

Interesting Volunteering Facts!

Celebrity involvement does not always help a cause.

- In evaluating whether or not a company is a good "corporate citizen," most Americans say they are influenced by the "cause itself" or the direct involvement of company employees in the effort, and are least influenced by a company's celebrity spokespersons.

America's youth have the volunteer spirit.

- Thirteen million teens, more than half of America's teen population (59%) volunteered in 1995 (latest available statistics). They gave an estimated 3.5 hours per week, totaling 2.4 billion hours of volunteer time. (Source: Independent Sector)
- Approximately one-third of young people in grades 7-12 identified "working for the good of my community and country" and "helping others or volunteering" as very important future goals.

Why do people volunteer?

- More than eight out of 10 people (86%) said they volunteered because they felt compassion for those in need. Nearly three-fourths of the respondents (72%) volunteered because they had an interest in the activity or work, and 70% volunteered to gain a new perspective on things.
- Info found at citylinks.org



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Come join a winning team!
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Volunteer Vision

Be a year-round volunteer!

We all tend to think more of those in need during the holidays; but volunteering is welcome and necessary all year.

The need for compassion doesn't stop with the New Year, and warm spring weather doesn't fill empty stomachs or decrease the litter in the public parks.

We all need to be aware that making our communities, our nation and our world better is a 365-day-a-year responsibility-and there is always something we could be doing to help!

Thanks to all of those that attended our Volunteer Luncheon on September 17th!

Those in attendance were treated to a delicious lunch with sandwiches, soda, cakes, and fresh fruit, including a dynamite watermelon basket made by Donna! We also had an informal, yet very informative presentation on the fundamentals of working with blind and visually impaired people by Justin Crucet, from Bureau of Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired. It was nice to bring all the volunteers together with the classes and events they teach, and to brainstorm about upcoming events happening at the Center.



Beat the Holiday Rush!

As the holidays approach it's a good time to assess your current situation. Don't wait until December to start thinking about ways to enrich next year, there's still three months left in 2005! Before we know it Halloween will be over, and the advertisements will be bombarding the TV airwaves about must-see Thanksgiving sales! So, in an effort to help balance your holiday stress, come and volunteer with the Blind Center! November 1st through December 17th the Blind Center will be assembling our famous "Gourmet Holiday Gift Baskets"! Come and be a part of this annual event. You don't have to have basket making talent, just a desire to help out and a heart for making a difference in the lives of those who may be less fortunate.



*Let family and friends know that many opportunities await them at the Center, whether they would like to assist with our Holiday baskets, weekly Wal-Mart field trips, or helping a member read their mail, give us a call. **Remember, a little goes a long way.***