

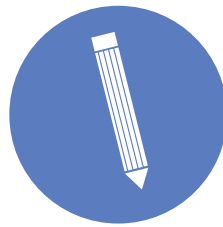
Volunteers have an **enormous impact** on the **health** and **well-being** of communities worldwide. Here's how volunteers make a difference:



Volunteers deliver critical services—delivering meals to homebound seniors or homeless youth



Volunteers help to keep our neighborhoods, streets, parks, rivers, green spaces, and water clean and safe for everyone.



Volunteers tutor, teach, mentor, coach, and support young people



Volunteers walk dogs, pet cats, clean cages, help with adoptions and feedings



Volunteers educate the public on health and safety



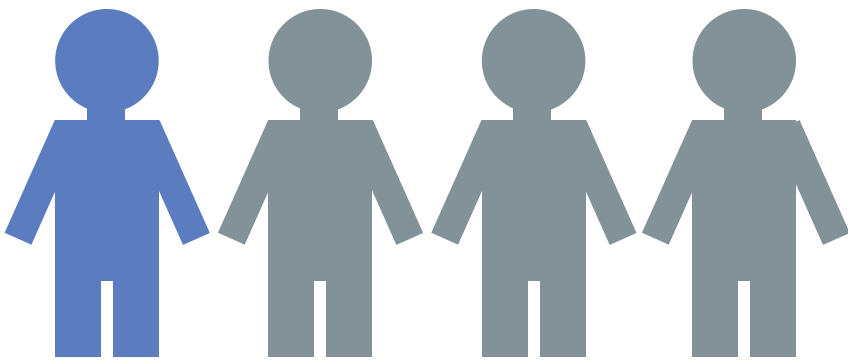
Volunteers support performing arts events, historical societies, and keep up the arts and cultural within the community



Volunteers build houses and schools, and repair infrastructure



Volunteering is part of accepted cultural norms of giving and reciprocity

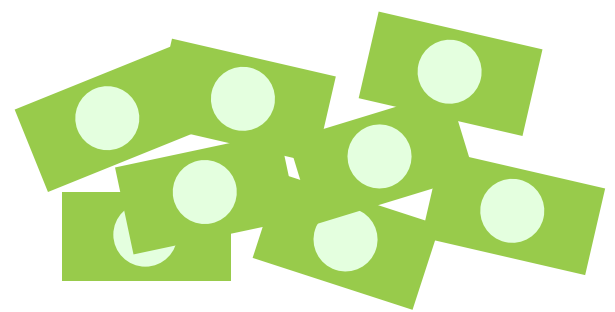


1 in 4 adults

volunteered through an organization in 2012, demonstrating that volunteering remains an important activity for millions of Americans.

27%

Volunteers have a 27 percent higher likelihood of finding a job after being out of work than non-volunteers



6.45 million

Americans volunteered nearly 7.9 billion hours last year. The estimated value of this volunteer service is nearly

51%

Volunteers without a high school diploma have a 51 percent higher likelihood of finding employment

\$175 billion

In addition to improving the lives of neighbors and communities, volunteers can improve their own lives by gaining skills, experience, and contacts that can help be helpful in finding employment.