



## ORINDA ASSOCIATION VOLUNTEER GUIDE

Since 1946, the Orinda Association has dedicated itself to developing an atmosphere in which the lives of youth and adults in our community are improved by the positive impact of volunteer action.

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## American Cancer Society-Relay for Life of Lamorinda

Burton Valley Elementary School  
561 Merriewood Dr., Lafayette CA 94549

Website: [http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR?fr\\_id=57159](http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR?fr_id=57159)

Contact: (800) 227-2345

Category: **SERVICES**

**ADULT & YOUTH VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

The Relay For Life movement offers an inspiring opportunity to honor cancer survivors, promote how individuals can reduce their cancer risk, and raise money to help end cancer.

## Arts in Public Places (APP Committee)

Orinda Community Center  
28 Orinda Way, Orinda, CA 94563

Website: [www.ci.orinda.ca.us](http://www.ci.orinda.ca.us) (Parks & Recreation) and [www.artspaceorinda.org](http://www.artspaceorinda.org)

Contact: (925) 254-2445

Category: **ARTS**

**ADULT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Provides temporary exhibitions of rotating collections of artworks (Art Space Orinda) at the Orinda Library, Library Plaza, Community Center and City Hall. Arranges public lectures by artists, curators and art historians, tours of artists' studios and collectors' homes. Creates online surveys about matching funds donations for potential Art in Public Places fund purchases. APP is staffed by Michelle Lacy, Director of Parks & Recreation. The vision of Ted Urban, APP was established in 2007 by the Orinda City Council to advance the vision of art and culture in the City of Orinda.

## California Independent Film Festival

350 Park Street, Moraga, CA 94556

Website: [www.caiff.org/getinvolved.asp](http://www.caiff.org/getinvolved.asp)

Telephone: (925) 388-0752

Email: derek@caiff.org

Category: **ARTS**

**YOUTH AND ADULT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

A showcase for independent, foreign and mainstream films presented at the New Rheem Theatre in Moraga and the Orinda Theatre, Theatre Square, Orinda. A seven day, star-studded event providing the opportunity to see world-class independent films, meet filmmakers, fans, actors, directors, etc. from the Bay Area and around the world. Special events include Kids Showcase, Local Filmmaker Showcase and Iron Filmmaker Contest where contestants have 24 hours to create a complete three-minute short film. As a volunteer, you can expect to be treated as a valuable part of their event team. They want volunteering to be a positive experience for everyone.

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## California Shakespeare Festival (Cal Shakes)

701 Heinz Avenue Berkeley, CA 94710

Website:

[www.calshakes.org/v4/supportus/volunteering.html](http://www.calshakes.org/v4/supportus/volunteering.html)

Telephone: (510) 548-3422

Category: **ARTS**

**YOUTH AND ADULT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

The Bruns Amphitheater, 100 California Shakespeare Theater Way, Orinda, CA, 94563 (formerly 100 Gateway Blvd.) is one of the most beautiful and unique settings to experience live theater. CalShakes also offers a variety of Professional Development trainings for classroom teachers and teaching artists, not to mention their exciting and popular summer Shakespeare conservatory for students (scholarships available). Student Discovery Matinee Series as well. HOURS: 10 am- 6 pm M-F (closed for lunch 12-1 pm)

## Chabot Space & Science Center

10000 Skyline Blvd. Oakland, CA 94619

Website:

<http://www.chabotspace.org/volunteer-home.htm>

Contact: (510) 336-7300

[Volunteers@ChabotSpace.org](mailto:Volunteers@ChabotSpace.org)

Category: **MUSEUMS/LIBRARY**

**YOUTH AND ADULT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Join a dynamic team dedicated to creating a FUN and interactive science experience for our visitors. We do not require a science or astronomy background to apply, just a healthy sense of adventure and desire to learn and share! Programs offer hands-on, fun demonstrations and help as live science demonstrators. Outreach program with schools and summer camps also available.

## Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Contra Costa

2020 North Broadway, # 204 Walnut Creek, CA 94596

Website: <http://www.cccocasa.org/>

Contact: Gina Turturici (925) 256-7284 (ext 7)

[ginaturturici@cccocasa.org](mailto:ginaturturici@cccocasa.org)

Category: **SERVICE (HUMAN SERVICE)**

**ADULT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) volunteers are much more than mentors. They are sworn officers of the court, appointed by a juvenile court judge to advocate one-on-one for children or youth who are the victims of abuse and neglect and in the foster care system. Through their advocacy efforts, CASA volunteers provide hope, increased opportunity, and a better life for children and youth in the court's care; helping to end the cycle of abuse and neglect, thereby making a difference for generations to come. Flexible Hours – 2-year minimum commitment and 15-20 hours/average each month. To learn more, visit our website at [www.cccocasa.org](http://www.cccocasa.org) and call to sign-up for one of our upcoming Informational Sessions. We currently have over 80 children and youth on our wait list who are waiting for a volunteer advocate

