



Serving Our Community

The **AmeriCorps Hope for the Homeless** program does street outreach, and supplies members and resources to service organizations in downtown Los Angeles to help them increase advocacy and success for clients.

We have four teams in our AmeriCorps Program:

- Street Outreach Team
- Data Management Team
- HELP Resource Team
- Volunteer Management Team

How We Help— A Few Success Stories!

A family—husband, wife and a 1 month old baby— came to our Resource office looking for help. The wife was only 19, already had a 2 year old daughter in the System, and revealed later that her husband was physically abusive. We put this mom in our Emergency Shelter program where she stayed for 3 months, saving money, and we helped her apply for Section 8. She left her abusive relationship and secured permanent housing. She is now employed full-time and has regained custody of her now 3 year old daughter. She is a success!



On the streets of skid row, our Outreach team member, Tyrone, came in contact with a single female who was emotionally scarred after enduring sexual abuse by her step father, which had made her leave her home at a young age. Although she managed to graduate from college without having a stable upbringing, she was unable to find a job, had no income and no place to go. She ended up on Skid Row. Tyrone explained that there were other options rather than sleeping on the streets, and got her into a program that fit her needs. She is now off the streets where she feels safe, has obtained employment and is saving 70 % of her income.



We had a client that was HIV +, addicted to crack cocaine and homeless. Our Street Outreach team made contact with this person on a daily basis. He was resistant to assistance, stating that there was no “hope” so why should he care. In time, our team members were able to get this man into the resource office for an assessment and placed him in the HOPWA program (housing opportunity for people with AIDS) where he now has housing, a job and hope!



AmeriCorps Members also participate in service projects, like **building playgrounds for children**, that help our community.

