



## Do's of Successful Volunteering

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- Do be flexible. It is rare to find the perfect fit right away. Keep an open mind. You might discover something new that interests you.
- Do be persistent. Volunteer coordinators are often busy, so don't assume they are not interested in you if they don't call you right away. If you don't hear from them within 24 hours take the initiative and give them a call.
- Do attend orientation meetings. Keep in mind that informed volunteers are the best volunteers. These meetings will help you do the best job possible.
- Do take necessary training classes. Ask the nonprofit agency about them before you decide to get involved and be prepared to learn what will be needed.
- Do be responsible. Show up on time and follow through with your commitments. People will be depending on you.
- Do evaluate the needs of the non-profit during your commitment and make suggestions on how your other talents may be utilized.
- Do expect to get plenty of personal enjoyment and satisfaction from your volunteer experience.



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- Don't expect to start at the top. You have to work hard and prove your worth before you are given more responsibility.
- Don't distract staff from their jobs by attempting to make this experience a social one. Remember, they have deadlines to meet.
- Don't interrupt staff with questions. Go to the person who has been assigned to work with you.
- Don't underestimate the challenges that might be a part of your volunteer experience with challenges can come great growth!
- Don't be afraid to share your volunteer experiences with others. Networking by word of mouth is how new volunteers are discovered every day.