For more information please contact:
- The Volunteer Network Center
- rsteinmetz@las-cruces.org
- 575.528.3035
- www.las-cruces.org/volunteernetwork
Welcome to the 7th Annual Volunteer Fair, our city-sponsored community event designed to promote and increase volunteerism in the region. We have over 50 organizations participating with us in our event with all kinds of volunteer opportunities; so whether you are looking to work with animals or kids, advocacy or elections, music or health, we have a volunteer opportunity for you! This booklet will give you descriptions of organizations and their volunteer needs. AND it can be used beyond today’s event as a volunteer resource all year round!

This year, we continue to encourage volunteerism with the "Inspire to Serve" Volunteer Initiative, a partnership with Thrivent Financial that provides seed money to sponsor a project benefitting the community during National Volunteer Week, April 14-21. We hope these projects continue to inspire people to serve their community in new and exciting ways!

On behalf of the City of Las Cruces, the Network Volunteer Center, and all the non-profit organizations involved in making this event possible, thank you for attending, and may you get inspired to serve!

Ryan Steinmetz
City of Las Cruces
Volunteer Coordinator

Schedule of Events

9:00 am
Fair Begins; Welcome and Introduction of Steering Committee
–Ryan Steinmetz,
Network Volunteer Center

10:00 am
Special music from the Mesilla Valley Jazz & Blues Society

10:30 am
Caliche’s Stand Opens

11:00 am
Mariachi Conservatory

11:45 am
“Inspire to Serve” Project Winners

1:00 pm
Fair Ends and Service Begins!
EXHIBITING AGENCIES

Aggie Cupboard (31)  
www.aggiecupboard.nmsu.edu  
906 Gregg St Las Cruces, NM 88003  
Contact: Meg Long — Program Specialist  
Phone: (575) 646-7636  
Email: aggiecupboard@nmsu.edu  
Mission Statement: The Mission of the Aggie Cupboard is to provide free supplementary food assistance to the NMSU community, including Las Cruces and DACC students, faculty, and staff. We strive to create an atmosphere of care, concern, and support for those who may be struggling with food insecurity. The Aggie Cupboard works to educate on the prevalence of food insecurity and hunger experienced by the NMSU community.  
Volunteer Opportunity: Assist in preparing food for distribution, accepting donations, and distributing food to clients.  
Minimum Age: 18  
Training: Yes  
BG Check: No  
Training Necessary: Yes  
Background Check: No  
Times Available: Tuesdays: 9:30am - 11am & 11am - 2pm; Thursdays: 1pm - 3pm & 3pm - 6pm

Alzheimer's Association (6)  
www.alz.org/newmexico  
1155 S. Telshor Blvd Suite 202, Las Cruces, NM 88011  
Contact: Alexis Ramirez — Southwestern Regional Manager  
Phone: (575) 647-3868  
Email: alramirez@alz.org  
Mission Statement: To eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research; to provide and enhance care and support for all affected; and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health.  
Volunteer Opportunity: You can take on a project, join a team, work on a committee, facilitate/co-facilitate caregiver support group, education class or seven week courses, help in the office, speak to community groups, assist with the annual fundraisers, help organize your local Walk to End Alzheimer's, or help out with health fairs.  
Minimum Age: All Ages  
Training Necessary: Yes  
Background Check: Yes  
Times Available: Flexible Schedules Available

American Cancer Society (41)  
www.cancer.org  
10801 Gateway Blvd W, Suite 500, El Paso TX 79935  
Contact: Maritza Marquez — Community Development Manager  
Phone: (915) 633-1231  
Email: maritza.marquez@cancer.org  
Mission Statement: Our Mission is to save lives, celebrate lives, and lead the fight for a world without cancer.  
Volunteer Opportunity: American Cancer Society Volunteer Spokespeople will represent the Society at local community events by promoting the programs and services that are available to cancer patients and their families, providing patients and their families with support and access to resources like the Personal Health Manager, distributing life-saving cancer prevention and detection information, giving information about local fundraising events and volunteer opportunities, giving a presentation on a pre-determined topic.  
Minimum Age: None  
Training Necessary: No  
Background Check: Yes  
Times Available: 9AM-4PM

Asombo Institute for Science Education (11)  
www.asombo.org  
401 E. College, Las Cruces, NM 88003  
Contact: Stephanie Haan-Amato — Science Education Specialist  
Phone: (575) 524-3334  
Email: info@asombo.org  
Mission Statement: Our mission is to increase natural science literacy through engaging, place-based education.  
Volunteer Opportunity: Volunteers can assist in several ways: during our education programs in classrooms and on field trips, preparation for our education programs during Volunteer Gatherings at our office on the second Tuesday of each month from 9:00-10:00 am, and our Desert Dash Trail Race fundraiser, which is on November 10, 2018.  
Minimum Age: All Ages  
Training: Yes  
Background Check: No  
Times Available: Monday - Friday 8:00-4:00

Big Brothers Big Sisters (26)  
www.BBBSMountainRegion.org  
129 S. Main Street, Suite B  
Contact: Dawn Starostka — Regional Director  
Phone: (575) 523-9530  
Email: DAG@BBBSmountainregion.org  
Mission Statement: To provide children facing adversity with strong and enduring, professionally supported 1-to-1 relationships that change their lives for the better, forever.  
Volunteer Opportunity: School Based Mentors spend one hour per week with the child at the child’s school during the academic year. Community Based Mentors spend a minimum of 4 – 6 hours per month with the child doing any number of activities that the child and volunteer enjoy.  
Minimum Age: 18  
Training Necessary: Yes  
Background Check: Yes  
Times Available: School Based mentoring is a set time each week for one hour; Community based is minimum of 4 – 6 hours per month at the scheduling of the child and volunteer