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## Del Rey Elementary School Parents Club

25 El Camino Moraga, Orinda, CA 94563

Website: [www.orindaschools.org](http://www.orindaschools.org)

Contact: (925) 258-3099

Category: **EDUCATION**

**ADULT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

In addition to providing major funding to support OUSD classroom curriculum and services, Del Rey Parents' Club is responsible for an extensive array of programs and services to supplement students' daily education, provide campus and safety improvements, and promote meaningful communication between the staff, parents, OUSD and the Orinda community. Coordinates extensive after school programs including Spanish Enrichment, Animation, Art (Chinese New Year & Valentine's Cards, 3D, Collage), Basketball, Chess, Martial Arts, Nature Club, Rock Star Academy, Theater, Yoga, Piano and Violin.

## Educational Foundation of Orinda

21C Orinda Way, #123 Orinda, CA 94563

Website: [www.orindaefo.org](http://www.orindaefo.org)

Contact: (925) 322-0336

Category: **EDUCATION**

**ADULT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Thanks to community, business and family donors, the EFO provides the Margin of Excellence for Orinda schools by raising over \$1.5 million annually. It is the single largest contributor to programs at Miramonte High School. The organization funds class-size reduction in the primary grades, electives at OIS, additional sections of English, career and counseling services at Miramonte, and K-12 art and music education. EFO is a volunteer run 501(c)(3) organization. If you would like to help, the EFO is always looking for volunteers to assist in their fundraising campaigns.

## Experience Corps Bay Area

3925 Noriega Street, San Francisco, CA 94122

Website: [www.experiencecorpsbayarea.org/](http://www.experiencecorpsbayarea.org/)

Contact: (415) 759-4223

[ecba.today@gmail.com](mailto:ecba.today@gmail.com)

Category: **SERVICE - HUMAN SERVICES**

**ADULT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Experience Corps Bay Area (ECBA) engages older adults (50+) as tutors and mentors in order to increase literacy skills of children in grades K-3. The program has been effective in bolstering educational practice in Bay Area schools and volunteers have been indispensable to our success. Become a tutor or mentor to students in grades K-3 who need extra support in literacy. Training is available to adults 50+.

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## Foster a Dream

628 Escobar Street, Martinez, CA 94553

Website: [www.fosteradream.org](http://www.fosteradream.org)

Contact: (925) 228-0200

Category: **SERVICE - HUMAN SERVICES**

**YOUTH AND ADULT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Provides programs and resources that build the hopes, dreams and futures of Bay Area foster children; and be a guiding source for successful transition into the adult world. Operation Back Pack goal is to provide over 1500 Bay Area foster children with backpacks and supplies needed for the school year.

With so many needs, there is bound to be a fit just for you! Opportunities are available throughout the year.

## Friends of Orinda Creeks

9 Snowberry Court, Orinda, CA 94563

Website: [www.orindacreeks.org](http://www.orindacreeks.org)

Contact: [info@orindacreeks.org](mailto:info@orindacreeks.org)

Category: **NATURE**

**YOUTH AND ADULT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Seeks to conserve, restore and help educate the public about the values of, and threats to, the creeks in Orinda. Members of the community are invited to assist in hands-on monitoring, restoration and protection of native habitat to the creeks to maintain clean water and a healthy watershed. Orinda creeks flow into two reservoirs: the San Pablo and Upper San Leandro. Meets fourth Wednesday of the month, 8:30 am in the May Room (Plaza Level) at the Orinda Library, 26 Orinda Way, Orinda, CA 94563.

## Friends of the Joaquin Moraga Adobe

c/o Kent Long

Website: [www.moragaadobe.org](http://www.moragaadobe.org)

Contact: (925) 330-6726

Category: **HISTORICAL PRESERVATION**

**ADULT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Built in 1841, the Adobe is the oldest surviving building in Contra Costa County and a national historic landmark. The preservation of this Orinda treasure for the public is FJMA's goal. They welcome all volunteers interested in Lamorinda Valley history, planning and fundraising. Monthly meetings are held on the third Monday at 7:30 pm in the Gallery Room at the Orinda Library, 26 Orinda Way, Orinda, CA 94563. Phone ahead, or email to be put on their mailing list and/or to confirm meeting venue.

