Membership Benefits 2025

VOLUNTEER CENTER OF WASHINGTON COUNTY

Get Connected

Get Connected is a portion of our website that contains a specified page for each of our nonprofit partners. Each organization can post information about themselves, photos, social links, volunteer opportunities, and more. This site is a resource used by many community members, helping gain volunteers and awareness. Hundreds of views daily!

Details:

- there is a spot to post community events
- statistical reports such as 'Member Organizations Viewed' and 'Volunteer Opportunities Viewed' are available monthly in the Partner Pulse

Tip Jar Check

The Volunteer Center invites each nonprofit agency to sign up for the Tip Jar Check. Within each month of the year, the Tip Jar monies accumulated at The Hub will be shared amongst the nonprofit agencies and the Volunteer Center.

Details:

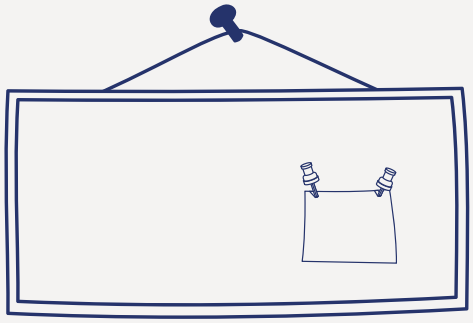
- split between 4-5 nonprofits each month
- estimated to be $350-$475

Nonprofit Social Media Video

New this year! We'll come to your organization, take a short video (just a few minutes in length) and share it on the Volunteer Center's socials to help promote your nonprofit. You can share it too! What an amazing way to engage and connect to the community!

Details:

- must be during your Tip Jar Month
- will need a representative of your organization to speak for about 2 minutes
    - photos/videos will be captured to be on screen during parts of the overall video
    - promote your org. & discuss your connection to the VC!



Nonprofit Bulletin Board

The Volunteer Center invites each nonprofit agency to display information and/or pictures on a 2x3' bulletin board. The bulletin boards are displayed in our upper gallery space, adjacent to the coffee shop. Utilizing the bulletin boards is a great way to promote your nonprofit to the community members who visit The Hub!

Details:

- nonprofits display information during their Tip Jar Month
  - you can add information on the 1st of the month
  - we ask that you take down your materials at the end of the month

Nonprofit Awareness Table

We invite our nonprofit agencies to spend time in the gallery at The Hub interacting with community members. If your organization would like to set up a table to feature your nonprofit agency, please let us know a date and time. You may showcase any materials, handouts, etc. you would like.

Details:

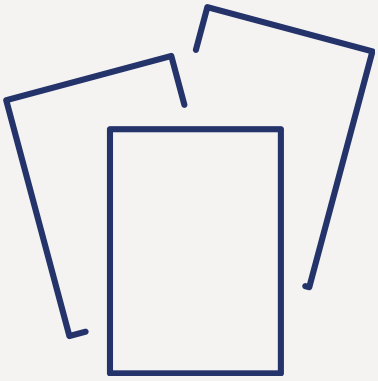
- during Tip Jar Month or any month(s) throughout the year
- focus on an event , need or general information
- best traffic is from around 8:00 am-12:00 pm
- send your most engaging, inviting, positive staff
- making eye contact and creating a warm welcome is important

Newspaper Shoutouts

The Volunteer Center has a weekly entry in the Washington County Daily Newspaper. We include 4 different volunteer opportunities in each write-up. These opportunities are pulled from Get Connected, or specific requests. If your organization would like to be highlighted, let us know!

Details:

- featured in the Newspaper each Tuesday
- short and sweet blurbs
- always include a person of contact
- Contact Anna: asurprenant@volunteernow.net



Be the Change Wall

Have an event, volunteer opportunity, or news you would like to share with the community? Send us a flyer and we will get it posted on our wall in the cafe at The Hub! This space is visible to traffic 6 days a week.

Details:

- we can post your flyers anytime throughout the year
    - spots are rotated between partners during busy seasons
- we can place little handouts on the shelving below the wall

Nonprofit Coffee Chat

Would you like to network with community nonprofits, discuss new ideas, create partnerships, or simply make new connections? We invite you to our Nonprofit Partner Coffee Chats, a place where you can network, collaborate and enjoy some great company and a cup of our soul-warming coffee or tea on us. We can't wait to see you there!

Details:

- held at The Hub
    - in the upper gallery, unless too big of a group, then we move to the lower gallery
    - always on the third Thursday of the month starting at 9:30 am
        - usually lasts around an hour
- many times there is a topic (shared in our monthly partner email known as the Partner Pulse)

Partner Pulse

The Volunteer Center sends out a monthly email, the 'Partner Pulse,' to keep everyone informed. This newsletter includes updates on current events, available donations, coffee chat highlights, Get Connected statistics, and more.

Details:

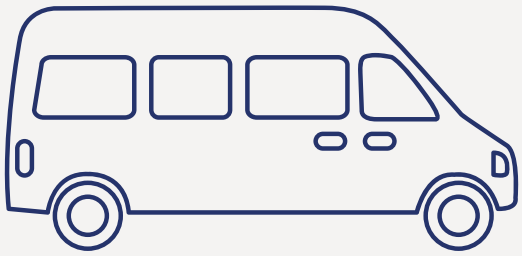
- sent out on the first Tuesday of each month
- there is a section for our nonprofit partners
    - send us flyers to be showcased!

Kindness Kits

The Volunteer Center invites community members to assemble Kindness Kits, either at The Hub or in other locations. These kits can be created by groups such as clubs, sports teams, friends, individuals, and more. Once completed, we distribute them to nonprofit partners who can benefit from them. Would your organization like to receive kits? Let us know! Contact Barbi: bbaumgartner@volunteernow.net

Details:

- Minimum quantity made is typically 10, could be more
  - usually around 5-6 items per bag
- Types of kits:
  - snack: pre-packed snacks
  - calm: stress relief items
  - hygiene: self care items
  - animal: toys, food, snacks
  - tie fleece blanket
  - art: markers, paint, etc.



Do Good Bus Rides

Community rides are back; Chartered rides continue! We gather community members who would like to hop on and volunteer with us, taking them to various nonprofits for a few hours. If your nonprofit would like to benefit from a Community or Chartered (weekdays) Do Good Bus ride, let us know. Choose a month or tell us about a month you have a need & we'll see what we can make happen! Community rides will typically be on a Saturday, 9-11:30, but could take place during the week.

Details:

- Questions?
  - email Barbi at: bbaumgartner@volunteernow.net or call 262-338-8256.