Border Servant Corps (30)  
www.borderservantcorps.org  
1701 Missouri Ave, Las Cruces, NM 88001  
Contact: Kari Lenander — Executive Director  
Phone: (575) 524-3334  
Email: info@borderservantcorps.org  
Mission Statement: Border Servant Corps promotes and demonstrates justice, kindness, and humility through the intentional exploration of community, simplicity, social justice, and spirituality in the U.S./México border region.  
Volunteer Opportunity: One-time short-term opportunities that may include set-up and tear-down for events, office work, and/or hospitality for guests.  
Minimum Age: 18  
Training Necessary: Yes  
Background Check: Yes  
Times Available: Varying times
## EXHIBITING AGENCIES

### Boys & Girls Club of Las Cruces (1)
- **Website:** [www.bgclascruces.org](http://www.bgclascruces.org)
- **Address:** 330 W. Las Cruces Avenue, Las Cruces NM 88005
- **Contact:** Megan Jimerson — Youth development professional
- **Phone:** (575) 526-1519
- **Email:** Outreach@bgclascruces.org

**Mission Statement:** To enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.

**Volunteer Opportunity:** Responsible for providing care for club members and insuring safety. Assist staff where needed in areas such as homework, art, outdoor play, and other activities provided.

**Minimum Age:** 16
**Training Necessary:** Yes
**Times Available:** After School Hrs: 2:30-6:30pm

**Background Check:** Yes

### Butterfly Dress Project (18)
- **Website:** [butterflydressproject.org](http://butterflydressproject.org)
- **Address:** 1505 Myrtle Ave.
- **Contact:** Kandi Kiobas — CEO
- **Phone:** (505) 319-0173
- **Email:** butterflydressproject@gmail.com

**Mission Statement:** We are dedicated to making an event magical for all.

**Volunteer Opportunity:** Are you passionate about helping? That’s what we're doing! We always need help with fittings, collecting gowns, sewing, fashion consulting and even events. We'll help you find a way to volunteer that best suits you. We're excited to have you join the team!

**Minimum Age:** None
**Training Necessary:** No
**Times Available:** Hours are negotiable and vary from 8-3 Monday through Friday and an occasional weekend or evening.

**Background Check:** No

### CARE (45)
(Eight Carlo de Aida Resource & Education, Inc.)
- **Website:** [www.carelascruces.org](http://www.carelascruces.org)
- **Address:** 118 S. Water Street, Las Cruces, NM 88001
- **Contact:** Yolanda “Yoli” R. Diaz — Executive Director/Patient Advocate
- **Phone:** (505) 649-0598
- **Email:** yol@carelascruces.org

**Mission Statement:** Today we are helping to improve the quality of life of Doña Ana County cancer patients, children and adults.

**Volunteer Opportunity:** CARE welcome people who are interested in helping our local community and residents in active treatment for any type of cancer. There are different levels of volunteering, all which will help with either the operations of CARE, raising funds or operating programs like our Care and Support Program benefiting local cancer patients. There are 12 different areas to volunteer with CARE: Office Assistant, Patient Advocate, Grant Writer, Fundraiser, Bookkeeper, Graphics Designer, Photographer, Videographer, Event Volunteer, Event Chair, Committee Member, Board Members.

**Minimum Age:** 18
**Training Necessary:** Office Asst.-Yes
**Times Available:** TBD

**Background Check:** Yes

### Casa de Peregrinos (9)
- **Website:** [www.casadeperegrinos.org](http://www.casadeperegrinos.org)
- **Address:** 999 W. Amador, Suite F, Las Cruces NM
- **Contact:** Diana Alvarez — Programs Manager
- **Phone:** (575) 523-5542
- **Email:** casadepere@yahoo.com

**Mission Statement:** The mission of Casa de Peregrinos is to alleviate hunger in our community through the acquisition and distribution of nutritious food

**Volunteer Opportunity:** Distribution-Bagging, assembling, sorting, shelving canned and dry foods. Filling carts for clients for distribution. Interviewing clients requires detail-oriented volunteers with computer skills, who respect and maintain confidentiality.

**Bi-lingual preferred. Administrative tasks: filing. Write thank-you letters, Help plan and carry out fundraising events. Write grant proposals.**

**Minimum Age:** Any
**Training Necessary:** No
**Times Available:** 8:30am-5:00pm, M, W, F

**Background Check:** No

### CLC Keeping Las Cruces Beautiful (23)
- **Website:** [http://las-cruces.org/KLCB](http://las-cruces.org/KLCB)
- **Address:** 304 W. Bell Ave. Las Cruces, NM 88005
- **Contact:** James Woods — Coordinator
- **Phone:** (575) 528-4506
- **Email:** jwoods@las-cruces.org

**Mission Statement:** Keep Las Cruces Beautiful (KLCB) focuses on the 3 E’s: Education, Eradication and Enforcement. Our program is dedicated to keeping our city beautiful through litter and weed control, graffiti eradication and prevention activities, community recycling efforts, and neighborhood and community wide beautification projects.