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## Friends of The Orinda Library

P.O. Box 152, Orinda, CA 94563

Website: [www.friendsoftheorindalibrary.org](http://www.friendsoftheorindalibrary.org)

Contact: (925) 254-2184

Category: **EDUCATION**

**YOUTH AND ADULT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Raises funds to enrich library collections, help the library respond to patrons' needs, and serves as advocates for library funding. They also improve the library's physical facilities and established an endowment fund to ensure the purchase of materials in the future. Book Sales of gently used books account for 70% of funds raised, for which volunteers are needed. Each year, FOL spends \$95,000 to purchase books, DVDs, CDs periodicals and other subscriptions for adults and children.

## Friends of Wagner Ranch Nature Area

P.O. Box 821, Orinda, CA 94563

Website: [www.fwrna.org](http://www.fwrna.org)

Contact: [kdbarrett08@gmail.com](mailto:kdbarrett08@gmail.com) Kathy Barrett

Category: **NATURE**

**YOUTH AND ADULT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

The Wagner Ranch Nature Area is an 18-acre nature preserve and historic site located adjacent to Wagner Ranch Elementary School. Volunteers needed to assist with biodiversity garden and trail maintenance, and to join volunteers from the OIS Others First Club on the afternoon of the third Sunday every the month. Volunteers also needed to assist with educational activities for three dynamic community events each year: the Wildlife/Earth Day Festival, Sunday afternoon, April 20; the Fourth of July activities in the Park; and the Olive Festival, Sunday, October 5, an annual fundraiser celebrating the 130 year-old historic olive grove in the Nature Area. Over 400 visitors are expected to attend the Fourth Annual Olive Festival in 2014; help is needed setting up, staffing and breaking down craft areas, activities and food booths.

## Glorietta Elementary School Parents Club

15 Martha Road, Orinda, CA 94563

Website: [www.orindaschools.org](http://www.orindaschools.org)

Contact: (925) 254-8770

Category: **EDUCATION**

**ADULT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Supports the educational mission of Glorietta through: fundraising to provide academic enrichment programs, capital improvements and supplies for students and the school; facilitation of communication between parents, teachers, administration and school district; and building community by fostering healthy relationships with the Glorietta school community and facilitating parent volunteering. Assists with programs (GAB, monthly newsletter/Gabette, weekly newsletter), school directory; community support (hospitality, welcoming new families, TB testing, landscaping) and Before & After School Club, Gopher Gourmet hot lunch program, After School Enrichment, Book Fairs and more.



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## Head Start

Contra Costa County Community Service Bureau

Website:

Contact: (925) 313-1551 to find a program near you.

Category: **SERVICE – HUMAN SERVICES**

**YOUTH AND ADULT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

This program promotes the school readiness of children ages birth to five from low-income families by enhancing their cognitive, social, and emotional development.

## Hospice of the East Bay

3470 Buskirk Avenue, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

Website: [www.hospiceeastbay.org](http://www.hospiceeastbay.org)

Contact: (925) 887-5678

[volunteers@hospiceeastbay.org](mailto:volunteers@hospiceeastbay.org)

Category: **SERVICE – HUMAN SERVICES**

**ADULT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Provides in-home medical, emotional, spiritual and practical support to over 20,000 terminally ill patients and their families throughout Contra Costa County (CCC). Cares for over 40 percent of hospice patients residing in CCC regardless of insurance status or ability to pay; patients never receive a bill. Volunteers receive training so they can be confident and effective at whatever services they provide. Annual Hospice Tree Lighting ceremony, beginning of December in front of the Bank of America in Orinda Village, 31 Orinda Way, Orinda. Need donations (clothing, household goods, DVDs, etc.) for their Thrift Stores.

## International Film Showcase

3455 Golden Gate Way, Lafayette, CA 94549

Website: [www.internationalshowcase.org](http://www.internationalshowcase.org)

Contact: (925) 283-1700

Category: **ARTS**

**ADULT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

The International Film Showcase, an arm of the Lamorinda Film and Entertainment Foundation (LFEF) began in Jan. 2011. The IFS presents a local area premier of an acclaimed international film not available on home media or television for one week a month at the historic Orinda Theatre. Part of its mission is to preserve, protect and promote the theatre as a cornerstone of community life in Orinda for all citizens.

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## Kinder Prep

Oakland, CA

Website: [Oakland Literacy Coalition](#)

Contact: (510) 206-0548 Peter Sherris  
[psherris@mac.com](mailto:psherris@mac.com)

Category: **SERVICES (HUMAN SERVICES)**

**ADULT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

In 2012 Oakland Rotary Club (ORC) 'adopted' all eleven TK classrooms (all 25 in 2013) and committed to provide money, books, toys, field trips and classroom volunteers.

