BOX CITY IS COMING TO CAMPUS

The Association of Student Social Workers (ASSW), our School of Social Work's active undergraduate student organization, is organizing a Box City Event that will take place on campus on May 25th and 26th. Box City focuses attention on the many homeless people in our community, and raises money to help support Homeless Health Care Los Angeles (HHCLA) an LA community-based organization that provides health & mental health services & housing for any person in need.

Participants will set a goal to raise $20 in pledges to sleep overnight in a cardboard box “home” as a resident of Box City. Participants will sleep in a secure outdoor area on campus. During the course of the event there will be bands, activities, entertainment, a resource fair, a special speaker and a free meal for participants.

Box City is open to all majors at California State University, Los Angeles. We encourage professors, mentors, student clubs, honor societies, and associations to use this event as a community service and learning project. The activities and entertainment are geared toward students.
Box City will: 1) Demonstrate Cal State LA’s mission of engagement, service, and commitment to the public good, 2) Create opportunities to give back to the community through volunteering, service learning, and community collaborations that will make our neighborhoods better places to live.

**Tentative Program**

**Date:** Wednesday, May 25, 2016 - Thursday, May 26, 2016

Wednesday, May 25, 2016:
- 4:15 pm - registration begins - arrive, find your box, and begin making your home
- 6:00 dinner is served
- Evening activities TBA (For example: performances, participant who raises the most money announced as the “mayor” of the Box City, most creative “home”, etc), Guest speaker

Thursday, May 26, 2016:
- 10am - 2pm - Resource Fair along Golden Eagle Pathway
- 10am - 2pm - Volunteers will inform passersby about the facts, issues, policies that pertain to the homeless population.
- 2 pm Clean up and takedown.

**Registration**

To register for the event ASSW will be utilizing the website, EVENTBRITE, an intuitive tool that allows event hosts to plan, promote, and manage their event through a customizable event page, pay online (debit, credit, & paypal), track money and attendees, and check in and scan tickets. With the app your iOS phone can be a mobile box office.

The website charges a 3% charging fee; therefore, $1.35 of the profit will be going to EVENTBRITE if a guest choose to utilize the online method.

Guests who pay offline can RSVP to outreach.assw@gmail.com and bring cash.

Guests will either have waivers ready and filled to turn in at the day of the event or will fill them out at the registration table.

**Volunteers will be needed**

ASSW has 300 members from which we will request volunteers. However, we will also reach out to other organizations on campus to seek reliable volunteers for the following responsibilities:

- Registration
- Collecting large boxes
- Clean-up Crew
- Greeter Participants
- Greet Performers
- Stage Crew
- Distributing Food
- Stage Host
- Floaters
- First-Aid Kit & Certified Staff member

BOX CITY FAQS

Who can participate?
Cal State LA students of all majors.

What can I bring to the event?
Please limit yourself to the following items: sleeping bag, tarp, pillow, flashlight, and warm clothes. You may bring medications and essential toiletries. The following items are not allowed: alcohol, illegal drugs, beverages in glass bottles, weapons of any kind, personal electronic devices such as I-pods, and video games.

What if it rains?
Just as the homeless do, we will cope with the weather we are given. Unless there is a safety risk, the event will continue rain or shine.

How can I raise money?
You have many options: 1) donate the money directly, 2) collect pledges, or 3) organize a fundraising event. If you plan to attend with a group, you may pool your energy and creativity and put on an event such as a car wash, bake sale, or anything your imagination and resources will allow.

What if, for health reasons, I simply can’t sleep in a box?
While sleeping in a cardboard box can provide a valuable lesson in empathy, we understand that for health or personal reasons you may not be able. You may still participate as a “virtual resident” by raising funds by sleeping at home. Virtual residents are welcome to attend evening activities.

Can I bring Food?
Students can brings snacks; however, a non-perishable dinner and light breakfast is included with the ticket sale. Students can also bring money to buy from our fundraising table.

How do I sign up?
To register for the event ASSW will be utilizing the website, EVENTBRITE. The URL will be announced soon. Additionally, students can register the day of the event but must RSVP to outreach.assw@gmail.com

Questions or want more information? Contact outreach.assw@gmail.com