



Volunteer Voice

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Connecting Senior Volunteers to Community Needs

CSVP Director's Message

As we close out the holiday season and step into a new year, we want to take a moment to recognize the extraordinary impact our volunteers have made throughout 2025. To our more than 800 dedicated volunteers - thank you. Your time, compassion, and commitment continue to brighten the lives of seniors, support families, strengthen essential programs, and uplift so many throughout the Conejo Valley. Whether tutoring children and adults, serving meals, welcoming visitors, or offering your talents behind the scenes, your efforts have truly mattered.

Thinking back on this past year, I'm reminded of a line inspired by Charlotte Bronte: "When generosity is shared from the heart, its influence reaches further than any one moment can hold." Your volunteerism, often quiet, and generously given, adds beauty and meaning to our community in exactly this way.

Looking ahead to 2026, we're excited for another year of connection, service, and growth. On pages 2 and 3, you'll find a variety of volunteer opportunities with our partner agencies. If you're considering exploring something new, or know someone who might want to get involved, we would love to support you.

We're also thrilled to kick off the year with **CSVP's 11th Annual Wellness Fest on Wednesday, January 21st**, from 9:00am - 1:00pm at the Goebel Center. More than 60 agencies, including the City of Thousand Oaks and 25 local nonprofits, will be joining us. The VCAAA Advisory Council will once again host a Job Fair as part of this vibrant event. We hope to see you there!

Our dedicated tax team is preparing for another impactful season with the CSVP Free Income Tax Assistance Program. Last year, these remarkable volunteers completed over 2,700 returns. Be sure to review page 7 for updates on this incredible service.

Save the Date! Our Annual **Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon** will be held on **Thursday, April 16th**, during National Volunteer Month. Invitations will be mailed in March. We look forward to celebrating you and honoring the dedication you bring to our community. More details can be found on the back page.

As we welcome 2026, we wish you a year filled with peace, joy, and meaningful connections with the people you cherish. Thank you for the kindness you share so freely. Together, we look forward to another inspiring year ahead.

xoxoxo Julie Spivack

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Why Turn in Timesheets?

CSVP volunteers donate more than 100,000 hours annually! We are supported by the Conejo Recreation & Park District (CRPD), and we report hours to CRPD throughout the year. Also, by submitting your timesheet, you are considered an "active" volunteer and may qualify for excess insurance. You will receive quarterly newsletters, birthday calls, and an invitation to our annual recognition luncheon. These hours **MUST** be submitted on a monthly or quarterly basis, with the next quarter ending **March 31**. Please feel free to also email hours to jspivack@crpd.org.



Click above images to follow us on the CSVP Website & Facebook Page

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The CSVP Boutique is always accepting donations of brand new items. We also accept small antique items and all types of new or used jewelry.

Workshops Groups gratefully accept donations of unused materials. We can always use:

Yarn, Stuffing, Batting, Elastic, and Cotton/Flannel/Fleece fabric.

Please contact CSVP at 805-381-2742 or email jspivack@crpd.org for information on donating.

Current Volunteer Opportunities

**2026 POINT IN TIME COUNT
Wednesday, January 28, 2026**

The purpose of the Point-in-Time (PIT Count) is to obtain a snapshot census of people experiencing homelessness in the Ventura County area in a designated 24-hour period. The count focuses on people who, on the night of the count, are • Sheltered (living in emergency shelters or transitional housing) or • Unsheltered (staying outdoors or in places not designed for habitation including vehicles, streets, parks, and abandoned buildings). Starting at sunrise, volunteers will canvass the community and conduct surveys of people experiencing homelessness. Depending on the city selected, volunteering for the PIT Count usually takes between 2 - 5 hours. During registration, volunteers will be able to indicate what geographic areas you would prefer to complete the count in. Registration will also ask other questions that will allow organizers to match you with other volunteers. All registered volunteers will need to attend a live training. The training includes information on how to engage vulnerable populations, basic information about the campaign, and how to complete surveys via a mobile app. Thank you for your help in ensuring that every individual experiencing homelessness counts! Click on link to register, [Point in Time Mobile Command Center](#)

AMERICA SUPPORTING AMERICANS (ASA)

ASA, Greater Conejo Valley Chapter is dedicated to strengthening the bonds between our community and the heroes of our armed forces. Their mission shines through the care packages, cards, and letters they send to uplift the spirits of soldiers overseas.