Classroom volunteers are greatly helpful to teachers and students and allow significant enhancement of the instructional program. Reading to students, helping in structured play areas, doing special projects, providing individualized teaching and just being a second adult in the room improves classroom functioning. Several Rotarians volunteer regularly and the Club promotes classroom volunteerism among our relatives, friends and professional contacts. Flexible, we ask a minimum of two hours a month. Rotary members must obtain both Rotary International and OUSD clearances. Non-Rotarians are tracked through Be a Mentor.

## Lamorinda Adult Respite Center

Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church  
433 Moraga Way, Orinda CA 94563

Website:  
<http://www.holyshepherd.org/Lamorinda-Adult-Respite-Center/About-LARC.html>

Contact: (925) 254-3465  
[larc@holyshepherd.org](mailto:larc@holyshepherd.org)

Category: **SERVICE - HUMAN SERVICES**

**ADULT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

LARC is a licensed, supervised adult day care center that serves older adults with memory loss due to Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia. LARC supports families seeking to help a loved one remain happy, active, safe and living at home for as long as possible. Volunteers need to have a genuine love for the older adult. Interaction with the participants requires patience and the ability to converse with individuals whose response may sometimes be limited. Scheduled volunteer trainings are provided on a regular basis.

## Lamorinda Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

Website: [www.lamorindacert.org](http://www.lamorindacert.org)

Contact: (925) 255-5143 (message phone)

Category: **EMERGENCY SERVICE**

**ADULT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

The Lamorinda CERT program helps train people to be better prepared to respond to emergency situations in their communities. When emergencies happen, CERT members can give critical support to first responders, provide immediate assistance to victims, and organize spontaneous volunteers at a disaster site. They can also help with non-emergency projects to help improve the safety of the community. Meetings are held on the second Mon. of the month in the Garden Room at the Orinda Library, 26 Orinda Way, Orinda, CA 94563 at 7 pm, usually with a guest speaker and hands-on exercises.

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## Lamorinda Sons in Retirement

c/o John Ringer

Website: <http://branch174.sirinc2.org/>

Contact: (510) 452-0189 John Ringer  
[jeringer@comcast.net](mailto:jeringer@comcast.net)

Category: **MEN'S SERVICE CLUB**

**ADULT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Open organization providing opportunities for retired men to make new friends and participate in activities they were too busy to enjoy prior to retirement. Also intended to promote independence and dignity in retirement; no dues. Men from all walks of life attend monthly meetings, the second Wednesday of each month 11:30 am – 1:30 pm at Holy Trinity Cultural Center, 1700 School St., Moraga, CA. Supports 20 individual activity groups including astronomy, barbershop harmony, bocce ball, bridge, computers/technology, fishing, historical adventures, veterans, investments, poker, and wine tasting.

## Lamorinda Sunrise Rotary

P.O. Box 1491 Lafayette, CA 94549

Website: [www.lamorindasunrise.com](http://www.lamorindasunrise.com)

Contact: (925) 254- 0980 Hayes Inglehart

Category: **INTERNATIONAL SERVICE**

**ADULT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

The LSR invites you to join leaders, exchange ideas and take action. The pervasive theme of Rotary is "Service Above Self." Their programs include: aid to seniors and the handicapped, youth services, scholarship and education, career awareness programs, drug abuse prevention, dental sealant programs, wheelchair distribution and polio prevention worldwide, youth exchange grants, volunteer grants, scholarship programs, and attention to health, hunger and humanities on a global scale. Meets weekly on Friday mornings in Lafayette, call or check online for details. <http://rotaryhometeam.com/> (Free basic home maintenance for seniors provided by local Rotary Clubs.)

## La Pena Cultural Center

3105 Shattuck Ave. Berkeley, CA 94705

Website: <http://lapena.org/volunteer-intern/>

Contact: (510) 849-2568

Category: **ARTS**

**ADULT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

La Peña is a vibrant community cultural center with a national reputation and a global vision that promotes peace, social justice and cultural understanding through the arts, education and social action.. Volunteers have the opportunity to experience the amazing art, culture, politics, and community of La Peña while making an important contribution. Our greatest need for volunteers is the staffing of our weekly Thursday through Sunday evening programs.

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## Lawrence Hall of Science, UC Berkeley

1 Centennial Drive, Berkeley, CA 94720

Website: [www.lawrencehallofscience.org](http://www.lawrencehallofscience.org)  
volunteer page <http://goo.gl/JA5LiR>

Contact: (510) 642-5132

Category: **EDUCATION**

**ADULT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

You will have the opportunity to help kids and families experience hands-on science, assist our instructors in our classes and workshops and be an ambassador of our mission and programs out in the community or at the Hall.

