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HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!!



Volunteerism:

The rich history in America

American society has a long history with volunteerism. From formal volunteering with a non profit organization, to helping out a neighbor, In every town and city across the country, **volunteers are the backbone to happy, healthy and connected communities**. There are many different types and forms of volunteerism, and **anyone can be a volunteer**. That's one of the best things about volunteering; there are a variety of ways for individuals to make an impact according to their interests and skills.

Historical records suggest that volunteering started in America in 1736 when Benjamin Franklin founded the first volunteer firehouse after a ship fire burned down the wharf, warehouses and neighboring houses. This first brigade was formed by 26 volunteers, and as more and more continued to sign up, additional brigades were formed. This tradition has continued throughout the centuries, with around 70% of American firefighters today being volunteers.

The next major volunteerism in America effort was during The Revolutionary War (1773-1783). As soldiers signed up to fight, civilians volunteered to raise money and express their patriotism by supporting independence.

These American volunteerism efforts gave regular citizens a way to get involved without having to join the battlefield.

The Great Awakening- a religious revival that swept the country- can be attributed to the raft of charitable organizations founded on a religious basis that emerged in the 1800s. These groups sought volunteers to join the fight to abolish slavery, help the disadvantaged and support servicemen

Towards the end of the century, the American Red Cross was founded by Clara Barton after she was inspired as a volunteer in Switzerland with the European arm,

providing neutral aid to those injured in combat. Clara's motto, **"I see a need, and I have to fill it"** came to define American volunteerism movements moving forward.

This widespread collective volunteerism in America continued into the 20th century, as volunteers helped improve the lives of communities across America.

Several of the largest volunteer and charitable organizations still in existence today were founded in the early decades of the 20th century to connect the army of volunteers with social projects that improved the lives of fellow citizens.

The WWI, WWII and inter-war periods were also major volunteering periods. Many on the home front rallied to help collect supplies, care for the sick and injured and support returned soldiers.

Altruism continued to grow in the world, and as international travel became easier from the 1960s, Americans started looking at volunteering abroad to help the poor. It was around this time, the Peace Corps was established in an attempt to formalize international volunteering opportunities.

This formalization continued as non profit organizations grew and spread internationally, utilizing modern technology such as the internet to advertise and recruit American volunteers, improve their services and maximize impact.

Volunteerism as a means to improve society has continued through to the present day. American volunteer statistics from the US Bureau of Labor in 2015 showed that:

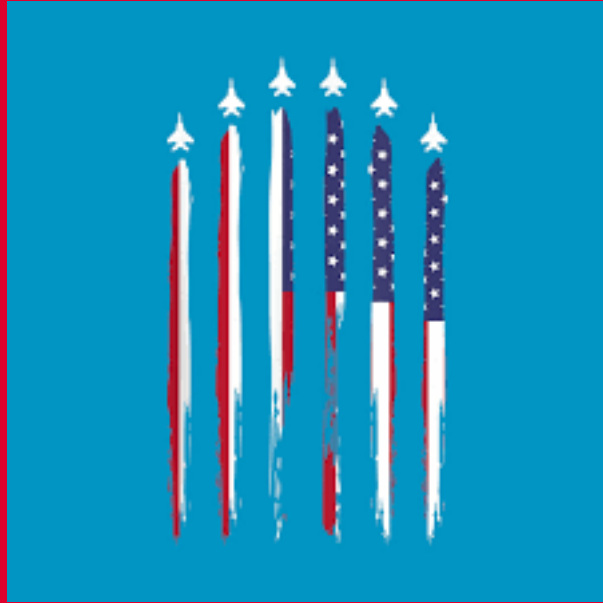
62.6 million Americans volunteered

24.9% of Americans over 16 volunteered

Volunteers give 52 hours per year on average

33% volunteered with religious organizations, followed by 25% in educational or youth service organizations

Volunteerism in America is a major aspect of American culture.



Top 10 Reasons to Volunteer

#10: It's good for you.

Volunteering provides physical and mental rewards. It:

- **Reduces stress:** Experts report that when you focus on someone other than yourself, it interrupts usual tension-producing patterns.
- **Makes you healthier:** Moods and emotions, like optimism, joy, and control over one's fate, strengthen the immune system.

#9: It saves resources.

Volunteering provides valuable community services so more money can be spent on local improvements.

#8: Volunteers gain professional experience.

#7: It brings people together.

As a volunteer you assist in:

- Uniting people from diverse backgrounds to work toward a common goal
- Building camaraderie and teamwork

#6: It promotes personal growth and self-esteem.

Understanding community needs helps foster empathy and self-efficacy.

#5: Volunteering strengthens your community.

As a volunteer you help:

- Support families
- Support youth
- Beautify the community

#4: You learn a lot.

Volunteers learn things like these:

- **Self:** Volunteers discover hidden talents that may change your view on your self worth.
- **Government:** Through working with local non-profit agencies, volunteers learn about the functions and operation of our government.
- **Community:** Volunteers gain knowledge of local resources available to solve community needs.

#3: You get a chance to give back.

People like to support community resources that they use themselves or that benefit people they care about.

#2: Volunteering encourages civic responsibility.

Community service and volunteerism are an investment in our community and the people who live in it.

#1: You make a difference
Every person counts!



4TH OF JULY

PET SAFETY TIPS



Keeping your pets safe during the 4th of July holiday! The busiest day for shelters and animal control agencies across the country is July 4th.

Exercise pets early in the day before celebrations begin

Make sure guests do not feed pets scraps.

Keep charcoal, sparklers, fireworks and other potential dangers away from pets

Leave pets at home during fireworks exhibitions

Be sure to read the signals of your pets.

Many bite incidents happen on holidays. Why? people are not in tune to the stress level of their pets, visiting children's behavior around pets and pet's reaction to strangers in the home.

If you see your pet is beginning to stress or tire, give them a break in a quiet place in the home away from guests and excitement.

Bring pets indoors before the fireworks exhibitions begin. Cats can easily be frightened and run off. The dog that never leaves the yard can become disoriented and jump the fence or take off.

If pets are frightened of loud noises and lights, close the curtains and leave gentle music or the television playing when you leave

HOW TO BE A VOLUNTEER

Visit the Florida International Air Show Web Page at

<https://www.floridaairshow.com/volunteer22>

Volunteer for ½ of the day
Enjoy the Air Show the other ½ of the day for FREE

DATES AND TIMES AVAILABLE FOR VOLUNTEERS

November 4, 2023 - 8am to 1pm and/or 12 noon to 5 pm

November 5, 2023 - 8am to 1pm and/or 12 noon to 5 pm

All volunteers will receive:

- Commemorative 2023 Florida International Air Show Shirt
- One meal ticket per shift
- Admission ticket to the Air Show for the day of volunteering
- Free Parking
- Wheels Up Volunteer Party (Date TBD)
- Mandatory Safety Briefing

As a Volunteer you are required to attend a Safety Briefing –
Safety briefings will be held in October 2023 - dates
and times are TBD

Shirts and tickets will be handed out
at check-in on the day of volunteering

**THANK YOU
HAVE A HAPPY**

& SAFE



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For being part of one of the most exciting Air Shows in the Nation!!
You will Experience the magnificent atmosphere of aviation!!
PRESERVING OUR PAST, PREPARING OUR FUTURE.



Director of Volunteers
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