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Serve Los Al

Los Alamitos, CA – On Saturday, September 13, 2025, the Los Alamitos community came together for the 8th annual Serve Los Al event. Hosted by the City of Los Alamitos Recreation and Community Services Department, the citywide volunteer day brought more than 100 dedicated volunteers to serve local nonprofit groups, clean up parks, and assist senior residents to make a lasting impact across the community.

The morning began at Oak Middle School Amphitheater, where volunteers gathered at 8:30 a.m. for an inspirational kickoff assembly led by the City's Mayor Shelley Hasselbrink. After checking in and receiving their Serve Los Al shirts, volunteers were welcomed with a complimentary breakfast featuring breakfast burritos from Nick's Deli before being sent off to their assigned community service projects. Volunteers were excited, committed, and ready to serve.

From 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., volunteers dispersed out to more than a dozen active projects across the City, each designed to enhance the Serve Los Al's mission of strengthening community ties. From the beautification efforts at Laurel Park, Little Cottonwood Park, and Coyote Creek Trail to tidying up the Los Alamitos Museum and helping senior residents, the projects reflected the City's commitment to improving the quality of life.

One group of volunteers provided a helping hand with the We Care Pantry Power-Up project, cleaning and restocking shelves to ensure families in need have a dignified space to access essential nutritional items. Another team decorated grocery bags during the Summer Harvest – Food for Kids project, adding cheerful designs and uplifting messages that will brighten families' days during the holiday food distributions.

Senior residents received direct support through projects like landscaping cleanups at various homes and window washing at Royal Oak Mobile Home Park. Cristi and Doug Barber, long-time residents of Los Alamitos, expressed their gratitude after volunteers refreshed their yard. They shared that coming home to a landscaped yard was a huge positive boost for them. They also mentioned that it reminded them of how much their Los Alamitos community truly cares about helping one another.



While volunteers spread out across the City, the community also benefited from on-site health and wellness resources at the Los Alamitos Community Center. The Lestonnac Free Clinic provided free vision and dental exams, including free glasses, while Lifestream Blood Bank stationed its blood mobile to collect donations. These services extended the impact of Serve Los Al beyond your typical service projects, providing residents with direct and immediate resources.

Rooted in its partnerships, the success of Serve Los Al can be traced to its strong coalition of local nonprofits. The City has worked year-round with service organizations to ensure deep and personal connections. Partners have included:

- Casa Youth Shelter
- Food Finders
- Grateful Hearts
- Kiwanis Club
- Los Alamitos Education Foundation
- Los Alamitos Chamber of Commerce
- Los Alamitos Museum
- Los Alamitos Unified School District
- Los Alamitos/Cypress/Seal Beach Rotary Club
- Precious Life Shelter
- Epsom
- St. Isidore Historical Plaza
- The Youth Center
- Transitions in Motherhood
- We Care
- Summer Harvest
- Orange County Health Care Agency
- Pathways to Independence
- Lestonnac Free Clinic

With over 100 volunteers participating in 2025, the highest turnout to date, Serve Los Al continues to grow as an annual tradition and testament of the community's commitment to each other. Residents of all ages joined in, each bringing a wave of positive energy, compassion, and teamwork to the day's efforts. Mayor Hasselbrink summed up the spirit of the day at the morning Assembly, noting how everyone's "presence and service today show why Los Alamitos is a great place to live, because of caring, generous, and charitable members of the community like you."



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