## Miramonte High School Boosters Club

750 Moraga Way, Orinda, CA 94563

Website: [www.miramonteboostersclub.com](http://www.miramonteboostersclub.com)

Contact: [andfive@comcast.net](mailto:andfive@comcast.net)

Category: **SPORTS**

**ADULT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Parents, alumni and community members who have a passion for sports and want to help the Miramonte sports programs (54 teams, over 65% student participation) excel, grow, and continue to set high standards. Volunteers most needed to help especially in the spring and fall. Activities include distributing apparel, and helping with their spring fundraiser, the Matador Fan Fest. Known as "the team behind the teams."

## Miramonte High School Parents Club

750 Moraga Way, PO Box 171 Orinda, CA 94563

Website: [www.miramonteparents.com](http://www.miramonteparents.com)

Contact: [jbroad@miramonteparentsclub.com](mailto:jbroad@miramonteparentsclub.com)  
(925) 280-3930

Category: **EDUCATION**

**ADULT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

The MHSPC relies exclusively on parent volunteers to support a wide variety of programs. They enrich student education by providing funding for classes and class size reduction for math, science, history and computer programming. The 2014 fundraising goal is \$415K. There are many opportunities to contribute your expertise and enthusiasm to improve students' experiences and development at Miramonte High. Help is needed to support the Healthy Choices program, assist in community service activities, help families in times of need, celebrate students and staff, raise funds, and much, much more.

## Montelindo Garden Club

PO Box 434 Orinda, CA 94563

Website: [www.montelindogarden.com](http://www.montelindogarden.com)

Contact: [montelindogarden@aol.com](mailto:montelindogarden@aol.com)

Category: **NATURE**

**ADULT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

The MGC is for those who derive pleasure from working in the garden and spending time close to nature. Open to all area garden enthusiasts, both men and women. Developed and maintains the Orinda Crossroads garden which greets people arriving in Orinda. Provides flowers for a Lafayette convalescent hospital. Recipient of the 2010 William Penn Mott Jr. Environmental Award. General meeting at 9:00 am on the third Friday of the month, September thru May at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 66 St. Stephens Drive, Orinda 94563.

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## Native Bird Connections

PO Box 434 Orinda, CA 94563

Website: [www.nativebirds.org](http://www.nativebirds.org)

Contact: [buteo@nativebirds.org](mailto:buteo@nativebirds.org)  
(925) 963-9753

Category: **NATURE**

**ADULT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

An outreach-only wildlife education organization providing educational programs with live birds of prey. Volunteers needed in marketing, fundraising, IT support and other areas of interest. Please contact NBC for more information.

## Orinda Arts Council

PO Box 121 Orinda, CA 94563

Website: [www.orindaartscouncil.org](http://www.orindaartscouncil.org)

Contact: [info@orindaartscouncil.org](mailto:info@orindaartscouncil.org)

Category: **ARTS**

**ADULT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Provides a variety of services including the Library Gallery exhibits; Orinda Jazz Festival; Visual Arts Competition for Lamorinda High School Students; Orinda Idol for Lamorinda K-12th Grade; OUSD Arts Ambassadors Exhibit and Reception, grades K-8; OIS Bulldog Theatre fall play and spring musical; Miramonte spring musical; Lamorinda Acalanes Unified Film Festival for high school students; Arts in Bloom in the park and much more. Volunteers welcome in any capacity.

## Orinda Association (OA)

26 Orinda Way, Orinda, CA 94563  
Plaza Level of Orinda Library near Café Teatro

Website: [www.orindaassociation.org](http://www.orindaassociation.org)

Contact: (925) 254-0800  
[info@orindaassociation.org](mailto:info@orindaassociation.org)

Category: **SERVICE**

**YOUTH AND ADULT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Meaningful opportunities to assist with various activities including: Seniors Around Town where locals drive Orinda seniors to appointments; 4th of July Celebration, an old-fashioned parade with music and park activities; The Orinda News monthly newspaper mailed free-of-charge to all residents and businesses; public meetings/forums/debates on issues of importance to local residents; the annual Volunteer of the Year and William Penn Mott, Jr. Awards dinner and more. The OA meets the second Monday of every month at 7:15 pm in the May Room (Plaza Level) at the Orinda Library, 26 Orinda Way, Orinda, CA 94563.

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## Orinda Baseball Association (OBA)

PO Box 1822, Orinda, CA 94563

Website: [www.obabaseball.com](http://www.obabaseball.com)

Contact: [orindabaseball@yahoo.com](mailto:orindabaseball@yahoo.com)

Category: **SPORTS**

**ADULT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Supports and develops an outstanding baseball program for dedicated and prospectively talented youth baseball players in Orinda. Four divisions: Pinto (7-8 year olds), Mustang (9-10 year olds), Bronco (11-12 year olds) and Pony (13-14 year olds). Coaching focuses on positive, character building experiences, based on guidelines from the Positive Coaching Alliance. Volunteers welcome in any capacity.

