

The Ourplace



Volunteer

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Our Place Society
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Personal Belongings

Volunteers are reminded (and strongly encouraged) not to bring personal belongings and valuables with them when they come in for their volunteer shifts. Unfortunately, thefts do occur every now and then, and we are unable to guarantee that your personal items and valuables will be safe here. If you do need to safely secure any belongings, please visit the clothing room, where lockers are provided to volunteers.

Nametags

We ask that all volunteers wear a nametag when they are volunteering for us. We strongly encourage you to use your first name only when you are volunteering for Our Place. Starting July 1, nametags will be available in the program area in which you are volunteering. Please note that you may only wear your nametag when you are actually volunteering. As well, you may not wear your nametag as a representative of Our Place in the community. Thank you for your support!

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Donations

We are in need of new or lightly used basic adult clothing. **SOCKS**, underwear, more socks, fleece or heavyweight tops and jeans, socks again, seasonal jackets. Musical instruments and **art supplies**, boardgames, alarm clocks, toiletries, sleeping bags, blankets and coffee mugs. Our library is in need of good **paperback fiction**. Please contact reception by phone at (250) 388-7112, extension 221 or by e-mail at admin@ourplacesociety.com for any questions regarding donations.



U.S. - 100 years ago:

*Id rather drink muddy water
Sleep out in a hollow log
Than be in California
Treated like a dirty dog.*
(migrants song in 1930)

CAUSE

1870: Railroads converge on downtown Los Angeles district depositing vagrants, transients, and creating a population of homeless.

1889: Jane Addams, American social reformer, establishes the Hull House social experiment for Chicagos working-class poor. She asserted in her book about her experience at the Hull House that a new social ethic of compassion for the underprivileged is needed to stem the conflicts created by the urban ills of industrial capitalism.

1920s: "Technological unemployment" enters the nation's vocabulary. As many as 200,000 workers a year are replaced by automatic or semi-automatic machinery.

1932: Unemployment rises to 23.6 percent (from 3.2 percent in 1930)

1936: LAPD begins the Bum Blockade blocking poor vagrants and migrant workers seeking refuge from dust bowl conditions. Their 136 officers affectively block 16 major entry points on the California border.

EFFECT

July 22nd, 1937: Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act passed, creating the Farm Security Agency (FSA). The FSA establishes camps for migrant farm workers, provided medical care for those workers and their families, and helps them find jobs.

September 1st, 1937: United States Housing Act (Wagner-Steagall) passes administering low-interest 60-year loans to small communities at low-income levels.

June 25th, 1938: Fair Labor Standards Act passes, enacting first national minimum wage law.

Ourplace: Hope and Belonging