**Volunteer Opportunity:** Volunteers needed for beautification and litter pick-up around the community.

**Minimum Age:** None (kids w/ supervision)
**Training Necessary:** No
**Times Available:** 8:00AM-5:00PM

**Background Check:** No

### CLC Las Cruces Codes Enforcement (27)
- **Website:** [www.las-cruces.org/codes](http://www.las-cruces.org/codes)
- **Address:** 550 N. Sonoma Ranch Boulevard, Las Cruces, NM 88011
- **Contact:** Jesus Aguirre
- **Phone:** (575) 528-4645
- **Email:** jeaguirre@las-cruces.org

**Mission Statement:** Code Compliance and Awareness

**Volunteer Opportunity:** Golden shield yard assistance program

**Minimum Age:** 18 (younger w/ supervision)
**Training Necessary:** Yes
**Times Available:** 8:00AM-5:00PM

**Background Check:** No for groups

**Yes for ongoing volunteers**
## EXHIBITING AGENCIES

### CLC Las Cruces Museums (10)  
351 N Mesilla St, Las Cruces, NM 88005  
**Contact:** Joanne Beer  
**Phone:** (575) 647-4480  
**Email:** jobeer@las-cruces.org  
**Mission Statement:** The City of Las Cruces Museums promote understanding and appreciation of history, culture, arts, and the sciences through an ongoing exchange of ideas, information, and experiences with our residents and visitors.  
**Volunteer Opportunity:** Front desk staff - greeting visitors, answering questions; education assistant - helping with programs for children and adults; office help - data entry; docent - giving guided tours to groups of children or adults  
**Minimum Age:** 16  
**Training Necessary:** No  
**Times Available:** Tues - Sat, 9 am - 4:30 pm  
**Background Check:** Yes

### CLC Las Cruces Utilities Water Conservation (49)  
[www.las-cruces.org/WaterConservation](http://www.las-cruces.org/WaterConservation)  
480 N. Motel Blvd. Las Cruces, NM 88007  
**Contact:** Rhonda Diaz  
**Phone:** (575) 528-3712  
**Email:** rhdiaz@las-cruces.org  
**Mission Statement:** The Coalition for Pets & People is an association of animal welfare advocates including community members & organizations working in unison to reduce the euthanasia of adoptable animals at the Animal Service Center of Mesilla Valley to ZERO by 2019.  
**Volunteer Opportunity:** Volunteer opportunities are related to advocacy for animals with a variety of animal welfare groups & agencies in Las Cruces & Dona Ana County ranging from adoption promotion of rescue animals to fostering, micro-chipping & vaccination clinics, spay-neuter outreach & clinics, education, fundraising, administrative work. All volunteer efforts help promote positive outcomes for animals & help our community reach no-kill status.  
**Minimum Age:** 16  
**Training Necessary:** No  
**Times Available:** Mon-Fri 8am-5pm, various time for evening events  
**Background Check:** No

### CLC Network Volunteer Center (38)  
[www.las-cruces.org/VolunteerNetwork](http://www.las-cruces.org/VolunteerNetwork)  
975 S. Mesquite St. Las Cruces, NM 88001  
**Contact:** Ryan Steinmetz—Volunteer Coordinator  
**Phone:** (575) 528-3035  
**Email:** rsteinmetz@las-cruces.org  
**Mission Statement:** To expand and enhance the delivery of quality services in the Las Cruces community through meaningful volunteer engagement.  
**Volunteer Opportunity:** The city’s Network Volunteer Center connects volunteers to meaningful opportunities serving Las Cruces residents for over 30 volunteer stations around the community. Volunteer opportunities range from serving with the library to museums to after-school programs. Opportunities available for individuals and groups!  
**Minimum Age:** None  
**Training Necessary:** Yes  
**Times Available:** Varies depending on opportunity, most fall within weekday business hours with some evening and weekend opportunities.  
**Background Check:** Yes

### CLC Rio Grande Theatre (17)  
[www.riograndetheatre.com](http://www.riograndetheatre.com)  
211 N. Main Street, Las Cruces NM 88001  
**Contact:** Chris Faivre  
**Phone:** (575) 541-2290  
**Email:** cfaivre@las-cruces.org  
**Volunteer Opportunity:** Working in the concession area, serving as a event usher, and staffing the lobby visitor center week days.  
**Minimum Age:** 16  
**Times Available:** Mon-Fri 8am-5pm, various time for evening events  
**Background Check:** Yes

### Coalition for Pets & People(33)  
[www.facebook.com/CoalitionForPetsAndPeople](http://www.facebook.com/CoalitionForPetsAndPeople)  
**Contact:** Jeanne Gilbert  
**Phone:** (575) 636-7686  
**Email:** rckhahn3@gmail.com & jgilbert@zianet.com  
**Mission Statement:** The Coalition for Pets & People is an association of animal welfare advocates including community members & organizations working in unison to reduce the euthanasia of adoptable animals at the Animal Service Center of Mesilla Valley to ZERO by 2019.  
**Volunteer Opportunity:** Volunteer opportunities are related to advocacy for animals with a variety of animal welfare groups & agencies in Las Cruces & Dona Ana County ranging from adoption promotion of rescue animals to fostering, micro-chipping & vaccination clinics, spay-neuter outreach & clinics, education, fundraising, administrative work. All volunteer efforts help promote positive outcomes for animals & help our community reach no-kill status.  
**Minimum Age:** None  
**Training Necessary:** No  
**Times Available:** Hours vary for member organization of the Coalition  
**Background Check:** No

