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## Welcome!

Below are two of the organizations who have recently received grants from the Leo Buscaglia Foundation.

[Volunteer San Diego](#)      [Angel Flight West](#)

Should you have any questions, feel free to contact our Executive Director, Jeff Jordan, at [info@LeoBuscaglia.org](mailto:info@LeoBuscaglia.org)

## Volunteer San Diego

Started in 1969, **Volunteer San Diego** "creates lasting community impact through meaningful individual and group volunteer action." Their central event is Serve-a-thon which is held each fall. The Leo Buscaglia grant was used to for the 2010 Serve-a-thon which involved:

- 833 volunteers
- Who donated a total of 3, 731 hours in 2 days
- To complete 53 projects
- For 25 organizations in San Diego County

### What did they do?

- 2,102 lbs of trash was picked up
- 2,099 books were donated
- 1,034 flowers and vegetables were planted

- 542 people received donations of food, books or school supplies
- 18 murals were painted
- 15 community gardens were planted or maintained
- 3 urban tree sculptures were donated and installed
- 1 kitchen counter was constructed for nutrition classes

The founding principles of the Leo Buscaglia Foundation are exemplified by a homeless veteran who received help from a Volunteer San Diego worker. He paid forward by helping renovate a homeless shelter for teens during the Serve-a-thon event.

Volunteer San Diego also works with organizations and companies to help engage their members and employees in community service. A shining example is Bob Alden. He started volunteering and got hooked. He became a Volunteer Team Leader, joined the VSD board and became Board Chair. Since completing his term, he serves on four boards while remaining active with VSD.

To find out more about Volunteer San Diego, [click here](#).

## Angel Flight West

**Angel Flight West** has flown 3,486 missions since its inception in 1983 with volunteer private pilots and commercial airline partners covering 13 western states. Airlines donate tickets such as Alaska Airlines' 535 tickets for flights to Haiti after the earthquake. But many private pilots volunteer their time, planes and fuel for Angel Flight West. Often the pilots' families get involved also as Mission Assistants.

Angel Flight West was recognized in 2010 with a 4 star rating from Charity Navigator. With sound fiscal management, they brought 166 new pilots and 49 ground crew volunteers into the program. They conducted 100 hospital visits and implemented a new program - Adopt a Hospital - to improve coordination with hospital staff who are referring people in need. They promoted the program at 20 aviation events.

One example of an individual in need with a very happy ending is Lakisha from Portland. She is a single mom with a part-time job. Lakisha was diagnosed with moyamoya which is extremely rare but often fatal. Angel Flight West flew her to the Stanford University Medical Center for treatment. After surgery and a month long recover, Angel Flight West was able to take a renewed Lakisha home.

Another recipient of an AFW flight was a soldier injured in Iraq who was released to recuperate at home in Montana but had no way to get there. Angel Flight West got the young man home where he is now a volunteer and a student pilot looking forward to piloting his next AFW flight!

[Click here](#) to read more about Angel Flight West.

## The Leo Buscaglia Foundation is on Facebook!

Please visit our brand new page and "Like" us in order to receive regular posts about our recipients and their activities. Help us spread the news about the amazing work of the grant recipients!

How To Help Promote the Foundation

1. Log in to Facebook and Search for "Leo Buscaglia Foundation." You'll recognize the Leo logo on the list of matches.
2. At the top of the Welcome page, next to the Foundation name, you'll see the "Like" button. Click that button! Now you'll see each new post from our Wall on your Wall.
3. Please share our posts with your friends. This is important news that deserves to get out to the public.
4. Click on the "Suggest to Friends" tab on the left navigation panel. A list of all of your Facebook friends will be shown. You can select All or select certain individuals to send a special invitation to join you on the Leo Buscaglia Foundation page. We hope you share this news with everyone! You can add a personal message to the invitation if you would like.
5. Facebook will give you the option to send invitations to your regular email contacts if you use a service such as AOL or Yahoo for your emailing. Just follow the Facebook instructions that come up on your screen.
6. Note that the Welcome tab has links to the web site pages. You can always visit the site for details about a recipient, photos of events and other pertinent information.

PS - If you are a grant recipient, be sure to Like the Foundation page also. You'll want to stay up to date on the news. Send your news to [info@LeoBuscagliaFoundation.org](mailto:info@LeoBuscagliaFoundation.org) in order to share with our readers. Email us if you have a Facebook page and we'll Like your page.

The world needs lots of good news so let's share the accomplishments of the Leo Buscaglia Foundation and its grant recipients.

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