



# Love Anaheim

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**Better Way Anaheim**, a program that provides a work-like experience for homeless, has been serving homeless participants since December 2017. The program has served more than 425 homeless participants since its inception and grown with them as they take their next steps to end their homelessness and improve their lives. At least once a week, we gather up to 10 individuals and perform service projects and maintenance activities at Anaheim parks and public facilities and on Anaheim streets. Regularly, we connect participants with representatives from CityNet.

Better Way Anaheim has served at Anaheim Central Library, Willow Park, Maxwell Park, Boysen Park, Pearson Park, Schweitzer Park, Twila Reid Park, Peralta Canyon Park, Brookhurst Park, Chaparral Park, George Washington Park, Citrus Park, Modjeska Park, and Ronald Reagan Park. It has participated in a Serve Day in partnership with Love Anaheim. The fence at Betsy Ross Park is being prepped for painting. We regularly serve at Riverbed Farm, an aquaponics farm near Boysen Park.

We have done special projects at Lamb of God Church, Anaheim First Christian Church and Magnolia Baptist Church. We have assisted Anaheim Public Utilities by painting fire hydrants (62 to date).

Part of the program is to involve the community and our expanding base of lunch donors shows how well this is working. We have had more than 15 individuals and groups donate and some have committed to provide lunch monthly for the Better Way Anaheim participants and staff.





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## BETTER WAY ANAHEIM FACTSHEET

### What Is **BETTER WAY ANAHEIM**

**Better Way Anaheim, an innovative pilot program offering voluntary community service projects for those who are homeless** will provide basic work experience as well as access to additional services to help end homelessness.

**Love Anaheim will work with City Net**, Anaheim's partner on homeless outreach, **and others that are part of the Anaheim Homeless Collaborative**, a collection of more than 100 groups working collectively to address homelessness.

**The groups will help identify potential candidates who would benefit from community service as a way of developing basic work experience.**

**Love Anaheim will conduct weekly community service outings of up to five hours each** for the first two months and could expand to twice weekly outings after that.

**Participants will work to clean up parks, paint trash cans or fire hydrants and work on other community projects.**

**Those taking part in Better Way Anaheim will work as volunteers and be provided food and gift cards worth \$55 for each day of service.** They'll also have access to the Anaheim Homeless Collaborative with referrals to housing, healthcare, social services benefits, employment and other services designed to end homelessness.

**Participants could come from locations including the Bridges at Kraemer Place shelter in Anaheim and City Net's service center on the Santa Ana River Trail.**

The city of Anaheim is transferring to Love Anaheim a surplus Dodge Caravan, formerly used by Anaheim Public Utilities. The van, now wrapped in the Better Way Anaheim and Love Anaheim logos, will be used by a driver and helper to take up to five participants on community service outings.

### How Can You Get Involved?

1.  **Refer Homeless individuals** to the Love Anaheim website so they can participate. They can sign up by clicking the green "Volunteer" button at [loveanaheim.org](http://loveanaheim.org), and signing up for Better Way Anaheim Service Project Opportunity for various dates. **The Better Way Information Number is 657-201-7582.**
2.  **Volunteer to provide a lunch for 7 people** when the Better Way Anaheim group is serving. Lunches can be purchased at a variety of local food places.
3.  **Volunteer to be the "helper"** in the van when the Better Way Anaheim group is serving.
4.  **Volunteer to drive the Van** (Class B drivers only needed at this point).
5.  **Provide a service project for those in the program.** Go to [loveanaheim.org](http://loveanaheim.org) and click on the blue "Submit A Project" button.
6.  **Donate Gift cards for the Gift Card Packs** that will be given to the participants the day they serve. We need \$60 Walmart gift cards.
7.  **Donate funds to support the project.** Donations can be made online using a credit card or pay pal account at [loveanaheim.org](http://loveanaheim.org). Click on the red "DONATE" button, and then enter "Better Way Anaheim" in the "Any Special Instructions" box, after entering the donation amount. Checks can be made out to Love Anaheim and sent to: Love Anaheim 2255 W. Ball #2611, Anaheim, CA 92814
8.  **Pray for the Better Way Anaheim program to succeed and for each participant** to have courage to take their next step.