### CONCILIO CDS, Inc. (19)  
2220 S. Solano Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88001  
**Contact:** Josefina Mata—Executive Director  
**Phone:** (575) 521-9814  
**Email:** volunteer@conciliocds.org  
**Mission Statement:** To eliminate poverty through the provision of multi-generational civic engagement and to serve our community with passion and commitment  
**Volunteer Opportunity:** AmeriCorps Legacy Member Volunteer, Foster Grandparent Program, Senior Companion Volunteer and Civic Engagement  
**Minimum Age:** N/A  
**Times Available:** Flexible Hours  
**Background Check:** Yes
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<td><strong>Cruces Creatives (4)</strong></td>
<td><a href="http://www.crucescreatives.org">www.crucescreatives.org</a></td>
<td>205 E Lohman Ave, Las Cruces, NM 88001</td>
<td>Tristan Mays — Intern</td>
<td>(575) 520-2030</td>
<td><a href="mailto:volunteer@crucescreatives.org">volunteer@crucescreatives.org</a></td>
<td>Crickets Creatives is a non-profit maker-space that works to foster economic development, further education, promote the arts, protect the environment, and advance science and technology in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, by providing local citizens with access to training, community, and tools like 3D printers, laser cutters, CNC machines, top-notch software, a wood shop, metal working tools, and more.</td>
<td>Volunteer Opportunity: Volunteer at special events, fix-it fairs, monitoring the shop, sharing skills, becoming a mentor, and helping out around the shop.</td>
<td>Minimum Age: 18</td>
<td>Times Available: 9:00 am - 9:00 pm Monday-Saturday</td>
<td>Training Necessary: Yes</td>
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| **Disabled American Veterans, Chapter 38 (15)** | [www.dav.org](http://www.dav.org) | 1185 E Madrid Ave, Las Cruces, NM 88001 | Jerry Hernandez, DAV Transportation Asst. Network Coordinator | (575) 541-4366 | lilrascals676@centurylink.net | Fulfilling our dreams to the men and women who served. | Volunteer Opportunity: Becoming a DAV Volunteer Driver to help transport our veterans to their VA medical appointments being in El Paso and Las Cruces VAs, and to referrals made by the VA, and to William Beaumont Army Medical Center. | Minimum Age: 18 | Times Available: Varies from Monday thru Thursday | Training Necessary: Yes | Background Check: Yes |

| **Doña Ana Arts Council (37)** | [www.daarts.org](http://www.daarts.org) | 1740 Calle de Mercado, Mesilla NM 88005 | Katy Milligan—Development Coordinator | (575) 523-6403 | development@daarts.org | Through the arts, enhance the quality of life and develop the cultural, educational and economic growth of our community. | Volunteer Opportunity: Community Arts Awards, Summer educational programs, Renaissance Arts Faire, Las Cruces Arts Fair, office work | Minimum Age: 16 | Times Available: Varies-days, nights & weekends | Training Necessary: No | Background Check: No |

| **Doña Ana Communities United (12)** | [www.da-cu.org](http://www.da-cu.org) | 151 S. Walnut Street Unit B 13 | Kari Bachman—Coordinator | (575) 496-4330 | kari@csnm.org | Doña Ana Communities United (DACU) builds the capacity of communities to develop and implement policies and community-based solutions that improve social, economic, and environmental conditions that shape health and life opportunities. We work to advance health equity in Doña Ana County by addressing institutional inequities related to geography, class, gender, and race. We are a non-partisan organization and welcome everyone to join our efforts! | Volunteer Opportunity: All are invited to join the timebank! We are a community of individuals from all walks of life who exchange services with one another. The timebank provides a unique opportunity to both give to and receive from others. | Minimum Age: N/A | Times Available: Varies | Training Necessary: Yes | Background Check: No |

| **El Caldio Soup Kitchen (44)** | [www.elcalditolc.org](http://www.elcalditolc.org) | 999 W. Amador Las Cruces Nm 88005 | Teresa Phillips, Board of Director, Volunteer Liaison | (575) 525-3831 | http://elcalditolc.org/volunteer/ | Our mission at El Caldio is to provide a healthy meal daily, in a safe and clean environment, for any hungry person. | Volunteer Opportunity: We would appreciate help in preparing our daily meal, serving and cleaning up afterwards. Other positions include cleaning and deep cleaning the kitchen. | Minimum Age: 15 (younger w/adult) | Times Available: 8:00-1:30 Sunday-Friday 8-12:30 Saturday (we prepare a sack lunch this day) | Training Necessary: Yes (brief) | Background Check: No |

| **Election Advisory Council (47)** | [www.DonaAnaCounty.org](http://www.DonaAnaCounty.org) | 845 N. Motel Blvd. Las Cruces NM 88007 | Scott Krahling | (575) 647-7421 | Scotttkr@donaanacounty.org | The Dona Ana County Election Advisory Council is a voluntary group that promotes a variety of efforts aimed at maximizing voter registration and voter participation in the county. | Volunteer Opportunity: Register new voters | Minimum Age: 18 | Times Available: Flexible | Training Necessary: Yes | Background Check: No |
### EXHIBITING AGENCIES

#### Friends of the Organ Mountains Desert Peaks (48)
**Website:** [www.organmountainsdesertpeaks.org](http://www.organmountainsdesertpeaks.org)

**Address:** 300 N Main St (upstairs) Las Cruces, NM 88001

**Contact:** Patrick Nolan Executive Director  
**Phone:** 575-323-1423  
**Email:** director@organmtfnfriends.org

**Mission Statement:** Friends of Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks seeks to enrich our community and diverse cultures through advocacy, conservation and restoration of the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument as a premier example of America’s National Conservation Lands.

