

To Help the Less Fortunate

# Put Your Change Where You Can Make One

## Panhandling

**P**anhandlers operate on the streets of major cities throughout the U.S. Some of us give, often without thinking about it. But is your spare change really helping? There is good reason to believe that in some cases it can actually hurt.

When you give spare change to a person on the street, you don't know how your money will be spent.

Whatever the reason for panhandling, it is agreed that most panhandlers need assistance. It is in no one's best interest for people to live on the streets, particularly when there are services available to help get them back on their feet.

## There are ways to help

**T**here are more productive ways to help than by giving your spare change when approached on the street.

✍ **Give** the panhandler this Directory of Services which puts him or her in touch with a variety of social services available Downtown.

✍ **Donate** to one of the social service providers listed in the Directory of Services.

✍ **Purchase** coupons redeemable for food to give to the needy from the Weingart Center (213) 627-9000 or from L.A.M.P. Village (213) 488-0670.

✍ **Volunteer** throughout the year with organizations that assist the homeless and need your help.

✍ **Invite** a speaker to your office to learn more about the issue of panhandling and homelessness and how you can have an impact. Call (213) 624-2146 for more details.

✍ **Advocate** on behalf of increased homeless services as you become more informed on the issues.



# Directory of Services

**Downtown Center Business Improvement District 24 hour Service Center** • 801 S. Hill • (213) 624-2425

**GENERAL INFO LINE (800) 339-6993**

*Provides telephone information about social services throughout Los Angeles County.*

**Shelter**

☞ **L.A.M.P.** • (LA Men's Place)

527 S. Crocker St. • (213) 488-0670

☞ **Downtown Women's Center**

325 S. Los Angeles St. • (213) 613-0761

*Apply Mon or Thurs; 9:00am*

☞ **Fred Jordan Mission**

445 S. Towne St. • (213) 489-7763

☞ **Transition House**

543 S. Crocker St. • (213) 622-7073

*Sign up Mon - Fri; 8:00am*

☞ **Weingart Center**

566 S. San Pedro • (213) 627-9000 ext. 18

*Sign up in the Lobby weekdays 7:00am-9:30am*

☞ **Anne Douglas Center of Los Angeles Mission**

310 E. Winston Ave. • (213) 614-0743

☞ **L.A. Family Housing**

2431 E. 1<sup>st</sup> St. • (323) 260-7524

☞ **St. Vincent Cardinal Manning Center**

231 Winston Ave. • (213) 229-9663

☞ **Emmanuel Baptist Rescue Mission**

530 E. 5<sup>th</sup> St. • (213) 626-4681

☞ **Stairs 2**

566 S. San Pedro • (213) 627-9000

☞ **Good Shepherd Center**

267 N. Belmont Ave. • (213) 250-5241

☞ **Union Rescue Mission**

545 S. San Pedro • (213) 628-6103

☞ **Sunshine Mission**

2600 S. Hoover • (213) 747-7419

**Food**

☞ **SHARE Southern California**

(800) 773-7427 • *Provides a \$30 package of food*

☞ **INFO LINE of Los Angeles**

(323) 686-0950 • *Referrals to emergency food programs*

☞ **Emmanuel Baptist Rescue Mission**

530 E. 5<sup>th</sup> St. • (213) 626-4681

*Meals following services Mon - Sat; 9:15am & 8:00pm, Sun 4:00pm*

☞ **Los Angeles Mission**

303 E. 5<sup>th</sup> St • (213) 629-1227

☞ **Midnight Mission**

396 S. Los Angeles St. • (213) 624-9258 • *Mon - Sat; 6:30am & 4:30pm*

☞ **Para Los Niños**

845 E. 6<sup>th</sup> St. • (213) 623-8446 • *Groceries distributed to homeless or near homeless families; Mon - Fri; 9:00am - 4:00pm*

☞ **St. Francis Center**

1203 S. Santee St. • (213) 747-5347

*Soup, sandwiches and drinks served Mon, Tues, Thurs; 8:30am - 2:00pm*

**Drug & Alcohol Services**

☞ **Alcohol & Drug Program Administration**

(800) 564-6600

☞ **Alcoholism Center for Women**

(213) 381-8500

☞ **California Dept. of Alcohol & Drug Programs**

Resource Center • (800) 879-2772

☞ **Homeless Health Care Los Angeles**

Out patient Drug Treatment Program (H2CLA)

2330 Beverly Bl. • (213) 744-0724

☞ **People in Progress**

426 S. Spring St. • (213) 384-6689

☞ **Salvation Army Harbor Light**

809 E. 5th St. • (213) 626-4786

☞ **Salvation Army Safe Harbor**

721 E. 5th St. • (213) 622-5253

**Day Centers**

☞ **Volunteers of America - Downtown Drop-In Center**

628-634 S. San Julian • (213) 624-4357

☞ **Homeless Outreach Program**

901 E. 6<sup>th</sup> St. • (213) 683-8304

☞ **Midnight Mission**

396 S. Los Angeles St. • (213) 624-9258

☞ **Skid Row Mental Health**

515 E. 6<sup>th</sup> St. • (213) 974-6501

☞ **St. Vincent Cardinal Manning Center**

231 Winston St. • (213) 626-3744

**Employment Services**

☞ **Chrysalis Employment Services**

516 S. Main St. • (213) 895-7777

☞ **Employment Development Dept.**

1405 S. Broadway • (213) 744-2971

☞ **Chinatown Service Center**

Employment Services • (213) 808-1700

**Miscellaneous**

☞ **Social Security Office**

2600 Wilshire Blvd • (800) 772-1213

☞ **Department of Social Services**

2707 Grand • (213) 744-6623

*Provides AFDC, Food Stamps and Medical*

☞ **Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health**

Psychiatric Emergency Services • (800) 854-7771

Patient Rights Office • (213) 738-4888

*Advocacy for people seeking or receiving mental health care*

☞ **Disabilities Commission**

General Information

500 W. Temple • (213) 974-1707

☞ **California Department of Veterans Affairs**

(800) 952-5626

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