



Marine Mammal Care Center Los Angeles

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"Saving the life of one animal may not change the world, but the world will surely change for that one animal."

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Fundraising and Development: **Mobile Visitors Center Volunteer**

The Marine Mammal Care Center Los Angeles (MMCC Los Angeles) is a year-round hospital for seals and sea lions located in San Pedro. The National Marine Fisheries Service depends on MMCC Los Angeles to carry out the important goals of the Marine Mammal Protection Act. MMCC Los Angeles operates with dedicated volunteers and staff working diligently to rehabilitate sick, injured, or malnourished seals and sea lions who are rescued on beaches from north of Zuma all the way to Seal Beach. The vital rehabilitation services and supportive fundraising and education activities can only continue when dedicated volunteers from all over Los Angeles adopt MMCC as a favorite charity and donate their time and skills. MMCC Los Angeles is very grateful to volunteers who generously support our mission in animal husbandry roles, interacting with visitors and tour groups, selling merchandise, working events such as Mobile Visitors Center appearances in the community and Sea Lion Hospital Supply Drives, bringing friends and family to our hospital to view patients and learn about caring for seals and sea lions, and sharing social media and website posts to attract interest from new local residents.

As a non-profit organization, MMCC Los Angeles' primary funding is provided by individuals, charitable foundations, private businesses and corporations. There are various volunteer roles available to support our expanding program to make every resident in Los Angeles aware of our exciting work and encourage people to Buy a Seal a Meal, join as a member at one of our feeding levels, or donate in another way.

Position Summary:

The Mobile Visitors Center (MVC) is MMCCCLA's primary community promotional tool to increase public awareness of our rehabilitation mission and how to support MMCCCLA through financial donations and other volunteer opportunities. The MVC is an artistically decorated truck filled with exhibits that tell the stories of our patients. We set up the MVC at community and school events so that guests can step into the truck to learn, and also browse exhibits and banners set up outside of the MVC. The Mobile Visitors Center Volunteer will attend community outreach events and speak to members of the public about our work. This volunteer will learn about the work that happens at the hospital in San Pedro and the patients we treat, overall ocean health, and what we all can do to improve the ocean environment for the seals and sea lions local to California in order to share this information with the guests at each event.

This volunteer reports to the MVC Team Lead. Location will vary for each community event, but will stay within the greater Los Angeles area. Duties may include:

- Attending outreach events scheduled in Los Angeles County
- Assisting to unload the MVC, setting up, and reloading after the event
- Visit with guests at events, sharing our mission and answering questions

- Educating guests using STEM and other prepared educational and literacy materials
- Assisting with set-up or packing of tables that display MMCC LA promotion materials and merchandise

Commitment:

The Mobile Visitors Center Volunteer must be available for at least one event each month, but will ideally be available for more. Event dates and times will vary between weekend fairs and festivals, weekday school visits, and other community events as scheduled. Location will vary with each event. The event schedule will be shared with MVC Volunteers in advance so the volunteers may select which shift(s) they are available for each month.

Requirements:

The Mobile Visitors Center Volunteer must be 18 years or older. They must have reliable transportation. MVC Volunteers should be able to be on their feet for at least four hours at a time and be comfortable outdoors. The volunteer should be competent in all of the following areas:

- Communication Proficiency with varied group sizes and age levels
- Time Management
- Personal Effectiveness/Credibility
- Flexibility
- Stress Management/Composure

The selected candidate will participate in a full volunteer on-boarding process including an interview, orientation, background check and training.

Contact:

To apply for this important volunteer role, please contact the Volunteer Experience Coordinator at hstambaugh@marinemammalcare.org. Please include an up to date resume or CV.