**Volunteer Opportunity:** Variety of tasks that need to be done. Help with various activities of the organization. Data Entry, volunteer on hikes, and other events where we need folks there.

- **Minimum Age:** N/A  
- **Times Available:** Flexible  
- **Training Necessary:** No  
- **Background Check:** No

#### Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest (50)
**Website:** [www.gsdsw.org](http://www.gsdsw.org)

**Address:** 225 E. Idaho #9, Las Cruces, NM 88001

**Contact:** Sharon Peyton—Troop Pathway Specialist  
**Phone:** (575) 526-2532/(940) 399-9007  
**Email:** speyton@gsdsw.org

**Mission Statement:** To build girls of Courage, Confidence, and Character who make the world a better place.

**Volunteer Opportunity:** Need Girl Scout Leaders and Collaborators to teach the girls a special talent they have like photography or painting or anything STEM related.

- **Minimum Age:** N/A  
- **Times Available:** Early evenings and weekends  
- **Training Necessary:** Yes  
- **Background Check:** Yes

#### Humane Society of Southern NM (32)
**Website:** [www.hssnm.org](http://www.hssnm.org)

**Address:** 1401 Burley Court, Las Cruces, NM 88013

**Contact:** Jean Gilbert, Board of Directors  
**Phone:** 575-523-8020  
**Email:** fvbruce@hotmail.com

**Mission Statement:** Bringing the community together for the welfare of animals.

**Volunteer Opportunity:** Pet help line, fostering, cat adoption program, micro-chipping, humane education, Cans 4 Critters, outreach

- **Minimum Age:** N/A  
- **Times Available:** Flexible  
- **Training Necessary:** Yes (brief)  
- **Background Check:** No

#### Just Serve (5)
**Website:** [www.justserve.org](http://www.justserve.org)

**Address:** 3210 Venus Street, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88012

**Contact:** Leo Clear—Just Serve Coordinator  
**Phone:** 575-644-0701  
**Email:** jrclear@justserve.org

**Mission Statement:** Building unity through community service

**Volunteer Opportunity:** Just serve is a community based website established to allow non-profits, churches, community and government organization to post projects where volunteers are needed. It provides opportunities to relieve suffering, care for the needy and poor, and enhance the quality of life. Just Serve is a free service.

- **Minimum Age:** N/A  
- **Times Available:** Varies with each organization  
- **Training Necessary:** Yes  
- **Background Check:** No

#### Kiwanis Club of Las Cruces (24)
**Website:** [www.Kiwanis-LasCruces.org](http://www.Kiwanis-LasCruces.org)

**Address:** 4317 Calle de Nubes, Las Cruces, NM 88012

**Contact:** Debra Melcher  
**Phone:** 575 202-6366  
**Email:** dndmelcher@comcast.net

**Mission Statement:** Kiwanis will be a positive influence in communities worldwide - so that one day all children will wake up in communities that believe in them, nurture them and provide he support they need to thrive. One community - one child at a time. We are passionate about making a difference. Helping kids grow and succeed is at the heart if everything we do.

**Volunteer Opportunity:** Annually: Kars for Kids car show, raft the Rio, Renaissance Fair, pancake breakfasts, recruiting sponsors for any of the above events

- **Minimum Age:** N/A  
- **Times Available:** Varies  
- **Training Necessary:** Yes  
- **Background Check:** No

#### La Casa, Inc. (52)
**Website:** [www.lacasaine.org](http://www.lacasaine.org)

**Address:** 800 S. Walnut St., Las Cruces NM 88001

**Contact:** Gloria Reyna, Event Coordinator  
**Phone:** (575) 526-2819  
**Email:** contact@lacasaine.org

**Mission Statement:** La Casa, Inc. is a non-profit organization providing comprehensive services, including shelter, in order to diminish domestic violence and abuse in all forms. Our services are available to ALL individuals, regardless of race, creed, religion, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, or disability.

**Volunteer Opportunity:** La Casa needs volunteer assistance in a variety of areas ranging from clerical work to donations to maintenance.

