



January 13, 2023

LA County Health Services is proud to share Community Connects, a monthly newsletter designed to inform our valued community partners. As you work to engage and support our diverse communities we will provide you with updates, information and resources.

We appreciate your continued partnership and efforts!



HAPPY MEW AND LUNAR NEW YEAR



Adoption fees are waived for cats and rabbits all throughout January 2023. For cats, this also includes microchips and vaccinations. It *does not* include licenses, pain meds, spay/neuter, or trust deposits. For rabbits, this includes microchips, spay/neuter, and vaccinations. It *does not* include licenses, pain meds, or trust deposits.

You can visit during public hours (2pm-7pm Wed, 2pm-5pm all other days) or schedule an appointment [here](#).

View all of our amazing animals currently available for adoption [here](#)!

JANUARY IS NATIONAL BLOOD DONOR MONTH



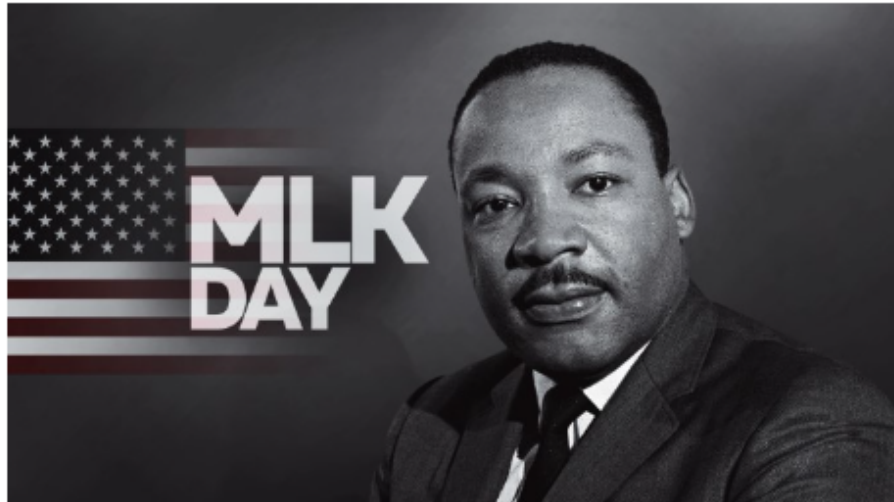
Historically, January has a shortage of blood because people stop donating during the holidays or because they become ill. Since the pandemic, however, donor levels have dropped due to other health concerns.

But the need for donors still exists because one contribution can save three lives by providing red blood cells, white blood cells, plasma, or platelets to different patients. Please consider donating blood or asking a friend or relative to donate this life saving resource.

To find a blood drive with the American Red Cross, go to: [RedCross](#).

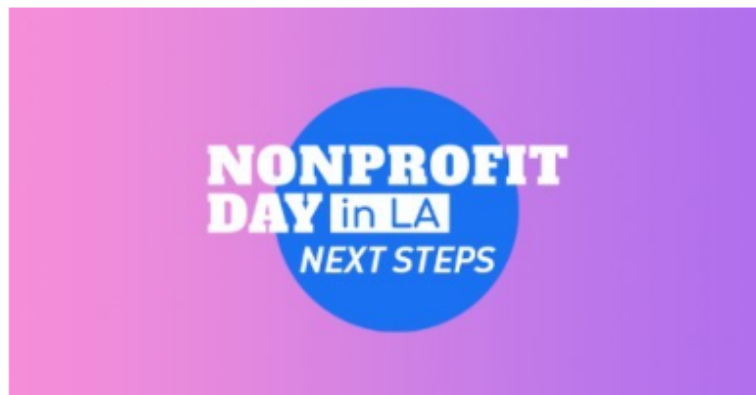
JANUARY 16TH IS MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

Martin Luther King Jr. Day is a federal holiday held on the third Monday of January. It celebrates the life and achievements of Martin Luther King Jr, an influential American civil rights leader. Click the image below to [watch a video](#) about the history of this holiday.



"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that." - Martin Luther King, Jr.

NONPROFIT DAY IN LA: NEXT STEPS VIRTUAL SUMMIT



Join us on January 31st as leaders gather from the public, private and nonprofit sector to draft action items for multiple issues areas that include public health, mental health, education, housing, and food security. All who care about LA County nonprofits are welcome, regardless of whether they attended Nonprofit Day last year, so please feel free to share with your networks.

Who Should Attend: All nonprofits in Los Angeles County.

[Register](#)

GET INVOLVED WITH THE 2023 HOMELESS COUNT

**EVERYONE COUNTS.
NO MATTER WHERE
THEY LIVE.**

 **Greater
Los Angeles
Homeless Count**
January 24 - 26, 2023

To register to volunteer, visit:
theycountwillyou.org

#THEYCOUNTWILLYOU

   Los Angeles Homeless
Services Authority
p. 213-683-5520 | fx
213-683-4468
www.lahsa.org

Join the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority as a volunteer for the 2023 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count happening Jan 24-26, 2023. By joining, you will help make progress in ending homelessness by counting our neighbors without shelter and in need of support. To register or to receive more information, visit [Home \(theycountwillyou.org\)](https://theycountwillyou.org).

VACCINE RESOURCES FOR COMMUNITY PARTNERS



ORDER COVID TESTS FOR LOW-INCOME INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES

Order COVID Test

Click this link and order tests for low-income individuals and families.

[COVID-19 Antigen Test Request Form](#)



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Visit our Website

Vaccine Resources
for Community
Partners

Keep your community
informed.

CONGREGATE SAFELY TO SLOW THE SPREAD OF COVID-19

CONGREGATE **SAFELY**

**WEAR
A MASK**

INDOORS &
AROUND CROWDS

**GET
TESTED**

WHEN SICK, EXPOSED,
OR GATHERING

**STAY
UP-TO-DATE**

ON YOUR
VACCINATIONS

If you test positive or can't get vaccinated due to other medical reasons, medications and treatments may be available.

SLOW THE SPREAD OF COVID-19

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Call Public Health 833-540-0473 or Visit vaccinatelacounty.com



County of Los Angeles
Public Health

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APPLY FOR FUNDING THROUGH CREATIVE RECOVERY LA!



Creative Recovery LA is a new grant initiative to address COVID-19 pandemic impacts on the arts and the creative economy. Through this initiative, the Department of Arts and Culture will award over \$26 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to deliver financial relief and recovery to the LA County nonprofit arts and culture sector.

Applications open January 18th, 2023. For more information on eligibility [click here](#). For Creative Recovery application guidelines, workshops, and the online application portal, visit [Community Partners' webpage](#).

[Learn More](#)

UP TO \$5,000 OF UTILITY ASSISTANCE FOR QUALIFIED HOUSEHOLDS



► Up to \$5,000* of Utility Bill Assistance with LIHEAP and LIHWAP

There's up to \$5,000 tax free for eligible customers to help pay utility bills - up to \$3,000 through [Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program \(LIHEAP\)](#) and up to \$2,000 through the new [Low Income Household Water Assistance Program \(LIHWAP\)](#).

[Learn More](#)

LA COUNTY HELPFUL RESOURCES:

- [Community Vaccine Resource Page](#)
- [COVID-19 Testing](#)
- [Get Ahead - LA Financial Resources](#)
- [Vaccine Locator Tool](#)
- [COVID-19 Resources for Parents and Guardians](#) (Spanish: ph.lacounty.gov/covidinfopadres)
- [One Degree Community Resources](#)



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