## Orinda Chamber of Commerce

26 Orinda Way/ PO Box 2771 Orinda, CA 94563  
Plaza Level of Orinda Library near Café Teatro

Website: [www.orindachamber.org](http://www.orindachamber.org)

Contact: (925) 254-3909

[info@orindachamber.org](mailto:info@orindachamber.org)

Category: **SERVICE**

**ADULT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

The OCC is comprised of more than 200 business and professional men and women concerned with the well-being of the business community and Orinda as a whole. Orinda is the proud host of the California Shakespeare Theater and events at the California Independent Film Festival. The OCC sponsors "Live at the Orinda," a night of champagne and comedy in early March at the landmark Orinda Theatre featuring side-splitting comedians. Other sponsored events include the Hospice Tree Lighting ceremony in December, with local school choirs and Santa as well. Volunteers are invited to help out for any of these special events including the Orinda Restaurant Tour.

## Orinda Community Center Auxiliary

28 Orinda Way, Orinda, CA 94563

Website: [www.cityoforinda.org](http://www.cityoforinda.org)

Contact: (925) 254-2445

Category: **SERVICE**

**YOUTH AND ADULT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Sponsors the Halloween Parade, Holiday Bazaar and Summer Concerts in the Park. Raises funds for a variety of projects such as: new swings, tot-lot playground; sound system for summer concerts and more. Volunteers are invited to participate in any of these activities..

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## Orinda Community Foundation

PO Box 21 Orinda, CA 94563

Website: [www.orindafoundation.org](http://www.orindafoundation.org)

Contact: [orindafoundation@gmail.com](mailto:orindafoundation@gmail.com)

Category: **SERVICE**

**YOUTH AND ADULT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Encourages philanthropy, building partnerships and providing financial assistance to support community activities, beautification and the arts. Three main fundraisers annually, direct mail solicitation, Everyday Heroes Golf Tournament and NorCal Kids Triathlon. Every dollar raised goes back into the community. Other events sponsored include Orinda Action Day, Orinda Jazz Festival, Dancing with the Cars/Classic Car Show and 4th of July Celebration.

## Orinda Garden Club

PO Box 34 Orinda, CA 94563

Website: [www.orindagc.org](http://www.orindagc.org)

Contact:

Category: **NATURE**

**ADULT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Goals are to stimulate the knowledge and love of gardening, to cooperate in the protection and conservation of our natural heritage and to assist in the beautification of the community. Founded in 1937, it is affiliated with the Garden Club of America, Zone XII. Recipient of 2010 William Penn Mott Jr. Environmental Award. Plants bulbs on the grounds of the Orinda Community Center, Library and City Hall. Supports Orinda Action Day.

## Orinda Historical Society Museum

26 Orinda Way/ PO Box 82 Orinda, CA 94563  
Plaza Level of Orinda Library near Café Teatro

Website: [www.orindahistoricalsocietymuseum.org](http://www.orindahistoricalsocietymuseum.org)

Contact: Lucy Hupp Williams (650) 349-3382  
Message Phone: (925) 254-1353

Category: **MUSEUMS/LIBRARY**

**YOUTH AND ADULT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Preserves the history of Orinda and surrounding area; preserves artifacts, documents and images; educates members and the general public about Orinda area history to enhance the quality of life within our community. Needs volunteers to staff the office on weekdays, limited hours; also to assist with walking tour of historic sites (spring and fall); arrange hosting of local authors, speaking at local groups and maintenance/display of archival materials. Meets third Wednesday of the month. Check website for time and location.

## Orinda Intermediate School Parents Club Inc.

80 Ivy Drive, Orinda, CA 94563

Website: [www.orindaschools.org](http://www.orindaschools.org)

Contact: (925) 258-3090  
[volunteercoordinator@oispc.org](mailto:volunteercoordinator@oispc.org)

Category: **EDUCATION**

**ADULT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Sponsors many of the important people, programs and projects vital to the operation of OIS; budgeted to give \$491,350 in the 2012/2013 school year. Programs include: Library Book Fair; Vision, Scoliosis and TB Testing; Helping Hands provides dinners, driving or running errands for OIS families in times of need; and Garden Liaison assists the garden manager. Many more activities during the school year in addition to fundraising. Volunteers welcomed at all levels.