- **Minimum Age:** 18 (w/ exceptions)  
- **Times Available:** M-F, 8:30-5:30  
- **Training Necessary:** Yes  
- **Background Check:** Yes
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850 N. Motel Blvd. St B  Las Cruces NM 88007  
**Contact:** Carol Spahn—Advocate Coordinator  
**Phone:** (575) 526-3437  
**Email:** office@lapinon.org  
**Mission Statement:** To provide comprehensive services related to sexual violence and child abuse to individuals, families, and the community.  
**Volunteer Opportunity:** After a free 40 hour training our advocates will respond to crisis calls. Provide community referrals, emotional support, information on counseling services, and information concerning law enforcement and legal processes.  
**Minimum Age:** 18  
**Times Available:** On call various hours  
**Training Necessary:** Yes  
**Background Check:** Yes if working w/ children |
| **Las Cruces Civilian (16)**  [www.lascrucescivilian.org](http://www.lascrucescivilian.org)  
692 Rouault Ave., Las Cruces NM 88005  
**Contact:** Linda Coshenet—President  
**Phone:** (575) 649-0165  
**Email:** lindacoshenet@juno.com  
**Mission Statement:** Working with individuals with development disabilities  
**Volunteer Opportunity:** We build wheelchair ramps  
**Minimum Age:** 16  
**Times Available:** Saturday Mornings  
**Training Necessary:** No  
**Background Check:** No |
| **Las Cruces AARP Chapter 1230(8)**  [www.local.aarp.org/las-cruces-nm](http://www.local.aarp.org/las-cruces-nm)  
**Contact:** David Lynch—Chapter President  
**Phone:** (317) 385-8874  
**Email:** dlynchio@hotmail.com  
**Mission Statement:** To serve and not to be served.  
**Volunteer Opportunity:** Volunteers can provide additional help to chapter members at various events, such as staffing information tables; helping at elementary schools (reading programs, field days, etc.); helping to teach technology to seniors (computers, smart phones, etc.); also need Drivers Safety instructors.  
**Minimum Age:** 18  
**Times Available:** 8AM-8PM, Varies by event  
**Training Necessary:** Yes  
**Background Check:** No |
| **Mesilla Valley CASA (13)**  [www.mesillavalleycasa.org](http://www.mesillavalleycasa.org)  
102 Wyatt Dr., Las Cruces NM 88005  
**Contact:** Brandie White—Program Director  
**Phone:** (575) 527-0035  
**Email:** info@mesillavalleycasa.org  
**Mission Statement:** To advocate for children in foster care and protect their interests; helping children replace a life of hurt with one of hope.  
**Volunteer Opportunity:** As a sworn officer of the court, volunteer advocates are assigned to investigate the best interest of a child or sibling group in foster care and then report those findings to the Children's Court judge.  
**Minimum Age:** 21  
**Times Available:** Varies  
**Training Necessary:** Yes  
**Background Check:** Yes |
| **Las Cruces CIVIC (20)**  [www.endisolation.org](http://www.endisolation.org)  
(Community Initiatives for Visiting Immigrants in Confinement)  
P.O. Box 13501, Las Cruces, NM 88013  
**Contact:** Jan Thompson  
**Phone:** (575) 888-0886  
**Email:** civicielc16@gmail.com  
**Mission Statement:** CIVIC is the national immigration detention visitation network which is working to end U.S. immigration detentions by monitoring human rights abuses, elevating stories, building community-based alternatives to detention, and advocating for system change.  
**Volunteer Opportunity:** Be a regular visitor or pen pal to immigrants held in detention in Chaparral, NM or El Paso, TX. Two-hour training is required. Ability to speak Spanish, French or Portuguese in addition to English highly valued but not necessary.  
**Minimum Age:** N/A  
**Times Available:** Dependent on visitation schedule  
**Training Necessary:** Yes  
**Background Check:** No |
| **Mesilla Valley Community of Hope (46)**  [www.mvcommunityofhope.org](http://www.mvcommunityofhope.org)  
999 W. Amador, Las Cruces NM 88005  
**Contact:** Nicole Martinez—Executive Director  
**Phone:** (575) 523-2219 x 114  
**Email:** hope@zianet.com  
**Mission Statement:** MVCH is a service center that addresses homelessness and poverty in Las Cruces and Doña Ana County, NM. The mission is to promote dignity and empowerment among the homeless population by providing shelter services, case management, income support and permanent housing programs.  
**Volunteer Opportunity:** Front desk and custodial  
**Minimum Age:** 18  
**Times Available:** 8:00am—5:00pm Monday—Friday  
**Training Necessary:** Yes  
**Background Check:** No |
## EXHIBITING AGENCIES

**Mesilla Valley Habitat for Humanity (53)**  
www.LasCrucesHabitat.org  
720 North Santa Fe St., Las Cruces NM 88001  
Contact: Candice Butler- Interim Executive Director  
Phone: (575) 525-0457  
Email: candiceh@qwestoffice.net  
**Mission Statement:** Mesilla Valley Habitat for Humanity works in partnership with local organizations, businesses, and people everywhere, from all walks of life, to develop communities with people in need by building simple, decent homes in Las Cruces where people can live and grow into all that God intended.  
**Volunteer Opportunity:** Assist at ReStore, Build Site, and in office  
**Minimum Age:** 18  
**Times Available:** 9:00am—4:00pm Monday—Saturday  
**Training Necessary:** Yes  
**Background Check:** No  

**Mesilla Valley Hospice (43)**  
www.myhospice.org  
299 E. Montana, Las Cruces NM 88005  
Contact: Catharine Walkinshaw—Volunteer Coordinator  
Phone: (575) 523-4700  
Email: cwalkinshaw@mvhospice.org  
**Mission Statement:** To continue the legacy of providing comfort and compassionate care to our community.  
**Volunteer Opportunity:** Ongoing volunteers are needed in several areas relating to hospice care, such as providing companionship to patients and/or their families; delivering supplies and running errands; working in our office; working on special projects and fundraising; working in our bereavement program for surviving families; playing music or providing therapy such as massage, comfort touch, reiki, or pet; and/or, helping in our kitchen and garden areas.  
**Minimum Age:** 14 w/ parent perm.  
**Times Available:** We ask for 3-4 hrs./week for at least a year of hospice vols.; hrs. avail. 7 days/wk.  
**Training Necessary:** Yes  
**Background Check:** Yes, and TB test both paid by organization  

