

From Coast to Coast, We Rally Around Community Support and Growth.

In 2022, volunteerism played a burgeoning role in KBS' culture and community engagement. It is our belief that giving of ourselves makes a positive impact on our own health, happiness and outlook. Last year, KBS inaugurated Volunteer Day, a company sponsored opportunity during which our dedicated colleagues in Newport Beach, CA, Arlington, VA, and New York, NY, logged an impressive 152 hours of volunteer work. Here are just a few examples of how their Volunteer Day was spent.

BEACH CLEANUP

In summer of 2022, KBS employees from Newport Beach, CA, gathered at the Balboa Peninsula for California Coastal Cleanup Day, a statewide event organized by the California Coastal Commission (CCC). Joining thousands of other volunteers to help gather debris and litter along the Golden State's beautiful coastline, Team KBS collected more than 35 pounds of refuse from around iconic Balboa Pier.

The CCC estimates that 80% of ocean trash originates from land-based sources, and Cleanup Day resulted in preventing over 26,000 pounds of trash from impacting our ocean. It was a great day for volunteers — and an even better day for California beaches.

ANIMAL WELFARE

According to the Animal Welfare League of Arlington (AWLA), nearly 2,800 cats, dogs and small companion animals were brought into their care from shelter and rescue partners just last year. And while the League's exemplary staff is the heart and soul their success, the AWLA admits that volunteers are crucial to their mission: to improve the lives of animals and people.

KBS team members in the Arlington, VA, area have taken the AWLA's need for volunteers to heart — generously giving of themselves. David Jenkins is just one of the people who helped clean cages at AWLA. "I've always had a soft spot for animals," admits David. "It does my heart good to help both the AWLA staff and the animals in their care."



EMPOWERING OUR EMPLOYEES

For Beach Cleanup day, KBS employees collected more than 35 pounds of refuse from around iconic Balboa Pier in Newport Beach, CA.

THE BOWERY MISSION

In 2022, KBS joined 6,600 fellow volunteers at The Bowery Mission in New York, NY, to prepare and serve meals for the homeless and hungry.

The Mission relies on volunteers to continue their life-transforming work. Without outside assistance, The Bowery Mission simply could not fully meet the needs of the marginalized individuals who rely on the Mission to sustain themselves and help get back on their feet.