Volunteer Opportunities: • Administrative Assistant: Fluency in Microsoft Office, web browsers, (some ChatGPT experience a plus). • Print Advertising Specialist: Experience developing event flyers & promotional advertisements. • Fundraiser: Experience writing grant proposals, building relationships with sponsors, and securing donations for nonprofit organizations. • IT Administrator: Information technology experience with cloud storage administration
Contact Julie Spivack for more information on volunteering.

**CONEJO FREE CLINIC -
BILINGUAL FRONT DESK VOLUNTEER NEEDED**

[Conejo Free Clinic](#) is looking for a friendly, dependable Spanish-speaking volunteer to assist at the front desk. This role helps welcome patients, provide language support, screen new clients for eligibility, and assist with basic administrative tasks that keep the clinic running smoothly. Volunteers can choose a schedule that fits their availability, whether weekly or monthly. Your time will make a meaningful difference for families who rely on these vital services. Fill out an [application](#) today. Contact Julie Spivack if interested in learning more about volunteering with Conejo Free Clinic.

**GRANT R. BRIMHALL LIBRARY
AND NEWBURY PARK BRANCH**

Looking to be a part of the Thousand Oaks Library team of volunteers? Check out the below link for current opportunities, including Homework Helpers, Reading Buddies, Donation Sorter/Transporter, and more. [Library Volunteers | Thousand Oaks, CA](#)

Current Volunteer Opportunities

JOIN A CSVP GROUP TODAY! BUSY BEES WORKSHOP (FULL)

Mondays, 9:30am-12:00pm

Sew, knit, or crochet for children, service members, older adults & CSVP programming.

TEDDY BEARS WORKSHOP

Mondays, 1:30-3:00pm

Make stuffed bears for children.

CRAFTERS WORKSHOP

Wednesdays, 9:00-11:30am

Sew, knit, or crochet for children, service members, older adults & CSVP programming.

NIFTY LADIES WORKSHOP

Wednesdays, 12:30-3:00pm

Sew special projects for patients, children, service members, and older adults.

Handmade items are donated to nonprofit agencies; workshop groups cannot make/alter items for personal use.

Visit the CSVP Office for more information on workshops.

VENTURA COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION

Volunteer to help present academic events for Ventura County students. The Office of Education has some super fun opportunities in 2026. Volunteer at the Academic Decathlon, the Science Fair, or the Battle of the Books. See flyer for more information and to sign up to volunteer, <https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:VA6C2:9ea2e5c2-02dc-4ae9-beeb-facaa3ed047a>

805UNDOCUFUND

[805UndocuFund](#) is proud to announce they're the new host organization leading community organizing efforts for the 805 Immigrant Coalition. As the torchbearer of this esteemed coalition, they are committed to amplifying the voices and advocating for the rights of undocumented immigrants in Ventura, Santa Barbara, and San Luis Obispo Counties. With a strong foundation built on grassroots activism and years of dedicated service, 805UndocuFund is poised to drive impactful change in our communities. Through collaborative efforts and strategic initiatives, they aim to empower undocumented residents, advocate for equitable policies, and build resilience in the face of adversity. Join them as they work tirelessly to create a more just and inclusive society for all. They are always looking for volunteers that speak Spanish, Mixteco or English to help the immigrant community! If interested in volunteering, please fill out the [Volunteer Application](#). After your submission, please wait for an email with details.

GARDENS OF THE WORLD - BECOME A DOCENT

Gardens of the World, located in Thousand Oaks, is currently recruiting volunteer docents. Docents are trained on an on-going basis to lead educational tours in a beautiful garden setting. Morning and afternoon shifts are available Tuesdays - Saturdays. Being a docent is a wonderful way to meet new people and to learn about plants and travel. As you share your unique skills, knowledge, and interests, you will be making a difference in the community. No plant expertise is required; just an interest in interacting with fellow docents and visitors. All training is provided in a supportive environment. Please contact Linda at the Gardens of the World at 805-557-1135 or linda@hoganfoundation.org for additional information.

GOEBEL SENIOR CENTER COMMISSION, INC. (GSCC)

Are you 50+ years of age and reside within the boundaries of the Conejo Recreation & Park District?