**Mesilla Valley Jazz & Blues Society (25)**  
www.mvjazzblues.net  
P.O. Box 3031, Mesilla Park, NM 88047  
Contact: Cindy Brooks, Vice President  
Phone: (575)640-8866  
Email: mvjbs.mail@gmail.com  
**Mission Statement:** To promote the appreciation of Jazz and Blues art forms.  
**To create increased opportunities for established and aspiring musicians.**  
**Volunteer Opportunity:** Our Society is 100% volunteers. We look for membership and support of our efforts to promote Jazz and Blues in Las Cruces and surrounding areas. We run a monthly concert series and two events. The Mesilla Jazz Happening in October and a Blues Festival in April.  
**Minimum Age:** None  
**Times Available:** Please visit our webpage.  
**Training Necessary:** No  
**Background Check:** No  

**EXHIBITING AGENCIES**

**Parkinsons Disease Support Group of Southern New Mexico (21)**  
880 Esslinger Rd. La Mesa, NM 88044  
www.Pdsgsnm.org  
Contact: Dave Sanchez Board Member  
Phone: (575) 495-6616  
Email: sanchezsw1@gmail.com  
**Mission Statement:** In providing PD patients a place to learn, listen, and express their concerns in a meaningful and constructive discussion. – It is important to maintain a positive attitude and educate ourselves about the disease. – That being able to express our feelings with others who share this disease is helpful. – That our support group can help you understand this disease and suggest ways to deal with it.  
**Volunteer Opportunity:** In general, set up for special meetings and set up of displays, helping in lunch distribution and in clean up afterwards.  
**Minimum Age:** None  
**Times Available:** From 10am to 1 possibly 2pm  
**Training Necessary:** No  
**Background Check:** No

**PFLAG Las Cruces (39)**  
www.pflaglascruces.org  
Contact: Ryan Steinmetz, Chapter President  
Phone: 575-323-9375  
Email: pflag@pflaglascruces.org  
**Mission Statement:** PFLAG supports LGBTQ individuals and their families and allies, provides education about the unique issues and challenges facing the LGBTQ community, and works for advocacy in our communities for full equality for LGBTQ people.  
**Volunteer Opportunity:** Volunteers are needed to help on our three action teams—Support & Community Building; Education & Advocacy; and Communication & Telling Our Story. Volunteer help is also needed at all of our community events and through serving as a board member.  
**Minimum Age:** N/A  
**Times Available:** Vary, depending on events  
**Training Necessary:** Yes  
**Background Check:** No

**Revolution 120 (42)**  
www.revolution120.com  
3900 W Picacho Ave. Las Cruces. NM 88007  
Contact: Marci Dickerson, President  
Phone: (575) 644-0778  
Email: marci@revolution120.com  
**Mission Statement:** Revolution 120 distributes goods and services to individuals in Dona Ana county with critical and urgent needs.  
**Volunteer Opportunity:** Distribution of goods and services to individuals includes a pay it forward plan as part of satisfying a Revolution 120 grant application.  
**Minimum Age:** 18  
**Times Available:** Our volunteers will be able to volunteer at different times and on any day depending on project.  
**Training Necessary:** No  
**Background Check:** No
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| **Safe Haven Animal Sanctuary (7) [www.shaspets.com]**  
6890 Eagle Road Las Cruces, NM 88012  
Contact: Tricia Quillen—Volunteer Coordinator  
Phone: (575) 805-5338  
Email: shaspets@gmail.com  
Mission Statement: To seek permanent, responsible homes for abandoned cats and dogs while caring for them in a no-kill environment, and to promote humane principles and behavior.  
Minimum Age: 18  
Times Available: Sanctuary-9-3; Off-sites vary  
Training Necessary: Yes  
Background Check: No  |
| **SCORE Las Cruces (34) [www.lascruces.score.org]**  
505 S. Main St., Suite 125 Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001  
Contact: Doug Butler  
Phone: (575) 523-5627  
Email: score.397@scorelascruces.org  
Mission Statement: To foster vibrant small business communities through mentoring and education.  
Volunteer Opportunity: SCORE's network of expert volunteers provide free business advice and expert resources to small business owners and entrepreneurs as they start and grow their businesses.  
Minimum Age: 18  
Times Available: Mon - Fri 9:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Training Necessary: Yes  
Background Check: Yes  |
| **Soroptimist International of Las Cruces (14) [www.silcnm.org]**  
Contact: Janet Brydon, President  
Phone: (575) 649-3061  
Email: silascruces@soroptimist.net  
Mission Statement: Improving the lives of women and girls through education programs that lead to social and economic empowerment  
Volunteer Opportunity: Mentoring women and girls; creative fundraising; communication and social media projects  
Minimum Age: 18  
Times Available: SI Las Cruces meets monthly, the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays  
Training Necessary: No  
Background Check: Yes  |
| **Southern New Mexico Pride (36) [www.southernnmpride.org]**  
PO Box 1812, Las Cruces, NM 88004  
Contact: Robert Williams—Chair  
Phone: (505) 270-5857  
Email: robawil@gmail.com  
Mission Statement: To provide the LGBTQ community with a sense of unity through various community events and activities  
Volunteer Opportunity: We need people to help plan and manage events for the LGBTQ community in and around Las Cruces including the big pride celebration "Fall Fest" in October.  
Minimum Age: N/A  
Times Available: Varies depending on event, usually evenings.  
Training Necessary: No  
Background Check: No  |
| **Southwest Environmental Center (40) [www.wildmesquite.org]**  
275 N. Main St. Las Cruces, NM 88001  
Contact: Sonya Kumpuckal—Border Campaign Coordinator  
Phone: (575)522-5552  
Email: sonya@wildmesquite.org  
Mission Statement: Our mission is to protect and restore native wildlife and their habitats in the Southwest, through advocacy, education and on-the-ground projects.  
Volunteer Opportunity: We have many volunteer opportunities including:  
Tabling at events: We frequently set up a SWEC table at places like the Farmers' Market and Earth Day Fair to let people know about our issues and our work, and what they can do to help. If you like talking to people, this is the job for you.  
Minimum Age: 18  
Times Available: Flexible  
Training Necessary: No  
Background Check: No  |
| **The Beloved Community Project (3) [www.facebook.com/groups/819054561520982/]**  
121 Wyatt Dr. Suite 5, Las Cruces, NM, 88001  
Contact: Kay Lilley  
Phone: (575) 637-4448  
Email: klaapd@gmail.com  
Mission Statement: The Beloved Community’s mission is to build inclusive community with young adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities through opportunities for shared experience, civic engagement, discovery of gifts, and responding to each others’ needs and dreams.  
Volunteer Opportunity: We are looking for folks to be a 'community guide' for different Beloved Community events to foster stronger relationships with young adults and support gifts & passions. Participate by attending, hosting an event (ex. yoga, art, group games, life-skills), offering transport, and/or sharing your ideas.  
Minimum Age: 16  
Times Available: M-F 9-5pm  
(Some Flexibility for evenings/weekends)  
Training Necessary: No  
Background Check: No  |
## EXHIBITING AGENCIES

