

Plymouth Volunteer Services

2012 annual report

2,300+ volunteers
make a difference in
the community



A variety of time commitments

opportunities
for all ages



interests



pet expo

senior computer instructor

police reserves

soccer coach

art fair

lean management consultant

ski chaperone

volunteer in the park

election aide

plymouth arts council

clerical aide

yard & garden

yard waste site assistant

flower planting

fire & ice

summer teen volunteer

plymouth on parade

hockey ticket taker

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The city benefits from the many professional services that our volunteers have to offer. From a retired accountant auditing senior program checking accounts to an architect using her AutoCAD experience to transfer hand-drawn building plans into software designed for fire departments, volunteers shared their valuable knowledge and expertise. In addition, a team of volunteer LEAN management consultants helped to increase efficiencies and improve processes, including the absentee voting procedures.

Another major benefactor this year was the Plymouth Home Depot store. During their free time, more than 50 employees donated over 270 hours of their personal time to adopt the Parkers Lake cemetery, install a new floor at the Parkers Lake stage, rebuild the Parkers Lake fishing pier and build a set for the Winter Revue performance.

Another Record-Breaking Year!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 28,293 hours – a record number! 2,330 volunteers – a 25% increase over last year. Some volunteers participated in more than one department and/or program.
Value to the City	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Volunteer hours are valued at \$616,504 of contributions in kind. The number of hours contributed is equivalent to 13.6 FTE.
By the Numbers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 507 individuals made initial contact with the Volunteer Services office. 151 applications were received. 78 potential candidates were interviewed for regular or short-term positions. 130 requests for volunteers beyond special events were received.
New Volunteer Tasks This Year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Environmental research LEAN management consultants Building Site Plan Aide for the Fire department Russian translation of phrases for a drowning prevention poster Chinese translation for a Police issue Create a sculpture out of trash for recycling education Prep outdated personal computers for resale Yard Waste Assistant Photos of residences for Assessing HR Clerical Aide Grant writing Environmental Quality Fair coordinator
Special Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 58 volunteer-supported special events city-wide 1,149 special event shifts 24,218 visitors impacted by volunteers
Who are our Volunteers?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 83% are Plymouth residents. Volunteers came from 30 different cities. 23% teens, 43% adults and 34% seniors More women (54%) than men (46%) 36 different community groups participated. 7 Boy Scouts completed Eagle Scout projects in the parks. 561 families adopted fire hydrants. 133 individuals coordinated Night to Unite events.
Make a Difference - Volunteer!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 196 coaches – 1169 youth served 22 ski chaperones – 614 youth served 47 Park & Recreation Summer Teen volunteers – 1,545 youth served 49 parks adopted 35 miles off trails and streets adopted 7 Chaplain Corps call outs to residents 23 seniors received one-on-one computer training from volunteers.
Why Volunteer?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We want to do things that help the environment. I am retired and looking for ways to be of service. I would like to use the skills I've developed in my career to help the city. I want to get work/volunteer experience now, before I get out of high school. I just moved here. I want to get more involved and meet my neighbors!