



## WHO WE ARE

School on Wheels, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that provides educational assistance to homeless children in Southern California.

Our major service is to provide one-on-one tutoring to homeless children from kindergarten through twelfth grade. We define homeless children as those living in shelters, motels, cars, on the street and in group foster homes.

Our goal is to shrink the gaps in the education of our students so they can break the cycle of homelessness and overcome the statistics that would condemn them to a life of poverty.

We do not receive government money. We survive through donations from individuals and organizations who believe as we do: that every homeless child has potential and every volunteer can make a difference.

## THE CHILDREN

Families are the fastest-growing segment of the homeless population, and the percentage of children who are homeless in the United States is greater today than at any point since the Great Depression.

More than 1.5 million children are homeless annually in the United States.\* Homeless children are just like other children, but they have to face many obstacles in order to attend and succeed in school.

Every time a homeless child moves to another school they fall behind in their studies — School on Wheels, and our volunteer tutors are there to help them.

Homeless children and parents may hear about School on Wheels from a teacher, counselor, the shelter where they are staying, from other homeless families or School on Wheels staff. All children and their parents choose to be in our program.

## THE TUTORS

Volunteer tutors are the heart and soul of School on Wheels. Our volunteers come from all backgrounds and professions with one common goal: To make a positive difference in the life of their homeless student and to be a consistent and positive role model.

Every week hundreds of School on Wheels tutors meet students in their communities, at homeless shelters, after-school clubs, libraries and other public places to help them with their homework, or to be a study buddy; above all, to support them in accomplishing the number one job any child has, learning!

*Flexible hours, no experience necessary, we provide the training.*

\* National Center on Family Homelessness, March 2009

## HOW WE HELP

- ✓ FREE one-on-one tutoring
- ✓ FREE backpacks and school supplies
- ✓ A TOLL-FREE number – 800.923.1100 to keep in touch with us
  
- ✓ Assistance in enrolling in school
- ✓ Help locating lost records
- ✓ Parental guidance in educational matters for their children

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Become a School on Wheels, Inc. volunteer tutor. Being a tutor will touch your heart. Visit our website: [www.schoolonwheels.org](http://www.schoolonwheels.org) to complete our online application form.
- Make a tax-deductible donation and help improve the life of a homeless child. Your charitable contribution will help School on Wheels reach out and help more children who do not have a home of their own.
- Donate backpacks or school supplies. Every year we distribute thousands of backpacks filled with school supplies to school-age homeless children that we meet in shelters, motels, cars, on the street or in group foster homes.