Interested in volunteering to work cooperatively with Goebel Center staff to better serve the senior population? If so, the Goebel Senior Center Commission may be perfect for you. The GSCC is a nonprofit community service organization with the following primary purposes: to work cooperatively with Goebel Center staff to best serve senior patrons, oversee a vibrant three day per week GSCC Bingo Program on Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday afternoons, volunteer time and special skills, serve on subcommittees, and assist in the development, marketing, and conducting of a variety of GSCC recreation programs, allocate funds for facility upgrades, equipment, program budgets, and other Goebel Center services that benefit the senior patrons. Contact the CSVP Office if interested in applying.

Celebrating the CSVP Advisory Council

Honoring Our Roots, Our Leadership, and Our Future

For more than 50 years, the Conejo Senior Volunteer Program (CSVP) has been a cornerstone of service, connection, and community spirit in the Conejo Valley. What began in 1972 as the pioneering Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) - the first of its kind in the nation - has evolved into the vibrant CSVP we know today. Seniors have always been at the heart of this work, sharing their time, talents, and life experience to support schools, hospitals, food programs, cultural institutions, and dozens of local nonprofits.

Over the decades, CSVP volunteers have given comfort to isolated seniors, mentored students, brought meals to the homebound, stitched gifts for children and service members, supported public agencies, and strengthened more than 60 partner organizations. Their impact is woven into every part of our community's history.

Supporting this incredible work is the **CSVP Advisory Council**, a dedicated team of volunteers who provide leadership, creativity, and guidance to the program. The Advisory Council works closely with CSVP staff and the Conejo Recreation & Park District to ensure that our volunteers and partner agencies have what they need to thrive. Council members help shape program priorities, contribute ideas, support special events such as the Wellness Fest, Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon, and Charity Karaoke, while championing CSVP's mission throughout the region.

The Council is organized into four committees - Resource Development, Partner Agency Development, Volunteer Development, and Team Building. Together, they help keep CSVP strong, responsive, and connected. Their contributions reflect the same spirit that has guided the program from its earliest days: neighbors stepping up to support one another, building community, and making life better for all.

Join the Advisory Council

As CSVP continues to grow, expanding volunteer opportunities, strengthening partnerships, and increasing support for community needs, we are welcoming new Advisory Council members who want to be part of this important work.

We are looking for individuals who:

- Care deeply about older adults and local nonprofits
- Interested in fundraising efforts
- Are interested in events, outreach, volunteer engagement, and community partnerships
- Want to help guide the future of CSVP

Members serve three-year terms and contribute in ways that match their strengths and interests. No prior experience is required, just a generous heart and a commitment to helping seniors continue to shine in our community. New appointments are now being considered. The Council meets every other month at the Goebel Adult Center.

Continuing a Legacy of Service

From its innovative beginnings in 1972 to the dynamic program it is today, CSVP has always been powered by people who care. The Advisory Council plays a vital role in carrying that legacy forward - supporting our volunteers, uplifting partner agencies, and keeping the spirit of service alive and strong.

If you or someone you know would like to learn more about joining the Advisory Council, please contact:

Julie Spivack, CSVP Director
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Conejo Senior Volunteer Program presents...



Wednesday, January 21
9:00AM-1:00PM



60+ Vendors including Local Businesses, Nonprofit Agencies,
Public Service Organizations, and the City of Thousand Oaks
Health Screenings provided by Care Access
Courtesy Shuttle from Library & Park • Demos • *Lunch
Master Gardener Tours • Raffle Entry • Volunteer Opportunities
Job Fair presented by the VCAAA Advisory Council

*Advance tickets are for lunch only and are not required to attend event.
Limited tickets available at Goebel Center front desk beginning January 2, 2026.

