

Maintaining Volunteers

Benefits for the Volunteer

- Volunteers each have their own reasons for volunteering. Take the time to find out what their reasons are to better help them. They could be looking for more job experience, socialization, a hobby, networking, or access to resources (a client in need).
- <https://www.volunteersignup.org/> Easy and free way to create volunteer sign-ups. It's essential to track your volunteers. You can reach out to them to volunteer again, they are most likely the first ones to donate money, and if they need you as a reference it's a great idea to get an idea of how much they volunteered with your organization.
- Make sure you secure any applications you accept from volunteers. This information should be kept confidential.
- Volunteer hours can also be tracked for grants. Volunteers are worth in Florida about \$33.49 an hour so keeping track of hours is very important ([Value of Volunteer Time Report | Independent Sector Resources](#))
- Creating a bi-monthly e-mail to your volunteers can be especially beneficial. This email can let volunteers how they are making this community a better place and what goals they are accomplishing.
- Remember to thank your volunteers! Let them know you appreciate what they do. You do not have to spend money to thank someone. If you do want to give them something think of fun and cheap ways to do so. (Example: Hand someone a candy lifesaver and say "You are a lifesaver" or a straw and tell them "Thanks for being so flexible") Pinterest and google can be great sources for finding cheap gift ideas. Just search for volunteer appreciation.