

WeHo Cares:

Celebrating Disabilities Awareness Month

Updates from the City of West Hollywood Social Services Division



COMMUNITY NONPROFIT HIGHLIGHT

OCTOBER 2017



Telephone Check-in Program

A daily phone call to people who live alone and are mostly homebound provides support to help remain independent and may even be life-saving. Programs that offer daily telephone calls are called Telephone Reassurance programs.

The West Hollywood Comprehensive Services Center, operated by Jewish Family Service, provides a Telephone Reassurance program called Telecheck. Volunteers call community members at an agreed upon time in the morning Monday through Friday. Unanswered calls are then followed up by staff, pre-arranged emergency contacts, and if needed, the Sheriff's Office.

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ACTIVITIES UPDATE

“However difficult life may seem, there is always something you can do and succeed at.”

Stephen Hawking

“The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched - they must be felt with the heart.”

Helen Keller

"My disability has opened my eyes to see my true abilities."

Robert M. Hensel



The City of West Hollywood and its Disabilities Advisory Board are hosting two events in October in honor of Disabilities Awareness Month!

4th Annual Health and Wellness Event

The City of West Hollywood will join Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in hosting a free Health and Wellness Event on Tuesday, October 17, 2017 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Plummer Park, located at 7377 Santa Monica Boulevard.

The event will emphasize preventive healthcare and provide blood glucose and cholesterol screenings, flu shots, breast cancer screenings*, HIV and STD testing, pulmonary lung function screenings, and hearing exams. Additionally, healthcare enrollment and benefits counseling will also be offered.

**Breast Cancer Screenings are by appointment only, and can be scheduled by calling (909) 907-0862, or by visiting www.alineaevents.com/whcc.*



The annual Health and Wellness Event offers free health screenings and information about local health resources.

19th Annual Disability Service Awards

The City will host its 19th Annual Disability Service Awards at the West Hollywood City Council Chambers/Public Meeting Room, located at 625 N. San Vicente Boulevard on Wednesday, October 25, 2017 at 6 p.m. A reception will take place prior to the meeting, beginning at 5 p.m.

The Disability Service Awards recognizes individuals, businesses, media, and nonprofit organizations for their extraordinary work with people living with disabilities. "The Service Awards shine a light on those who made an impact" said Joy Freiberg, Chair of the Disabilities Advisory Board. "It gives us a chance to honor and thank those who care so very much about people living with a disability, and to let them know that we are grateful for their efforts and contributions."

This year's Disability Service Award recipients are Maria Shriver for the Individual Award, MV Transportation for the Business Award, Gold Pictures for the Media Award, and the Braille Institute for the Non-Profit Award.

CALENDAR

October 1
Disabilities
Awareness
Month Begins

October 17
*Health and
Wellness Event*
Plummer Park
10am to 1pm

October 25
*Disability
Service Awards
and Televised
Meeting*
City Council
Chambers
5pm to 8pm

RECOGNITION



The Disabilities Service Awards will be presented on October 25, 2017

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In addition to the safety check, the calls provide regular social contact – the assurance there will be someone available for daily conversation. Conversations send the message that someone cares. If you would like more information about Telecheck, would like to receive telephone reassurance calls, or are interested in volunteering, please call Olga Bronstein at the West Hollywood Comprehensive Service Center at (323) 851-8202, ext. 206.

WeHo Cares

The City of West Hollywood Social Services Division provides social services, health education, and information to the community to improve the quality of life for those in need. Services include necessities of life such as food and shelter; AIDS education; pre-school education for young children; job placement; legal services; mental health services; and homeless services. The WeHo Cares newsletter highlights programs, services and upcoming events. For more information, please call (323) 848-6510, or contact wehocares@weho.org.

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