

# *Justice Plus at LACLJ*

## *Volunteer Opportunities to Empower Survivors*

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### Overview of LACLJ's *Justice Plus* Program

LACLJ's *Justice Plus* volunteer initiative is an innovative program that leverages corporate partnerships to provide critical services, information, and goods to LACLJ clients. Through this program, corporate volunteers serve one of the most disadvantaged populations in Los Angeles – low income and immigrant women who are experiencing domestic violence and sexual assault.

### Menu of *Justice Plus* Opportunities

- **Financial Literacy Training** — 99% of all domestic violence cases include financial abuse. Volunteers can help empower survivors financially by teaching survivors how to recognize the signs of financial abuse and how to move towards personal and financial security. LACLJ provides a comprehensive lesson plan designed to empower survivors to become financially self-sufficient. Each workshop requires approximately two hours of donated time.
- **Education and Outreach** — In 2017, LACLJ launched the Education and Outreach Volunteer Corps (EOVC) to address the increased challenges undocumented individuals face under the current administration. LACLJ's EOVC coordinates and conducts *Know Your Rights & Family Preparedness* trainings on behalf of LACLJ in the community – at schools, churches, organizations, and community centers. LACLJ trains volunteers and equips them with a PowerPoint presentation and other materials to be able to provide this critical information to members of the community. Each session requires approximately two hours of donated time.
- **Courtroom Support Kits** — Survivors who turn to the legal system for protection from the abuser, custody of their children, and assistance with other civil legal needs encounter significant barriers. Going to court to pursue legal remedies can re-trigger the original trauma, making it difficult for a survivor to fully participate in her case. Volunteers spend one hour assembling courtroom support kits at their office location that LACLJ then distributes to clients who are facing their abusers in court. These support kits include snacks, water bottles, tissue, pens, paper, activity books, soothing stones, and encouraging notes. The cost of each support kit is approximately \$5.

### Contact

If your company is interested in volunteering with LACLJ's *Justice Plus* program, please contact LACLJ's Assistant Director of Development, Marissa Marasigan, at [marissam@lajcli.org](mailto:marissam@lajcli.org) or at (323) 980-3500, x140.