



“Being a volunteer has made me feel useful and needed. Going into retirement was terrific but very soon I began to realize that I needed to be around people more to be productive and useful.

I have never felt so appreciated, in addition as the budget woes continue I feel even better about my contribution of time and effort. I have such a variety of different interests and I have been able to find positions that let me enjoy those interests.

I really believe my health is better because of my volunteer efforts because it keeps me active physically and emotionally. I am appreciated and you will be too by volunteering in your community.”

- Sally Norbom, Volunteer RSVP



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Working together to build  
a better Columbia County



**Your community needs you!**

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## Looking ahead

Our campaign has been successful to make Columbia County the number one county in the state of Oregon for volunteering.

As financial resources have diminished, the needs in our communities continue to grow. While we cannot control the financial resources, what we do have is an abundance of human resources. Volunteers do make a difference!

Columbia County Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), Commission on Children and Families (CCF), Department of Human Services (DHS) and United Way of Columbia County have joined to build a community of partnerships. These partners have joined together to coordinate volunteer efforts in Columbia County. Imagine the potential for our community if everyone volunteered just one or two hours per month. Activities include; friendly visitors, mentors, transportation, school tutors... the possibilities for volunteer activities are endless. Be assured, if you have a skill to share someone has a need for you.



Katelin, Connie and Desiree provide the office support necessary to keep Volunteer Columbia in motion, including: volunteer driver dispatching, record keeping and a healthy surplus of ready smiles!

## How we got here

- We have built community volunteer partnerships
- We have established an internet volunteer center
- We have established a walk-in volunteer center
- We have created a no wrong door approach to volunteering

### Build Community partnerships

We stay in contact with public organizations, non-profits, and businesses to be a part of this program and continue to build partnerships.

### Internet Volunteer Center

We continually maintain a virtual Web-based volunteer center for Columbia County. This information center will be used by partners to post volunteer opportunities and for people to search for ways to serve.

### Walk-in Volunteer Center

We have established a physical volunteer center equipped with computers and other resources to assist those interested in volunteering.

### No wrong door approach to Volunteering

We have created a volunteer network throughout Columbia County where volunteers can contact anyone of our partners to get information about all the opportunities available in the county.

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