



EDITORIAL BOARD VISIT REQUEST LETTER

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Dear (Name):

Governor Charlie Crist and the Florida Cabinet have designated the month of April to be Florida Volunteer Month. **(Name of your Organization)** will join with Florida Volunteer Month's sponsoring organization, The Governor's Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service (Volunteer Florida), in a monthlong effort to raise awareness about the benefits of volunteering and to engage more citizens in volunteer service.

We have much to talk about and celebrate for the month of April. We at **(name of organization)** would love the opportunity to share the details of Florida Volunteer Month and volunteering in general with the Editorial Board of the **(Name of Paper)**. We will follow up with a call to arrange a time for a small group of our inspirational volunteers to meet with you for the purpose of generating news and human interest stories during Florida Volunteer Month.

Florida's volunteers meet a host of community needs: mentoring and tutoring low-performing students; providing respite care for seniors; contributing to environmental causes; responding to disasters; supporting the arts; repairing homes in impoverished neighborhoods; and feeding the hungry, just to name a few.

(Name of your Organization) engages approximately **(number)** of volunteers in our mission to **(say what your organization does)**. Through their service to others, our volunteers have gained confidence and self-esteem, developed a variety of new skills, and made new friends. Most important, our volunteers have improved the lives of others and improved the community around them. By engaging more volunteers, we could do more to **(say what you'd like to have happen in the future)**.

Here are few facts about volunteers:

- According to the Independent Sector, the leadership forum for charities, foundations, and corporate giving programs nationwide, the average dollar value of a volunteer is \$18.77 per hour.
- Corporation for National and Community Service research indicates 31.6% of women and 24.3% of men nationwide volunteered in 2006.

- In 2006, 31.2 million Americans volunteered, contributing more than 8.1 billion hours at a value of \$150 billion in service to America.

(Optional) Meanwhile, please look over the enclosed materials. We look forward to your support of our efforts to cultivate a culture of service, citizenship and responsibility in our community.

Sincerely,

(Name
Title
Organization)