



**HomeWalk 2016 10-Year Anniversary**  
**Event Listing**

Join thousands of Angelenos for HomeWalk's 10-year anniversary.

HomeWalk is United Way of Greater Los Angeles' annual 5K family run/walk to end homelessness in L.A. County.

Saturday, November 19, 2016 at Grand Park, Downtown Los Angeles

7:00am Registration

8:00am Opening Ceremony

8:45am Run/Walk Begins

10:00am Live DJ, Food Trucks and FREE Activities!

**Register today at [www.HomeWalkLA.org](http://www.HomeWalkLA.org)**

Nearly 47,000 people, including families and veterans are homeless in L.A. County.

Register and fundraise today to help our most vulnerable neighbors off the streets and into a home for good.

**WALK AND FUNDRAISE TODAY: ASK \$10 FROM 10 FRIENDS TO HELP THOSE IN NEED.**

**HOMEWALKLA.ORG**

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**Fast Facts**  
**Los Angeles County Homelessness**  
**United Way's HomeWalk 2016**

*Los Angeles County has one of the highest concentrations of homeless individuals living on the streets. In the most recent homeless count, it was reported that 46,874 people are homeless, including 3,071 veterans, in Los Angeles County.*

*The situation is unacceptable and — as one of United Way's core priorities to create pathways out of poverty— United Way aims to create public awareness and participation to fight homelessness. United Way's HomeWalk is focused on mobilizing the community and businesses to raise the funds and awareness necessary to end homelessness for all of our most vulnerable neighbors.*

**Situation Overview: Homelessness**

- Homelessness is the most extreme form of poverty, often resulting from loss of a job or catastrophic health issue.
- The homelessness issue is one of United Way's three core areas of work: housing, education and financial stability.
- **Affordable Housing & Poverty:** The average L.A. resident spends half or more of their income on rent.
  - The number one cause of homelessness is loss of a job.
  - 1 in 5 Angelenos are just 1 paycheck away from becoming homeless.
  - 1.9 million residents in L.A. County live below the poverty line (\$24,250 for a family of four).
- **Education:** Homelessness is often related to students not graduating prepared for the workforce in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. How can a student succeed in school if they don't have the safety and security of a permanent home?
- **Veteran Unemployment:** 18% of post-9/11 veterans are unemployed in L.A. County. Veterans often struggle returning to the workforce after their service. Without earning an adequate wage, they often find themselves on the streets.

**Los Angeles County Homeless Statistics:**

- 46,874 people are homeless in Los Angeles County.
- While we have reduced veteran's homelessness by 57%, over 3,000 are still suffering on our streets.
- 1 in 217 people are homeless in L.A. County.
- 31% are chronically homeless.
- 40% are women and children
- 30% struggles with mental illness.
- 23% struggles with chronic substance abuse.
- Homelessness is a county-wide issue. 90% of homeless individuals live outside of Skid Row.

## United Way's Housing Work and HomeWalk

- As part of its Creating Pathways out of Poverty Plan, United Way of Greater Los Angeles has committed to ending homelessness, with a focus on chronic and veteran's homelessness.
- United Way is endorsing a ballot measure that will help end homelessness called Proposition HHH. Prop. HHH is a \$1.2 billion general obligation bond designed to end and prevent chronic homelessness in the City of Los Angeles. For more information, visit [www.yesonhhh.com](http://www.yesonhhh.com).
- Vote YES to housing and vote YES on Prop. HHH on the November 8 ballot.
- United Way continues to work across all sectors on the solutions that are smart and effective to moving people off of the streets and into homes, for good.
  - Solutions to homelessness are 43% cheaper than leaving someone on the streets,
  - Once in permanent, supportive housing, people have an 88% chance of staying off the streets for good.
- This year marks United Way's 10<sup>th</sup> annual HomeWalk. Over the past nine years, 75,000 people have participated, raising over \$6.5 million and helping move over 17,000 people off the streets and into the safety and stability of a home.
  - Join HomeWalk's 10-year anniversary on Saturday, November 19 at its new location at Grand Park.
  - Register and fundraise today at [www.homewalkla.org](http://www.homewalkla.org).
  - Ask 10 friends for \$10 and raise \$100 to get your HomeWalk t-shirt
  - Become a HomeWalk Hero- raise \$500 or more and get a customized HomeWalk Hero Hoodie!

**Homelessness is a solvable problem. Join Us.**

**Vote YES on Prop. HHH**

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