



**2021 NATIONAL
VOLUNTEER WEEK
APRIL 18-24**

Tip Sheet for Volunteer Leaders

CREATIVE WAYS TO THANK VOLUNTEERS

- 1) Make it a habit to call awesome volunteers without any reason but to say thanks.
- 2) Mail volunteers hand-written notes of appreciation – they never go out of style.
- 3) Send a volunteer “spotlight” to the local newspaper or the Volunteer Hub.
- 4) Bounce new ideas off your volunteers.
- 5) Remember volunteer birthdays and anniversaries.
- 6) Never miss an opportunity to praise a volunteer when they have done a great job.
- 7) Celebrate the birth of a volunteer’s child or grandchild.
- 8) “Make their day” with a surprise virtual visit, flowers, or any small gesture to say thanks.
- 9) Take an interest in a volunteer’s personal or professional life, especially now.
- 10) Give new volunteers a small welcome gift such as a lapel pin.
- 11) Openly praise your volunteers, especially in the company of family or friends.
- 12) Ask what else your volunteers would be interested in learning or doing.
- 13) Highlight a volunteer at every meeting, virtual or otherwise.
- 14) Celebrate a volunteer’s personal accomplishments.
- 15) Create a fun video of major volunteer events.

Are you looking for fun ways to express gratitude? Try these...

- Next time, I’m sending you a cape. Thanks for your superhero-sized gift.
- Two words: Endless gratitude. Thank you.
- You score phenomenally high in the kind-o-meter. Seriously, I checked.
- Your version of shine is a search light. Thanks for spreading so much good.
- Amazed. Inspired. Grateful. That’s how your generosity makes me feel.
- When it comes to making an impact, you rule. (Note: Draw a ruler. You can do it.)
- You are a spark plug for good. Thanks for igniting something amazing.
- You are what making a difference looks like. (Note: Draw a mirror. Up the fun factor.)
- You are a lifesaver. Literally. And thanks for believing in someone you don’t even know.
- Is there no limit to your awesomeness? Thank you!
- You cannot see me but I am totally doing a happy dance.

Celebrate your volunteers during National Volunteer Week April 18-24, 2020 and all year!