

Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council

Community Service Project Proposal

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PROJECT: Community Education & 'Outreach Backpack' Creation

Community members sometimes don't understand the factors that give rise to homelessness or the real facts around why individuals or families become homeless. During a buffet lunch or dinner, LA Family Housing staff will do an interactive presentation that dispels some of the myths around homelessness and highlights what LAFH is doing in communities like Sherman Oaks to move families home. We can do this presentation on-site at LAFH, combined with a tour, or at the location of your choosing.

One way LA Family Housing connects with homeless individuals or families is through street outreach. Once we engage them, we help them transition out of homelessness and poverty through a continuum of housing enriched with supportive services. During street outreach, LAFH gives homeless people "outreach backpacks" – kits that contain items of great necessity to a homeless individual or family. Items include socks, nonperishable food, toothpaste, toilet paper, hand sanitizer etc. These backpacks also include information on how to access the services provided by LA Family Housing. **You can support by donating \$3,750 for LAFH to purchase the supplies needed for 150 outreach backpacks. Your group will assemble these bags after the presentation.**

Families or individuals who have been moved off the streets still struggle to obtain basic hygienic items such as deodorant, soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, toilet paper, baby wipes etc. **You can support by donating \$750 for LAFH to purchase these often requested items.** This donation would allow us to provide 50 LAFH residents with hygienic necessities.

Price: \$5,000

Cost Break Down:

- \$3,750 to complete 150 "outreach backpacks"
- \$750 toward providing 50 residents with hygienic necessities
- \$500 for lunch/dinner for your group

Time Commitment: 2 - 2 ½ Hours

Approximate Time Break Down:

- 20 minutes for tour
- 30-40 minute presentation plus meal being served
- 5 minute explanation of outreach backpacks and hygiene bags
- 90 minutes for assembly of outreach backpacks