefits to both the communities it serves and the individual volunteer. Communities in need of services are matched with volunteers who are motivated to utilize their experience and skills to make a difference.

The Program provides volunteer opportunities for residents of all ages, including County of L.A. employees, community-based organizations, and residents interested in donating their free time to meaningful projects. The Volunteer Services Program assigns its volunteers to projects that help to enhance, strengthen, and expand services to DPSS customers.

The Program offers the following volunteer opportunities:

- **Case/Office Assistant:** Assist with a variety of tasks in DPSS. Assignments vary based on the skills, background, interests, and time commitment of the volunteer and the needs of the office.
- **Toy Loan Outreach:** Assist the department in its participation at various community events to heighten public awareness about the Toy Loan Program and other programs and services.
- **Adopt-A-Family:** Groups and individuals provide families in need with holiday gift baskets, clothing, toys and food items through matches with donors arranged by DPSS.
- **Special Projects:** Provide assistance as part of a group or individual project based on individual skills and/or interests, such as providing services to DPSS participants. Volunteers may also participate in a variety of outreach events promoting enrollment in DPSS programs.

For more information, please contact the DPSS Volunteer Services office at (213) 744-4348 or email DPSSVolunteers@dpss.lacounty.gov.



*The Spring Quartet
DeJohnette, Lovano, Spalding, and Genovese*

Ford Theatres

The Place to Be

The historic Ford Theatres is back for another incredible season under the stars. From April 27th to October 20th, this Los Angeles County-owned and operated facility will celebrate Los Angeles by presenting the best live performances the region and the world have to offer.

The 2019 season includes something for everyone from memorable performances to free Monday night participatory events to a Saturday morning series perfect for the whole family.

The season kicks off on April 27th with four jazz powerhouses—**Jack DeJohnette, Joe Lovano, Esperanza Spalding** and **Leo Genovese**—performing as **The Spring Quartet** in an “expansive, freewheeling rampage” (*The Arts Desk*). Other season highlights include award-winning Spanish flamenco dancer **Olga Pericet** (September 21th); GRAMMY®-nominated vocalists **Meshell Ndegeocello** (July 13th) and **We Are KING** (October 12th); **Grandeza Mexicana Folk Ballet Company** (July 6th); Thai dance/theatre troupe **Mantra Siam**, performing *Tales from Mount Sumeru: The Golden Peacock*; **Urban Bush Women**, with a performance that explores beauty, identity and race; **Outfest Los Angeles LGBTQ Film Festival**; and a two-day *Día de los Muertos Concert and Community Celebration* (October 19th and 20th).

Los Angeles County employees receive a 20 percent discount on tickets; use code LACE. Tickets are on sale now at FordTheatres.org.

Most Common Phishing Email Subject Lines

Cybercriminals often create a sense of urgency in their fraudulent email attempts. The simple trick they use is to make potential victims think they need to open and respond to the email as a matter of urgency, especially if it claims to come from the boss, a colleague, or an internal organization like the HR Office.

To combat this, researchers analyzed and compiled a list of **top 12 common subject lines used in phishing emails targeting businesses**. The report found that

'Request' is the most used subject line which accounts for over a third of all phishing messages analyzed.

In order to avoid falling victim to phishing attacks:

- If you do not recognize the sender or are not expecting an email, delete it.
- It is important to verify the details in the message. Don't be too quick to click on the web link or download/open an attachment.



- **Always hover over the web link before clicking** to see if the link takes you to the correct site. On mobile devices, tap and hold on the link to preview the web address.
- If you are unsure, treat it as suspicious and report it via the phish alert button in the Outlook HOME tab - "Report Phishing CRISI."



Department of Human Resources Makes “Top 25” Innovators List

The Department of Human Resources has been chosen as one of Government Technology’s “Top 25 Doers, Dreamers and Drivers of 2019.” The national award recognizes public-sector organizations that lead in technology innovation and process improvement. Recipients are chosen based on the effective use of technology to solve pressing issues, transform internal processes, and improve services to residents.

The Human Resources team consists of Lisa Garrett, Director of Personnel; Murtaza Masood, Assistant Director; and Roozan Zarifian, Departmental Chief Information Officer. This year’s award continues Los Angeles County’s proud history of HR innovation.

“I am so honored that our team was recognized with this prestigious award,” said Garrett. “It emphasizes the value of integrating HR and IT to innovate and streamline business processes and to make systems more user-friendly and transparent for our employees and the public we serve.”

The Department was recognized for its collaboration with partner agencies on a series of large-scale initiatives to increase transparency and accessibility of County HR practices. Recent projects include the digitization of all County personnel records through the Electronic Personnel Records (ePR) online system and the development of the County’s ground-breaking interactive career planning tool, the [Career Pathfinder](#).

“Our motto has been to automate all things HR,” added Masood. “This has translated into a strategic roadmap to integrate HR services and provide on-demand services to applicants and employees alike.”

Learn more about the modernization of the County’s HR systems at govtech.com.



Share Your Heart Share Your Home

Become a Foster/Adoptive Parent
Dept. of Children and Family Services

Special Children in Need of Special Families

The Department of Children and Family Services believes that all children deserve a chance to have a stable, committed, and permanent family, particularly children with special medical needs. The Matching Coordination Unit (MCU) has dedicated social workers who seek forever families for these special kids.



Photo: David Tsay

The Heart Gallery LA, which is part of MCU, recently organized special photo shoots for kids who may have not been able to participate in traditional photo shoots due to special medical needs. The result was some pretty amazing photos.

We all know that the best place to grow up is with a family, and that is just what MCU is hoping to find for this handsome young man. Leonardo, also known as Leo, is a charismatic and outgoing 15-year-old with a solid gold smile. Leo has a “persevering” spirit to be admired, and his positive energy can be very contagious. He is resilient and happy, even in the most difficult times. Leo initially appears shy, but can be very chatty in a conversation when he gets comfortable. He loves watching television, especially action movies. Like many children nowadays, Leo also enjoys video games. He has an appetite for all kinds of food, but his favorite is a good, juicy hamburger. Leo is doing well in school and has many friends. He enjoys social gatherings and functions because he loves to be around people.

Leo’s mobility is compromised because of his medical condition, but he is growing up to be a solid young man. He receives services from the Regional Center, and all needed services are in place. Leo is very compliant with his medication regimen and he is able to express himself well to have his needs met.

Leo is in need of a permanent, loving family. Can you be the family Leo needs in his corner? Call (888) 811-1121 to learn more about adopting Leo today. You can also visit our website at www.heartgalleryla.org to see other available children. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter, as well @heartgalleryla.

Retirees

*Congratulations for your many years of
service to the County of Los Angeles*

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