



United Way of Lane County



The Volunteer Connection & RSVP

Energizing and Inspiring People to Make a Difference!

Each year over 5,300 Lane County residents contact the United Way Volunteer Connection to volunteer. With the only comprehensive listing of volunteer opportunities in Lane County, the Volunteer Connection offers a fast and easy way for volunteers to get connected with an organization that matches their interests.

And with RSVP (Retired and Senior Volunteer Program), adults 55 and older are able to receive individualized service matching skills and schedule with over forty agencies and programs throughout Lane County.

We help promote volunteerism, refer volunteers and support volunteer coordinators:

- Through weekly media releases for agencies urgent volunteer needs;
- Via handouts and flyers distributed to schools and businesses and other community groups;
- Via our online volunteer matching database, Volunteer Solutions;
- Through the Volunteer of the Month program, in partnership with the Register-Guard;
- Through community outreach such as speaking engagement, attending volunteer fairs and other community events;
- Through an annual Points of Light Volunteer Management Training;
- Through organized volunteer events with youth, community groups, and businesses such as Day of Caring and Neighbors in Action Volunteer Conference;
- Through monthly LAVA (Lane Association of Volunteer Administrators) meetings where volunteer coordinators receive volunteer management training, group discussion and volunteer recognition events.
- By means of the RSVP quarterly newsletter, ***Make A Difference!***;
- And via recognition events of volunteers and their impact on the community such as the Presidential Lifetime Service Awards.

We refer volunteers to agencies.

Volunteer Solutions, our online volunteer database, allows prospective volunteers to search for agencies and their volunteer opportunities right off the web. We also maintain a listing of registered volunteers and regularly email them with current volunteer opportunities and events in the community. **However, in-depth screening and assessment of potential volunteers is the responsibility of the agency for which the volunteer will serve.**

Contact The Volunteer Connection & RSVP at (541) 741-6000.