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CONEJO SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Goebel Adult Community Center
1385 E. Janss Rd., Thousand Oaks

Proceeds benefit the Conejo Senior Volunteer Program
For more information call 805-381-2742 or visit www.crpdp.org/CSVP

IRS Certified Volunteers Provide

FREE TAX RETURN PREPARATION



In conjunction with the Internal Revenue Service, trained and certified CSVP volunteers will provide FREE income tax preparation for persons in either of these categories:

- Seniors 60 years of age or older (any income level) OR
- Persons with an income of \$67,000 or less, regardless of age

Conejo Creek South Community Building

1350 E. Janss Rd., Thousand Oaks, 91362

Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays,

Thursdays, and Fridays

February 2 - April 15, 2026

8:30am - 4:00pm

SPANISH TRANSLATION AVAILABLE
MANDARIN TRANSLATION AVAILABLE
Translation Dates and Times TBA

Newbury Park Library

2331 Borchard Rd., Thousand Oaks, 91320

WEDNESDAYS ONLY

Wednesday, February 4 -Wednesday,

April 15, 2026

10:00am - 4:00pm

Translation Dates and Times TBA

**This is not a Thousand Oaks Library Program*

No appointments taken - First-come, first-served basis. Please read all information.
We close promptly at 4:00pm.

WHAT TO BRING

- Photo identification
- Social Security cards or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number documents for you, your spouse, and dependents
- Birth dates for you, spouse, and dependents
- A copy of last year's Federal and State tax return
- All Forms W-2, 1098, and 1099
- Interest and dividend statements(1099-INT; 1099-DIV; 1099-B)
- Form 1095-A (Marketplace Health Insurance)
- Other relevant information on income, expenses, deductions
- Information for all deductions/credits
- Total paid to child care provider and their tax ID number
- Bank Routing and Account numbers for direct deposit (NO refunds by check via mail)

WILL PREPARE TAX RETURNS THAT INCLUDE

- Wages, salaries, etc. (Form W-2)
- Interest Income (Form 1099-INT)
- Dividends Received (Form 1099-DIV)
- State Tax Refunds (Form 1099-G)
- Unemployment Benefits (Form 1099-G)
- IRA Distributions (Form 1099-R)
- Pension Income (Forms 1099-R, CSA-1099)
- Social Security Benefits (Form SSA-1099)
- Capital Gain/Loss (Form 1099-B)
- Sale of Home (Form 1099-S)
- Self-employed Income (Form 1099-MISC, 1099-NEC, 1099-K)
- Gambling Winnings (Form W-2G)
- Cancellation of Debt (Form 1099-C)
- Health Savings Accounts (Form 1099-SA)
- Itemized Deductions
- Education Credits/Expenses (Form 1098-T)
- Child Tax Credit
- Earned Income Credit
- Prior Year and Amended Returns
- Business income/expenses for Schedule C (ONLY if there is a profit and expenses are under \$35,000; no home use, inventory, or depreciation)

IMPORTANT TAX CHANGES

- IRS will NOT send refunds by check
- No Federal Tax on Overtime (bring documentation)
- No Federal Tax on Tips (bring documentation)

CANNOT PREPARE

- Schedule E (No Rentals)
- Out-of-state-returns
- Married filing separate returns
- Returns with more than four K-1's

For more information, contact CSVP at 805.381.2742 or csvp@crpd.org

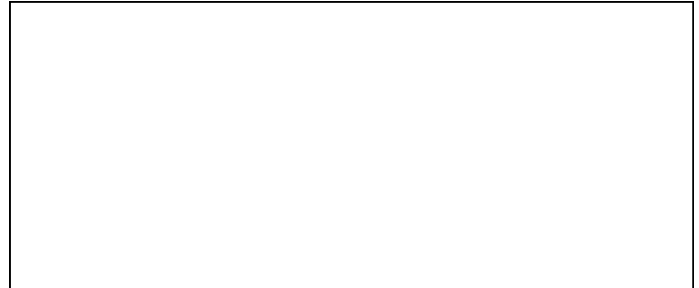


**CONEJO SENIOR
VOLUNTEER
PROGRAM**

**1385 E. Janss Road
Thousand Oaks, CA 91362**

**Julie Spivack, Program Director
Myra Byrne, Volunteer Coordinator
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Kori Poindexter, Recreation Specialist
Toosdey Roberts, Volunteer Coordinator**

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Office Hours: Monday-Friday
9:00am - 4:00pm**



SAVE THE DATE

In observance of National Volunteer Month, CSVP would like to recognize and thank all of our volunteers who donate their time, service, and support to the community. Please join us at Conejo Creek North Park (located behind Goebel Center & Thousand Oaks Library) for an afternoon filled with food, fun, music, and good company. Let's take this opportunity to celebrate you and to meet others who also play a huge role in shaping this community. Lunch will be provided!

Invitations to follow.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DAY

**THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2026
1:00 - 3:00PM**

