"Everyone can be great, because everyone can serve!" - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



THE SERVICE PROJECT WILL CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING:

- **Donation Collection** for the Unsheltered and Homeless by the Portola Elementary Community.
- Assemble Care Kits: Volunteers will come together at the Portola cafeteria to sort items and pack kits.



HOW TO HELP...

STEP #1: Donate Items

Drop off items in receptacles located at Portola Elementary, 6700 Eagle St., Ventura, 93003 from Jan. 7th - Jan. 17th between 7:45am - 3pm.

WE ARE REQUESTING (ONLY) THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- Beanies & Gloves
- Rain Ponchos
- **Body Blankets**
- Wet Wipes
- Chapstick

- Thick Adult Size Socks Toothbrushes & Toothpaste
 - Comb/Brush
 - Small Pack Tissues
 - Lotion & Sunscreen
 - Deodorant
 - Feminine Hygiene Products Handwritten Notes

- **Large Bandages**
- **Bottle Water**
- Single Serving Crackers/ Cheese or Peanut Butter
- **Soft Granola Bars**

STEP #2: Join us Monday, January 20 to assemble kits!

Thank you for teaching your children to be caring through service to others!

Questions: Please contact Koleen Sargent at: Koleen.Sargent@venturausd.org

WHY SHOULD WE HELP THE UNSHELTERED & HOMELESS?

They Are Humans, Just Like Us!

No matter our skin color, religion, or gender, we all belong to the same race: humankind. We share the same experience. We all get hungry, feel cold, and need someone to understand us. This is basic for all humans. The only difference is you don't have to worry about where to get your next meal or where to sleep every night.

Even the most level-headed person can find themselves losing everything with no one to turn to. Homelessness is not always a decision they make. It is often the circumstances they find themselves in because of tragedy in their life...leaving them with no easy way out!

You Can Help Them Have A Brighter Future!

Homelessness can be temporary. Sometimes, all they need is someone to help them get back on their feet. Contrary to popular belief, some of them are really trying. Thus, we need to help them become productive members of society again. It all depends on you.

It Is Our Chance To Make A Difference!

The wise Nelson Mandela said: "We can change the world and make it a better place. It's in your hands to make a difference."

Homelessness is a global human tragedy. But if we work together, we can make the world a better place for everyone. Even a small effort can make a difference. You don't have to be rich to create change. We can all help in our own way!

When We Do Good, We Feel Good!

Have you ever noticed that when you help others, you feel a special sort of happiness stirring around in yourself? <u>THAT</u> is the satisfaction that comes from <u>GIVING</u>! The feeling of giving, you will soon discover, is much greater than getting! Try it, you will see.



PLEASE DONATE BY JAN. 17th, IF YOU CAN.

Thank you!