

## Tips for Recognizing and Appreciating Volunteers

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- *Cards or Personal Notes of Thanks* – Personal notes of thanks - especially for helping with a difficult assignment are greatly appreciated by volunteers.
- *Acknowledge Volunteers in the Newsletter or Website*- Individual volunteers names can be listed regularly in the newsletter, usually under the words “Thank You.” And articles featuring a particular volunteer each month can be very effective.
- *A Volunteer Retreat* – Provides an opportunity to celebrate the accomplishments of the program, receive some type of new training, and renew a sense of purpose for the future.
- *Recognition Events* - These can be formal or informal. This idea is to pick an activity your volunteers would enjoy. Volunteers are usually awarded a certificate or pin in recognition and appreciation of their service.
- *Remember the power of a simple “thank you” – spoken or written.*
- *Give feedback and ask for input as well.*
- *Encourage volunteers toward roles that take full advantage of their skills and abilities.*
- *Offer new training opportunities.*
- *Acknowledge special accomplishments.*
- *Display photos of volunteers in action.*