



## A Month of Big Sundays aka MOBS!

### Ways to Get Involved!

**At Big Sunday, we firmly believe that it's not the what, it's the how.** Big Sunday is all about everyone working together and putting their best foot forward and all hands on deck. Even if you don't get your first choice of a project, please know that your good help and great spirit are much needed and appreciated elsewhere! Thanks.

#### Wow! I want to help at a project in May! Where do I begin?

First off, thanks! We know how busy everyone is, and appreciate your taking time out to help someone else. There are tons of different things going on throughout the month of May. Hopefully, this list will help you figure out the best way to get involved.

#### 1. Sign up to volunteer.

You'll find hundreds of projects that need volunteers. Each project listed tells you what the project entails, where it is, how long it lasts, and if there are any age requirements. This list includes all kinds of projects, from heavy-duty painting or yard work to projects that need different talents, such as working with animals, digging up invasive plants, singing with seniors, or just being friendly. Keep checking the list. We add projects all the time!

#### 2. Searching for the "right" project.

If you are having problems finding what you are looking for, try using the Filters that can help you narrow projects by Date, Geography and also by Organizers.

PROJECTS IN <i>Date</i>	SEARCH <i>Search</i>	NEAR <i>Location</i>	<b>FIND PROJECTS</b>	VIEW AS 📅 <i>Month</i>
NEED HELP FINDING A PROJECT? NARROW YOUR RESULTS				<b>COLLAPSE FILTERS</b>
▶ ORGANIZERS ▶ DAY ▶ TIME ▶ VENUES ▶ KEYWORDS ▶ AGES				<b>RESET FILTERS</b>

You can also search by the type of project based on what you are interested in based on these tags: Arts, Animals, Environment, Homeless, Hunger, Lemonade Stands, Military, Schools, Seniors, and Youth.

### 3. What if the project I want to do is full?

We've learned that the only thing worse than no volunteers is too many volunteers. If a project you want to sign up for is full, please look for something else. There are plenty of other places that really need your help! We greatly appreciate your flexibility, and willingness to change your plans to help someone else. But if you're really set on something, keep checking! We sometimes get cancellations so spaces may open up.

### 4. Got a group?

Groups of all kinds and all sizes are always welcome at Big Sunday events! Depending on the size of your group, you might have a project to yourself, or you might be mixing it up with other folks. If you have a group from your business, school, house of worship, or a group of friends or families, and are looking for a good place to go contact [rob@bigsunday.org](mailto:rob@bigsunday.org). He can help point you in the right direction.

### 5. You want to help, but there's no project near you.

No problem! If you have a project you'd like to do that's not on the list, let us know! Contact [rob@bigsunday.org](mailto:rob@bigsunday.org). Please note: Once the schedule is posted it is unlikely that we can provide funding for additional projects. We can, however provide a bunch of other things. Also remember that Big Sunday projects focus on the things that we all have in common. As such, we do not do projects with a religious or political agenda. If you have questions about whether your project fits, ask Rob about that, too!

### 6. Lemonade Stands.

You can host a Big Sunday Lemonade Stand whenever you want, every day in May! Once again, this year, we're using Lemonade Stand proceeds towards the Big Sunday program called **The Big Sunday Emergency Fund**. Our goal is to raise money to help support our community in times of crisis or emergency. In the past this has included everything from buying furniture for a vet, to shoes for dozens of kids at a low-income school, to covering the funeral expenses when a child died tragically. All we ask is that your stand is open for at least two hours. You can host one anywhere, but if you need a venue, let us know and we can help. And we'll advertise your event, too. Please contact [alan@bigsunday.org](mailto:alan@bigsunday.org) for more information. Just don't forget to stop by and pick up your Big Sunday t-shirt! And by the way, if you'd like to host a Lemonade Stand for another nonprofit cause, that's okay, too. Just let us know the nonprofit organization.

### 7. In-Kind Donations.

Each year Big Sunday volunteers give away truckloads of new and used clothes, books, food, furniture, musical instruments, and other items. We get all kinds of requests. Our rule of thumb is "Whatever you have, we can use." (Except green hair dye, like we got seven years ago and still can't get rid of.) This year we're collecting all kinds of new and gently used **clothes, books, sporting equipment, musical instruments and instruments**. We also need **non-perishable food, new socks, new underwear, toiletries, and first aid equipment**. (And the requests keep coming!) **Questions? Want to get more involved? Great! Contact David McBride at [davidmcb@bigsunday.org](mailto:davidmcb@bigsunday.org).**

### 8. Ground Control.

Ground Control for MOBS will be our wonderful offices at 6111 Melrose Ave. in Los Angeles. The phone number here is 323-549-9944. We'll be here from 9 – 5 (weekdays) throughout MOBS. For more information, contact [MOBS@bigsunday.org](mailto:MOBS@bigsunday.org).

**9. Be a Sponsor.**

Big Sunday is a registered 501(c)(3) organization. We have no religious or political agenda, and there is never any charge for volunteers to participate. Big Sunday is completely underwritten by cash and in-kind donations. If you'd like to sponsor a project contact [david@bigsunday.org](mailto:david@bigsunday.org). Or, you can donate [here](#). Thanks so much!

**10. I'd love to get involved later in the year? Can I still help?**

Absolutely! Big Sunday has a year round calendar and there are countless kinds of ways you can help before and after MOBS. Please contact [rob@bigsunday.org](mailto:rob@bigsunday.org) for a schedule of other great upcoming Big Sunday events.

**11. Big Sunday 10K in May Food Sorting.**

Join us as we end MOBS with a day-long open house. It will also be our biggest End of the Month Club ever, as we sort, pack and distribute all the food we've had donated all month. (Our goal: 10,000 units of food, and we know we'll get there!) We'll sort through any other final donations – and start our collection of beach towels which we'll be giving away in June. There'll be lots of great food, good music, fantastic company – and ideas for ways that you can be involved in the months to come! We'll be sorting the food in the morning, and welcoming our nonprofit friends to collect it in the afternoon.

Thanks for participating in MOBS! We greatly appreciate your generous donations of time, talent, stuff and spirit!

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