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## Orinda Junior Women's Club

PO Box 40, Orinda, CA 94563

Website: [www.orindajuniors.org](http://www.orindajuniors.org)

Contact: [info@orindajuniors.org](mailto:info@orindajuniors.org)

Category: **WOMEN'S SERVICE CLUB**

**ADULT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Recipient of the 2013 Orinda Volunteer of the Year Award. Dedicated to community improvement by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service. Activities include sponsoring a Youth Ink Creative Writing Contest, and supporting groups including STAND! Against Domestic Violence, Holiday Family Adoption, Orinda Convalescent Hospital, Shelter, Inc., and many others. Meets first Tuesday, September to June at 7 pm

## The Orinda News

26 Orinda Way/ PO Box 97 Orinda, CA 94563  
Plaza Level of Orinda Library near Café Teatro

Website: [www.orindanews.org](http://www.orindanews.org)

Contact: (925) 254-0800

Category: **NEWSPAPER**

**ADULT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

The Orinda News has a long and proud history of providing news of interest to local residents and businesses, and is published monthly by The Orinda Association, a nonprofit organization. Volunteers and interns assist with research, writing articles, delivering papers around town, taking photographs and other activities..

## Orinda Parks & Recreation Foundation

Orinda Community Center  
28 Orinda Way, Orinda, CA 94563

Website: [www.oprfoundation.org](http://www.oprfoundation.org)

Contact: (925) 963-0442 Bill Wadsworth  
[wadsy1@aol.com](mailto:wadsy1@aol.com)

Category: **SERVICE**

**ADULT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

The OPRF was founded in the 1970s to raise monies for the purchase and development of the Orinda Community Center building and surrounding park. Since then, the foundation has pursued its mission by contributing over \$1.5 million to a variety of community activities and facilities. The OPRF board invites you to assist with planning and implementing exciting fundraising events, to attend monthly meetings, or volunteer in any way to help accomplish the foundation's goals.



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## Orinda Starlight Village Players

Orinda Community Center Park  
28 Orinda Way, Orinda, CA 94563

Website: [www.orsvp.org](http://www.orsvp.org)

Contact: (925) 528-9225  
[info@orsvp.org](mailto:info@orsvp.org)

Category: **ARTS**

**ADULT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Celebrating 31 years in the park, it's always a pleasure to see a play at Orinda Starlight in the tree-lined outdoor theater. A volunteer run and staffed organization with actors and crew who know what they're doing makes being a volunteer both enjoyable and instructive. Volunteers needed to act, build sets, manage concessions, create costumes, and perform maintenance. Volunteers especially needed during April and October.

## Orinda/Tábor (Czech Republic) Sister City Foundation

Website: None

Contact: (925) 254-8260

Category: **INTERNATIONAL SERVICE**

**ADULT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

The goal of OTSCF is to educate Orinda on the culture of the Czech Republic and especially Tabor, a city founded in 400 BCE. Every fall a student from Tabor is invited to live with an Orinda family and spend a semester at Miramonte High School. The group also encourages and advises Orindans who wish to travel in the Czech Republic. Meetings are held fourth Thursday of the month at the Oak Room in the Orinda Library, 26 Orinda Way, Orinda, CA 94563 at 7:00 pm. New members welcome.

## Orinda Woman's Club

PO Box 533 Orinda, CA 94563

Website:  
<https://sites.google.com/site/orindawomansclub/>

Contact: [orindawomansclubinfo@gmail.com](mailto:orindawomansclubinfo@gmail.com)

Category: **WOMEN'S SERVICE CLUB**

**ADULT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

With a long history of community involvement and enrichment, members participate in diverse community activities as well as social get-togethers. Their annual fundraiser, Festival of Trees, is a much-anticipated event. OWC supports the Orinda Library, CASA, Child Abuse Prevention Council, California Youth Connection and many other organizations. The group also provides scholarships to struggling young women. Supports Orinda Action Day.

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## Orinda Youth Association (OYA)

Orinda Community Center Park  
28 Orinda Way, Orinda, CA 94563

Website: [OYA Section of Orinda City Website](#)

Contact: (925) 253-4204  
Recreation Coordinator, Troy Faulk

Category: **SPORTS**

**YOUTH AND ADULT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Offers a variety of sports for children in Pre-Kindergarten through 8th grade. The sports programs are offered on a seasonal basis. Programs include: baseball, softball, t-ball, incrediball, soccer, flag football, basketball and water polo. Promotes the ideal of teamwork, sportsmanship and love of the sport; fosters body and motor skill development; insures team balance as to ability and school participation; and assures that all participants play as much as possible. Volunteers welcome at any level; coaching is especially needed.

