

Time on Your Hands? --- Be a Volunteer

Bureau Will Tell You How

There is work to be done and volunteers from the South Bay are doing it.

Less than four years old, the Volunteer Bureau, South Bay—Harbor, located at 2008 W. Carson St., Torrance handles volunteer referrals for 50 agencies in the area eligible for services.

From March 1, 1966 to April 1, 1967, more than 300 volunteer placements were handled by the Bureau, representing 8,000 hours of service.

The Volunteer Bureau benefits the community by providing professional staff in agencies with "free" help relieving the staff of time-consuming but essential detail enabling them to stretch their training farther.

Newcomers are provided with a "one-stop" information center where they may choose most suitable or favorite volunteer activity and learn of community needs and problems.

The Bureau also provides retired men and women with new interests, showing them needs towards which they may contribute.

This recruitment, pre-screening and referral service helps smaller and less publicized organizations, as well as better known, on systematic, year-round basis.

The Board of Directors of the

Volunteer Bureau is comprised of citizens from each area served, who are aware of the special needs of their particular areas.

In addition to providing regular clerical help, volunteers from the bureau drive patients to hospitals and clinics; aid handicapped by reading, writing and shopping for them; work in child guidance centers.

They also care for small children while mothers take "improvement" courses at schools and health centers; tutor disadvantaged and slow readers in elementary schools; aid professional social case workers as friendly visitors; and interpret in hospitals and clinics.

The local Volunteer Bureau was launched as a project by the Long Beach Junior League and was completely supported by the league for three years. It now receives some financial help from United Way and a great deal of help from private sources.

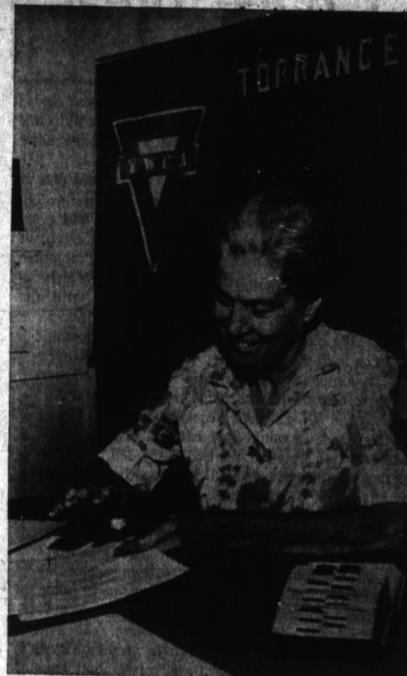
The Bureau needs more volunteer workers and invites any woman or man of the South Bay wishing to donate time to his fellowman to visit the Bureau for assignment of duties.

The South Bay-Harbor Bureau serves Torrance, Redondo Beach, Lawndale, Palos Verdes Peninsula, Harbor City, Lomita, Wilmington and San Pedro.



PILOT CLUB LENDS HAND

Members of the Torrance Pilot Club have put in hundreds of hours of service for the Volunteers Bureau. The second Wednesday of each month finds 15 members working for the Red Cross. The club members mailed out 7,000 kits for the American Cancer Society and sponsored a "Day at the Races" for Retarded Children. At the Bureau office, Mrs. Jack O'Donnell, director, extends a warm welcome to Pilot members, Mrs. Ida Heehinger, Verle Milligan and Lyle W. Jordan.



TAKES YWCA POST

Mrs. Alfred Stansbury, 18008 Ermanita, North Torrance, placed by the Volunteer Bureau, is a familiar figure at the Torrance YWCA, where she volunteers her time to serve as hostess or at the registration desk. Mrs. Stansbury has a regular bureau assignment at the YWCA.



GOLDEN YEARS' SERVICE

George Curtis, retired, who lives at 242 Las Cadenas, Torrance, lends a hand with patients at the Harbor General Hospital, where he serves as an interpreter in pediatrics and receiving. Speaking fluent Spanish, Mr. Curtis is pictured interpreting for a patient to Mrs. Mary Avery, clerk at the hospital.

RECORDS ARE TO BE KEPT

Requests for volunteers from many agencies and records of placements have to be kept at the main office of the Volunteer Bureau and it is here that Mrs. Jack A. Mathlesen of Redondo Beach puts in her hours. She is on hand several hours a week at the Bureau.



ASSISTS FAVORITE CHARITY

There is lots of work to be done for the Heart Association and Mrs. Gil Heth of Torrance chose this agency for her volunteer work under the direction of the Volunteer Bureau. On a regular assignment, Mrs. Heth works all day every Friday doing clerical work at the Lawndale Heart Association office.



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FURNISH TRANSPORTATION

Patients, unable to get to hospitals and clinics for treatment, call the Bureau for assistance. Several volunteers are on call to furnish such transportation. Here, Mrs. Arthur J. Turner of Miraleste, a member of the Board of Directors at the Bureau, checks a map before leaving to transport a patient to a hospital.

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