

## JANUARY AUXILIARY OUTREACH PROGRAM PROMOTION

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- This year don't just make a resolution -- make a **real-world impact**.

2026 is an invitation to step beyond personal goals and invest your unique skills and passion into a cause that truly matters. A career in the nonprofit sector isn't just a job description—it's a commitment to building stronger communities, advocating for justice, and creating tangible, lasting change in the world around you.

Ditch the routine and embrace purpose. Make your New Year's Resolution that this will be the year you change someone else's life and, perhaps, profoundly change your own. Explore opportunities to lend your talent, time, and heart to the organizations that need you most.

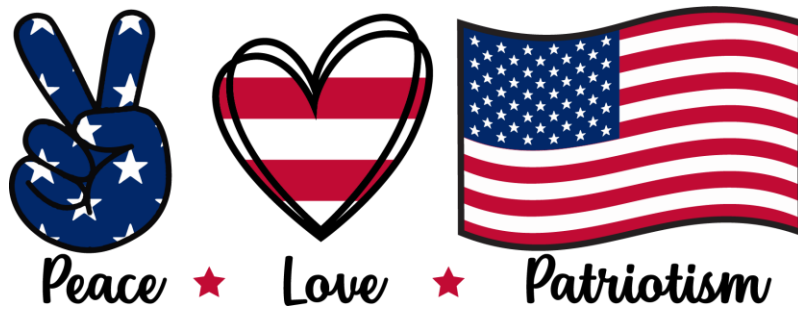
There are countless non-profits across California where you can volunteer, catering to almost any interest—from environmental conservation and animal welfare to social justice and education.

Here is a small guide to some notable non-profits throughout California where you can get involved:

#### **Statewide & Major Regional Non-Profits**

These organizations have a large presence and multiple volunteer centers across various California cities (e.g., Los Angeles, San Francisco Bay Area, San Diego, Sacramento):

- **Environmental & Conservation:**
  - **Surfrider Foundation:** Has numerous local chapters along the entire California coast where you can participate in beach cleanups, water testing, and advocacy efforts.
  - **The Sierra Club:** Offers opportunities through its many California chapters, focusing on outdoor activities, conservation campaigns, and trail maintenance.

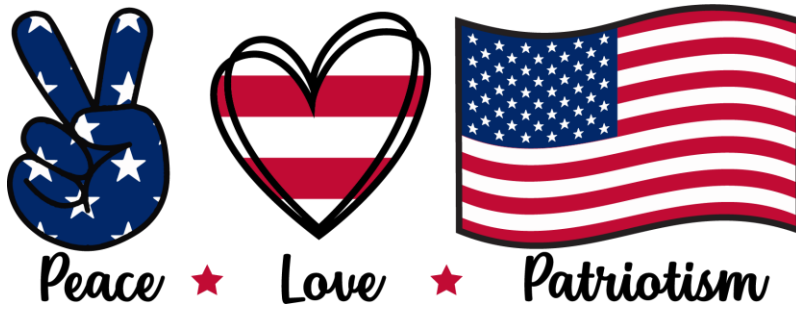


- **California State Parks Foundation:** Supports park system volunteers across the state, ranging from docent programs to trail restoration projects. Check the Parks Foundation website for opportunities near you.
- **Food Security & Homelessness:**
  - **Feeding America:** This organization partners with a network of local food banks across California (like the San Francisco-Marin Food Bank, LA Regional Food Bank, etc.). You can find your nearest food bank on the Feeding America website and sign up for packing shifts.
  - **Habitat for Humanity:** Helps build affordable housing across the state. Volunteers are always needed on construction sites; find a local affiliate near you on the Habitat for Humanity California website.
- **Disaster Relief & Health Services:**
  - **American Red Cross:** Essential for disaster preparedness and response across California (wildfires, earthquakes). They need volunteers for everything from blood drives to shelter management. Sign up through the Red Cross website.

### Major City-Specific Non-Profits

If you are in one of California's major population centers, these highly impactful local organizations need consistent help:

Region	Non-Profit Name	Focus Area
Los Angeles	LA Food Bank	Food Security
Los Angeles	Inner-City Arts	Youth Arts Education



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**San Francisco Bay Area**   **Glide Memorial Church**   Homelessness & Social Services

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**San Francisco Bay Area**   **826 Valencia**   Youth Literacy & Tutoring

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**Sacramento**   **Sacramento Food Bank**   Food Security

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Here's how to get started:

1. Hold an Auxiliary Vote to Approve the Project
2. Contact Partner Organization First: Before starting a project, call the partner organization to see how they will want your members to help conduct the activity
3. Make it Fun: Incorporate the seasonal or holiday theme!
4. Wear Auxiliary Identification: your Auxiliary shirt, name badge, hat, etc., to show your affiliation
5. Document Everything: Take photos (with permission), track volunteer hours, and share the results of the drive to keep participants engaged and show the impact.
6. Report!

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