## Rescue One Foundation

Moraga-Orinda Fire District (MOFDO)  
1280 Moraga Way, Moraga, CA 94556

Website: [www.mofd.org/about/rescueone](http://www.mofd.org/about/rescueone)

Contact: (925) 258-4599  
[info@mofd.org](mailto:info@mofd.org)

Category: **EMERGENCY RESPONSE**

**ADULT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Rescue One is the first citizen-inspired foundation in the State of California working entirely in support of its local fire district and paramedic program. The Moraga-Orinda Fire District's paramedic service is available to residents anywhere in these two communities. Over the years the MOFD has answered thousands of calls from victims of heart attacks, accidents, and sudden illness. With financial help from Rescue One Foundation, MOFD paramedic units have communication links with local hospital emergency rooms and can provide critical information for cardiac patients.

## Rotary Club of Orinda California

Website: <http://orinda.rotary5160.org>

Contact: (925) 254-2222

Category: **INTERNATIONAL SERVICE**

**YOUTH AND ADULT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

A worldwide organization of business and professional leaders who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world. Meets every Wednesday, noon, at the Orinda Country Club, 315 Camino Sobrante, Orinda, CA 94563. Works in partnership to support activities such as: NorCal Kids Triathlon, Annual Rotary Field Day competition for elementary school kids; Annual fishing outing for Oakland inner-city kids; hosts annual Easter Egg Hunt and Opera in the Park.

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## Senior Helpline Services

1035A Carol Lane, Lafayette, CA 94549

Website: [www.seniorhelpline.net](http://www.seniorhelpline.net)

Contact: (925) 284-2207

Category: **SERVICE - HUMAN SERVICES**

**ADULT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

This service enables seniors to age in place safely and comfortably by providing transportation services, telephone relationships, information and referrals; and offers opportunities for seniors and others who care about issues related to aging to get involved in advocacy and change in order to make our communities good places to age

## Sleepy Hollow Elementary School Parents Club, Inc.

20 Washington Lane, Orinda, CA 94563

Website: [www.orindaschools.org](http://www.orindaschools.org)

Contact: (925) 254-8711

Category: **EDUCATION**

**ADULT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

All their efforts support three main functions: fundraising, communications and educational enrichment. Examples: K-3 class size preservation (20 or fewer students) funded in partnership with EFO; The Hollow Log newsletter comes out weekly; general meetings are held several times a year to communicate information to parents; and Before and After School Club provides quality, adult supervised student activities

## Wagner Ranch Elementary School Parents Club

350 Camino Pablo, Orinda, CA 94563

Website: [www.orindaschools.org](http://www.orindaschools.org)

Contact: (925) 254-0016

Category: **EDUCATION**

**ADULT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Provides funding support; organizes and supports family activities such as Open House BBQ, Science Night, Coffee Connections and Friendship Day. Volunteers welcome in any activities.

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## Winter Nights Shelter in Orinda/Interfaith Council of Contra Costa County

1563 Sunnyvale Ave. Walnut Creek, CA 94556

Website: [www.cccwinternights.org](http://www.cccwinternights.org)

Contact: (925) 933-6030

[Eye4see@aol.com](mailto:Eye4see@aol.com)

Category: **SERVICE - HUMAN SERVICES**

**ADULT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Serves homeless families and seniors in CCC during winter weather by providing shelter in a clean, safe, and warm environment from October through May. Coordinates with many local churches to provide 2-3 weeks housing at each place of worship. Volunteer opportunities for tutors, kinder cuddlers, meal preparation teams and servers.

## WomenSing/WomenSing Auxiliary

PO Box 2014 Orinda, CA 94563

Website: [www.womensing.org](http://www.womensing.org)

Contact: (925) 974-9169

[volunteer@womensing.org](mailto:volunteer@womensing.org)

Category: **ARTS**

**ADULT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

A 50+ member auditioned chorus who sing with a vibrant and beautifully blended sound featuring great landmarks of the treble repertoire as well as seldom-performed works and new music. Awarded the 2011 CCC Arts Commission Award for Excellence. The Auxiliary is a group of dedicated volunteers who can choose a job and fill it – greet audiences, handle the box office, pass out programs, help with setups, host receptions/wine bars, or help pack everything up after a performance. Free ticket to event you volunteer for, invitations to social events and the group's never-ending gratitude.

## Xenophon Therapeutic Riding Center

PO Box 16 Orinda, CA 94563

Website: <http://xenophontrc.org/>

Contact: (925) 377-0871

[danielle@xenophontrc.org](mailto:danielle@xenophontrc.org)

Category: **SERVICE – HUMAN SERVICE**

**YOUTH & ADULT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Provides therapeutic horseback riding in a safe and secure environment for children with a wide range of disabilities. Children achieve goals they never dreamed possible because the focus is on enhancing their unique abilities. With a horse as their guide, there is no limit to what they can achieve. Sessions February through November. All therapeutic riding instructors trained and certified through the Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship.