

# MAKE THIS WORLD A BETTER PLACE—VOLUNTEER!

*Your help is needed at many organizations which help the poor and vulnerable. Here are a few suggestions.*

## COMMUNITY PROGRAMS:

### **American Red Cross (Santa Clara Valley)**

2731 North First Street  
San Jose, CA 95134

408-577-1000

[www.scv-redcross.org](http://www.scv-redcross.org)

- Respond to emergencies, help people in need, run community programs, and give first aid training.

### **Bay Area Literacy (BALIT)**

Various Libraries

888-740-7323

[www.literacynet.org](http://www.literacynet.org)

- Empower individuals by helping them improve their reading and writing skills; provide office and computer lab support ; help with special events, publicity, and fundraising.

### **Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County**

2625 Zanker Road, Suite 200  
San Jose, CA 95134-2107

408-468-0100

[www.ccsj.org](http://www.ccsj.org)

- Serve poor and vulnerable individuals through housing services, job skills training and placement, older adult services, mental health and substance abuse counseling, financial education, immigration, refugee resettlement, and children and youth services and education.

### **Habitat for Humanity**

513 Valley Way  
Milpitas, CA 95035

408-942-6444

[www.habitatsanjose.org](http://www.habitatsanjose.org)

- Help low-income families build and own their own homes.

### **Hospice at Home**

2025 Gateway Place, Suite 270  
San Jose, CA 95110

408-452-1224

[www.volunteerinfo.org](http://www.volunteerinfo.org)

- Enable terminally ill patients to live comfortably in their final days.

### **Legal Aid Society of Santa Clara County**

480 North First Street  
San Jose, CA 95112

408-998-5200

[www.legalaidsociety.org](http://www.legalaidsociety.org)

- Provide free, civil legal services for low-income persons unable to obtain access to the judicial system through other avenues.

### **Loaves and Fishes**

Various San Jose Locations

408-934-4990

- On a regular or one-time basis, provide meals to families and seniors in our community.

### **Meals on Wheels**

2115 The Alameda  
San Jose, CA 95126

408-296-8290

[www.scccoa.org](http://www.scccoa.org)

- Deliver a week's worth of dinners and breakfasts to homebound seniors ages 60 and over.

### **NAMI – Santa Clara County**

307 Orchard City Drive #205  
Campbell, CA 95008

408-583-0001

[www.namisantaclara.org](http://www.namisantaclara.org)

- Support and advocate for people with severe mental illnesses.

### **Pathways Home Health & Hospice**

585 North Mary Avenue  
Sunnyvale, CA 94085

888-755-7855

[www.pathwayshealth.org](http://www.pathwayshealth.org)

- Help provide patient/family support, bereavement support, spiritual-care companionship, administrative support, and community education

- Rebuilding Together** 408-578-9519  
P.O. Box 21996 [www.rebuildingtogether-sv.org](http://www.rebuildingtogether-sv.org)  
San Jose, CA 95151  
○ Gather donated materials and help repair and rehabilitate homes and non-profit facilities.
- St. Vincent de Paul Society** 408-298-7290  
P.O. Box 5579 [www.svdp.org](http://www.svdp.org)  
San Jose, CA 95112  
○ Serve as ESL and computer instructors and office helpers.
- Sacred Heart Community Services** 408-278-2160  
1381 South First Street [www.shcstheheart.org](http://www.shcstheheart.org)  
San Jose, CA 95110  
○ Prepare and distribute food and clothing to those in need.
- Salvation Army** 408-998-2064  
359 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street [www.salvationarmyusa.org](http://www.salvationarmyusa.org)  
San Jose, CA 95112  
○ Help in the kitchen or office; be part of disaster services and advisory organizations.
- Second Harvest Food Bank** 408-266-8866  
750 Curtner Avenue [www.2ndharvest.net](http://www.2ndharvest.net)  
San Jose, CA 95125  
○ Help sort food in the San Jose Distribution Warehouse for people in need.
- Sunday Friends** 408-793-0441  
P.O. Box 24887 [www.sundayfriends.org](http://www.sundayfriends.org)  
San Jose, CA 95154  
○ Provide a supportive environment for low-income families to learn and practice social and economic life skills.
- Tax Aide (AARP)** 888-687-2277  
Various Locations [www.aarp.org](http://www.aarp.org)  
○ Provide free tax preparation and assistance services to low and middle income taxpayers ages 60 and older.
- Points of Light Foundation & Volunteer Center National Network** 800-VOLUNTEER  
○ Matches individual skills and interests with local volunteer opportunities.

#### **CHILD AND YOUTH PROGRAMS:**

- Big Brothers & Sisters of Santa Clara County** 408-244-1911  
[www.bbbsba.org](http://www.bbbsba.org)  
1101 S. Winchester Boulevard #0-280, San Jose, CA 95128  
○ Help at-risk children grow into healthy productive adults.
- Bill Wilson Center** 408-243-0222  
3490 The Alameda [www.billwilsoncenter.org](http://www.billwilsoncenter.org)  
Santa Clara, CA 95050  
○ Help a child grow into a healthy, self-sufficient adult through a variety of services.
- Child Abuse Prevention Center & Future Families Unite** 408-298-8789  
[www.futurefamilies.org](http://www.futurefamilies.org)  
1671 The Alameda, Suite 201, San Jose, CA 95126  
○ Give office assistance and child and family assistance .

**Child Advocates**

509 Valley Way, Bldg. 2  
Milpitas, CA 95035

408-573-5611

[www.cadvocates.org](http://www.cadvocates.org)

- Become a court-appointed Special Advocate, providing a powerful voice in children's lives.

**FLY (Fresh Life Lines for Youth)**

120 W. Mission Street  
San Jose, CA 95110

408-263-2630

[www.flyprogram.org](http://www.flyprogram.org)

- Mentor teens in trouble, help them make healthy decisions.

**Make-A-Wish Foundation**

(So. Bay Branch meets in Sunnyvale)

- Grant wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions.

415-982-9474

[www.makewish.org](http://www.makewish.org)**March of Dimes**

1101 S. Winchester Blvd.  
Suite E-155, San Jose, CA 95128

408-260-7629

[www.marchofdimes.com](http://www.marchofdimes.com)

- Participate in local events and public affairs.

**Save the Children**

Various Locations

- Ensure that children around the world survive and thrive and participate in quality literacy programs.

800-738-3843

[www.savethechildren.org](http://www.savethechildren.org)**HOSPITAL PROGRAMS:****Good Samaritan Hospital**

2425 Samaritan Drive  
San Jose, CA 95124

408-559-2345

[www.goodsamsanjose.com](http://www.goodsamsanjose.com)

- The Auxiliary (vol. org.) provides assistance wherever needed in the hospital.

**Kaiser Permanente (San Jose)**

250 Hospital Parkway  
San Jose, CA 95119

408-972-7231

[www.kaiserpermanente.org](http://www.kaiserpermanente.org)

- Contact for details.

**O'Connor Hospital**

2105 Forest Avenue  
San Jose, CA 95128

408-947-2500

[www.oconnorhospital.org](http://www.oconnorhospital.org)

- Bring comfort and care to patients, families, and loved ones.

**Santa Clara Valley Medical Center**

751 S. Bascom Avenue  
San Jose, CA 95128

408-885-5000

[www.scvmed.org](http://www.scvmed.org)

- Serve patients, visitors, and staff through teen and adult programs.

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