



**WHAT'S YOUR PASSION?
PUT YOUR HEART INTO IT ... VOLUNTEER!**

FLORIDA VOLUNTEER MONTH 2008

Florida Volunteer Month Volunteer Statistics

- In 2006, **61.2 million Americans** volunteered, contributing more than 8.1 billion hours at a value of **\$150 billion** in service to America. *
- In addition to the 61.2 million volunteers in 2006, more than **5.3 million** people participated informally by working with their neighbors to improve their communities. *
- 31.6% of women and 24.3% of men volunteered during 2006. *
- Persons age 35 to 44 continued to be the most likely to volunteer (33.3%), while the lowest volunteerism rate was among those in their early twenties (23.4%). *
- 26.4% of teenagers aged 16 - 19 volunteer. *
- 29.8% of adults 46 to 64 volunteer *
- 23.8% of adults 65 and older volunteer *
- When volunteers were asked the main activity they performed for their main organization, fundraising (28.8%) and collecting, preparing, distributing or delivering food (25.2%) were the most frequently reported. *
- Approximately 70% of volunteers became involved with their main organization **after being asked** to volunteer, most often by someone in the organization. A slightly smaller proportion, about 30%, became involved on their own initiative. *
- The estimated dollar value of a volunteer is \$18.77 an hour. **

- According to the Points of Light Foundation, a company's commitment to civic engagement initiatives deepens relationships with employees, customers, shareholders, and community leaders. ***
- Four in five, or **80%**, of charities use volunteers. ****
- More than **82,000** people of all ages and backgrounds are helping to meet local needs, strengthen communities, and increase civic engagement through **276 national service** projects across Florida. (Service includes: mentoring, tutoring, coordinating after-school programs, restoring the environment, responding to disasters, and managing volunteers)
 - AmeriCorps: **1,679** people involved in **221** projects
 - Senior Corps: **32,549** people involved in **54** projects
 - Learn and Serve America: **47,779** participants ****
- In Florida, 27 volunteer centers serve 47 counties. Six more communities are interested in or starting volunteer centers. ^

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