

Community Connect

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Formerly the *Volunteer Center of Riverside County*

Connecting People in Need With Those Who Can Help

COMMUNITY CONNECT FACT SHEET

What is Community Connect?

Community Connect is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. Since 1966 Community Connect has contributed to creating safe and healthy communities by connecting those in need with the people who can help. Each year we assist more than 108,000 men, women and children through a vast array of services covering all of Riverside County.

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What services does Community Connect provide?

Community Connect covers many platforms of social service and community support, working in diverse focus areas such as volunteerism, housing, long-term care resident advocacy, transportation and more. There are eight major program areas:

- **211 Riverside County**
- **HELpline: Crisis/Suicide Prevention**
- **Nonprofit Resource Center**
- **Transportation Assistance Program**
- **Alternative Sentencing Program**
- **Long-Term Care Ombudsman**
- **Housing Assistance**
- **Volunteer Connection**

What is the impact of Community Connect?

In the past year Community Connect:

- Assisted 200 nonprofit agencies and nearly 108,826 individuals in need
- Oversaw the distribution of 966 Christmas baskets
- Referred 80,180 residents to agencies for various critical needs such as food, medicare and shelter
- Answered 8,099 suicide/crisis prevention calls
- Safeguarded the elderly with more than 7,527 visits to skilled nursing facilities
- Assisted 379 individuals with housing placement and rental assistance
- Distributed 79,384 bus tickets to individuals who would have no other way to get to critical destinations such as job interviews, medical appointments and the grocery store
- Provided hundreds of Riverside County nonprofits with additional development and skill building

How can I support Community Connect?

• **Volunteer**

Several of our programs rely on the support and time of talented volunteers. Whether you wish to work with those searching for information referral or seniors in need of advocates, there is a volunteer opportunity for you.

• **Donations**

Our organization relies on funding from grants and the generous contributions from individuals across Riverside County. Donations of goods and services, as well as monetary giving, support our many programs and efforts in the community.

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