



City of Los Altos
Non-Profit and Civic Organization Contributions Application

Organization Information

Name: Compassion Week

Address: 655 Magdalena Ave, Los Altos CA 94024

Website: www.compassionweeklosaltos.org

Tax Identification Number: Fiscally sponsored by Los Altos

Mountain View Community Foundation

Non-profit? Y/N

Civic organization? Y/N

Benefit Los Altos community? Y/N

Description of organizational activities:

Compassion Week (CW) is a community-wide initiative that mobilizes residents of all ages and abilities to participate in meaningful service projects across Los Altos and surrounding areas. Held annually in October, CW offers hundreds of volunteer opportunities that directly benefit local nonprofits, schools, and underserved populations—many of which serve Los Altos residents.

Since its launch in 2012, CW has engaged more than 21,000 volunteers in acts of service supporting over 85 nonprofit organizations. Projects include preparing meals for local families in need, assembling school supplies for children in the MVLA district, creating care kits for unhoused neighbors, and supporting seniors and homebound residents.

CW is coordinated by a coalition of local partners, including faith communities in Los Altos, the Los Altos Mountain View Community Foundation, local volunteer groups, schools, non-profits and local government officials. These partnerships ensure the week's activities are rooted in the specific needs of our community.

More than just a volunteer week, CW is a platform for civic engagement and intergenerational connection that strengthens the fabric of Los Altos. Participants regularly return year after year, reporting that CW deepens their connection to the community and inspires continued service.

CW provides a **direct, measurable benefit to Los Altos residents** and contributes to a more compassionate, resilient, and connected city.

Description of organizational impact on Los Altos community:

Compassion Week (CW) directly impacts the Los Altos community by engaging residents in meaningful service that supports local needs and strengthens community connections. In 2024, hundreds of Los Altos residents participated in CW projects, including students from Los Altos High School, families from local congregations, Los Altos service club members, and senior citizens living in and around the city.

CW projects address critical city priorities:

- **Emergency Preparedness and Response:** CW volunteers built 120 Emergency “Go Bags” in partnership with Resilient Los Altos. The kits prepare residents for power outages and other emergencies. They were distributed by Community Services Agency.
- **Environmental Stewardship:** CW hosted projects focused on environmental cleanups and sustainability education, engaging youth and families in hands-on conservation efforts.
- **Senior Well-being:** Volunteers assembled and delivered personalized activity kits to homebound seniors, combating isolation and promoting mental and emotional health among older adults.
- **Teen Mental Health:** CW volunteers assembled 70 teen wellness bags while learning about Allcove’s services supporting teen mental health. This activity both contributed directly to Allcove’s outreach efforts and increased awareness among participants. As a result, at least one volunteer later sought support from Allcove during a personal mental health crisis.

Last year, more than **600 students** from local schools volunteered, developing lifelong habits of service and empathy. Seniors also played a vital role, contributing their time to support their peers. Families participated side-by-side, deepening their connection to one another and their community.

CW’s impact is both immediate and lasting. Seniors contribute actively alongside younger generations, fostering intergenerational connections. Families deepen their ties to one another and their city. Participants frequently report a greater sense of belonging, purpose, and civic pride. By making service accessible and meaningful for all ages, CW strengthens the fabric of Los Altos and models a compassionate, united response to community needs.

Contact Information

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Contribution Information

Annual contribution amount requested: \$5,500

Length of contribution request? 1 year

Total contribution amount requested: \$5,500

Repeat request from a previous budget cycle? Y / N

Use of funds:

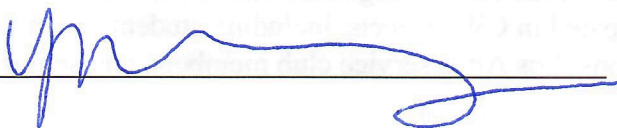
Expense	Amount	Provide a detailed explanation of the use of requested funds	Explain how this expense will benefit the City
Emergency "Go Bags" for Seniors	\$1,800	120 Emergency "Go Bags". Will be distributed through Community Services Agency. This project is in partnership with Resilient Los Altos. Kits include solar charger, flashlight, etc.	Providing emergency "go bags" for senior citizens will significantly enhance community safety and preparedness in Los Altos. Seniors are often among the most vulnerable during emergencies such as earthquakes, fires, or power outages. By equipping 70 seniors with essential supplies and information, this project helps ensure that more residents are ready to respond quickly and safely in a crisis. It reduces the burden on first responders, promotes independent living, and reassures families that their loved ones are better protected. Overall, this project supports a stronger, more resilient Los Altos by prioritizing the needs of older adults and fostering a culture of care and readiness across generations.
Los Altos Youth Volunteer Night	\$2,000	A variety of projects including pillowcases, science kits, paracord lanyards, lunch bag decorating, fleece blankets, SEEDS kits for homeless youth	This project will engage young residents in meaningful, hands-on service projects that directly support vulnerable populations in the broader community. Through activities such as decorating pillowcases for Lifemoves interim housing residents, assembling science kits for under-resourced schools, creating lunch bags for Hope's Corner clients, making fleece blankets for local nonprofit agencies, and preparing support kits for homeless youth, participants will develop a stronger sense of civic responsibility and empathy. This project not only addresses immediate community needs but also fosters a culture of

			volunteerism and leadership among Los Altos youth, strengthening the city's future through engaged, compassionate citizens.
Art Activity Day for adults with cognitive challenges at Avenidas Rose Kleiner Center	\$1,000	Volunteers will host an Art Activity Day party for clients at the Avenidas Rose Kleiner Center. We will have 3-4 different art projects, plus an Ice Cream Sundae bar. The Avenidas Rose Kleiner Center provides a safe, therapeutic, and supportive environment for adults with cognitive and physical challenges.	This project will benefit the City of Los Altos by fostering a stronger, more inclusive community where adults with cognitive challenges are celebrated and supported. By hosting an Art Activity Day at the Avenidas Rose Kleiner Center, volunteers will help create joyful, meaningful experiences that enhance the emotional well-being and social engagement of some of the city's most vulnerable residents. Strengthening these connections not only improves quality of life for participants but also builds a more compassionate and resilient community that values inclusion, dignity, and neighborly support.
Teen Wellness Bags for Mental Health	\$700	70 Teen wellness bags	These kits will provide Los Altos teens with accessible tools, resources, and support strategies to help manage stress, anxiety, and emotional challenges. By proactively investing in teen mental health, the project helps foster a healthier, more resilient community. Stronger mental health among youth leads to better academic performance, lower rates of crisis intervention, and greater civic engagement over time. This project also demonstrates Los Altos' commitment to caring for its next generation, enhancing the city's reputation as a supportive, forward-thinking place for families to live and thrive.
Total	\$5,500		

Agreement

As the official representative for the above organization, I agree to comply with all requirements listed or otherwise enforced through the City of Los Altos Non-Profit and Civic Organization Contribution Policy. The City reserves the right to revoke this application at any time for any purpose. The organization shall provide all documents and organizational information as required by the City of Los Altos necessary to comply with Non-Profit and Civic Organization Contribution Policy application. The official representative certifies that the above information is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____



Date: _____

4/29/2025