
75 Reasons Why People Volunteer

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| 1. Feel needed, important | 41. Escape |
| 2. Enjoy a challenge | 42. Status |
| 3. Opportunity to be creative | 43. Have fun |
| 4. Explore career change | 44. New ideas |
| 5. Gratitude for service received | 45. New friends |
| 6. Develop skills and experience | 46. Bring about a social change |
| 7. Update skills and experience | 47. Bring about an organizational change |
| 8. To share a skill | 48. Identify with a cause |
| 9. To teach a skill | 49. Be close to the action |
| 10. Get used to working again after illness | 50. To be a resource |
| 11. Power | 51. Find a mentor |
| 12. Learn about community | 52. Be a mentor |
| 13. Explore career field | 53. Topic of conversation |
| 14. Network | 54. Establish peer relationships |
| 15. Social contacts | 55. Look for a significant relationship |
| 16. Help friend, relative | 56. Fulfill a court order (community service) |
| 17. Release guilt | 57. Peer pressure |
| 18. Increase skills to add to resume | 58. Potential future job |
| 19. School credit | 59. To get to know a community |
| 20. Public relations for employer | 60. To repay a debt |
| 21. Cure loneliness and boredom | 61. Religious / faith-based beliefs |
| 22. Be part of a particular group | 62. To gain leadership skills |
| 23. Self-improvement | 63. To act out a fantasy |
| 24. Excitement | 64. Pressure from friend / relative |
| 25. Use existing skills and experience | 65. To gain free admission |
| 26. Prepare for retirement | 66. To get give-aways / freebies |
| 27. To demonstrate commitment to a cause | 67. To get something you can't buy |
| 28. To do a civic duty | 68. To be recognized for a talent or skill |
| 29. Location, location, location! | 69. Non-verbal expression |
| 30. To become an "insider" | 70. To instigate |
| 31. To be able to criticize others | 71. To report back to someone (spy) |
| 32. To be part of a team | 72. As a family project |
| 33. To test yourself | 73. Because it's kid-oriented |
| 34. To be a watchdog | 74. To get a day off from work |
| 35. As therapy | 75. To get exercise |
| 36. To assure progress is made | |
| 37. Because of a personal illness | And... |
| 38. To stand up and be counted | BECAUSE YOU WERE ASKED! |
| 39. Because of a personal problem | |
| 40. To test your limits | |