

Brighten Your World 
VOLUNTEER!
APRIL IS FLORIDA VOLUNTEER MONTH!

**Florida Volunteer Month
Volunteer Statistics**

- In 2007, **60.8 million Americans** volunteered, contributing more than **8.1 billion hours** at a value of **\$158 billion** in service to America. *
- 30.6% of women and 23.6% of men volunteered during 2007. *
- Persons age 35 to 44 continued to be the most likely to volunteer (32.1%), while the lowest volunteerism rate was among those in their early twenties (22.3%). *
- 60.1% of adults 46 to 64 volunteer *
- 47.9% of adults 65 and older volunteer *
- Of those who volunteer, 34% are considered “intensive volunteers,” performing 100 hours or more of volunteer service over the course of a year.
- When volunteers were asked the main activity they performed for their main organization, fundraising (27.9%) and collecting, preparing, distributing or delivering food (24.5%) 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 **\$19.52** an hour. **
- Four in five, or **80%**, of charities use volunteers. ****



- More than **84,000** people of all ages and backgrounds are helping to meet local needs, strengthen communities, and increase civic engagement through **227 national service** projects across Florida. (Service includes: mentoring, tutoring, coordinating after-school programs, restoring the environment, responding to disasters, and managing volunteers)
 - AmeriCorps: **1,496** people involved in **173** projects
 - Senior Corps: **30,197** people involved in **53** projects
 - Learn and Serve America: **52,317** participants ^{***}

- In Florida, 30 volunteer centers in local communities. Volunteer Centers are grassroots organizations that match potential volunteers with opportunities to serve.

Key

- * Bureau of Labor Statistics/Corporation for National and Community Service: Volunteering in America: Trends and Rankings in Civic Life
- ** Independent Sector
- *** Corporation for National and Community Service
- ^ Volunteer Florida