





*"At the heart of volunteerism are the ideals of service and solidarity and the belief that together we can make the world a better place. "*

-UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan

Volunteering brings benefits to both society at large and the individual volunteer. It makes important contributions, economically as well as socially. It contributes to a more cohesive society by building trust and reciprocity among citizens.

# DPSS Volunteers Volunteer Opportunities

The Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) serves an ethnically and culturally diverse community through programs designed to both alleviate hardship and promote health, personal responsibility, and economic independence. DPSS Volunteers help in reaching all of these different groups in a more personalized manner. The Department provides many benefits and services to low-income residents of Los Angeles County such as: temporary financial assistance, free and low-cost health care insurance and food benefits for families. These benefits are magnified by the kind and caring service offered by DPSS Volunteers.



## Here are only a few examples:

### **Toy Loan Centers**

Help operate a community toy library lending toys, books and games to community children or collect donations of usable toys and other items for the Toy Loan Centers.

### **Clerical Support**

Assist professional and other staff on a variety of assignments.

### **Adopt-A-Family**

Assist by sponsoring and providing contributions of food, toys and clothing to some of our Department's neediest individuals and families.

### **Community Outreach Events**

Participate in DPSS sponsored community outreach events.

### **Special Projects**

Provide help through group or individual projects based on personal skills or interest.

# Volunteers Make a Difference