### Unified Prevention Coalition for Doña Ana County
**Website:** [www.swchi.org](http://www.swchi.org)

**Address:** 301 W. College Ave, Silver City NM 88061

**Contact:** Marisol Diaz  
**Phone:** 575-534-0101  
**Email:** mdiaz@swchi.org

**Mission Statement:** The Coalition's Mission is to build community collaboration around efforts to reduce and/or prevent youth drug and alcohol use and abuse, addressing factors that increase risks of usage and promote factors that increase resiliency.

**Volunteer Opportunity:** Survey Collection, Presentations, Working with youth, National Prescription Drug Take Back Day, Coalition Recruitment, Special Events, Working with pharmacies and Dr's, General office support, Making phone calls

**Minimum Age:** 16  
**Training Necessary:** Yes  
**Background Check:** Yes

### Southwest Center for Health Innovation (35)

**Address:** 301 W. College Ave, Silver City NM 88061

**Contact:** Amanda Morales, Community Impact Director  
**Phone:** (575) 524-7561  
**Email:** info@uwswnm.org

**Mission Statement:** United Way improves lives by mobilizing the caring power of the community to advance the common good.

**Volunteer Opportunity:** One-time and ongoing volunteer opportunities

**Minimum Age:** None  
**Training Necessary:** No  
**Background Check:** No

### United Way of Southwest New Mexico (28)
**Website:** [www.uwswnm.org](http://www.uwswnm.org)

**Address:** 1401 S. Don Roser, Ste. A2, Las Cruces NM 88001

**Contact:** Len Hampton, Past Commander  
**Phone:** (575) 653-4378  
**Email:** vfwnmhq@gmail.com

**Mission Statement:** To foster camaraderie among United States veterans of overseas conflicts. To serve our veterans, the military and our communities. To advocate on behalf of all veterans.

**Volunteer Opportunity:** Opportunities for veterans

**Minimum Age:** 18  
**Training Necessary:** No  
**Background Check:** No

### Zeall LLC (2)
**Website:** [www.zeall.us](http://www.zeall.us)

**Contact:** Kurt Lyell—CBDO  
**Phone:** (575) 640-6003  
**Email:** contact@zeall.us

**Mission Statement:** Revolutionize Volunteering

**Volunteer Opportunity:** No Volunteer Opportunities

**Minimum Age:** 18  
**Training Necessary:** No  
**Background Check:** No

### Las Cruces Optimist Club (51)
**Website:** [www.lascrucesoptimistclub.org](http://www.lascrucesoptimistclub.org)

**Contact:** Jack Barclay  
**Phone:** 575-202-2796  
**Email:** Contact via website.

**Mission Statement:** Bringing out the best in kids—supporting young people in the community by supporting bike repair, youth sporting events, and other organizations supporting youth in the community. We also support youth through providing scholarships in the community.

**Volunteer Opportunity:** Helping with the bike repair project, the North/South All-Star baseball series, Tour de Optimism bike ride in Doña Ana County, and other community events supporting local youth. There are also Jr. Optimist clubs available in local elementary, middle, and high schools.

**Minimum Age:** 19  
**Training Necessary:** No  
**Background Check:** No