

Ways to Recognize Volunteers!

- Say “Thank You” - often!
- Give credit, publicly and privately, verbally and in writing
- Awards luncheons or banquets
- Service pins and certificates of accomplishment
- Special gifts from downtown merchants or local food growers
- Recognize their special days: birthdays or significant milestone dates
- Invitations to participate in special social or educational activities
- Discounts on publications and products
- Special meetings with community leaders
- Putting their names in print and on the web
- Generate media stories about volunteers
- List volunteers’ names in brochures, especially for events with which they have volunteered
- Give them an “inside track” on how the organization runs – behind the scenes tours
- Increased responsibility, more interesting work and promotions
- Give them a voice in running the organization
- Invite them to serve on the Board or Chair a committee
- Ask them to train or supervise other volunteers
- “Team wear” – special caps or t-shirts they can only get by volunteering
- City proclamations
- Committee parties
- Do business with the company they own or work for