

RSVP of Summit Count – Volunteer Assessment

How Do I know What to Volunteer For?

Congratulations! You have decided to make a difference in Summit County. Now what? If you are struggling with what exactly you want to do or which organization does the type of things you are interested in, complete this simple assessment and let RSVP provide you with some ideas. This assessment is designed to assist you in determining the best way to get involved.

1. What issues of areas do you want to work on? Check as many as you are interested in.

Education

- Adult Education and Literacy
- After- School Programs
- Computer Literacy
- Cultural Heritage
- Intergenerational Programs
- Tutoring/Literacy Programs
- Teach a Special Interest Class
- Health Insurance Counseling

Community Development

- Fund-raising/Grant-Writing
- Senior Employment
- Financial Literacy
- Boards/Committees
- Tax Counseling/Accounting
- Medicare Assistance
- Mentoring/Youth Programs

Safety/Disaster Assistance

- Youth/Senior Safety Programs
- Provide disaster preparedness assistance

Health & Nutrition

- Hospice/Nursing Home Visits
- Mental Health Programs
- Public Health Education
- Meal Prep/Delivery Programs
- Food Bank collection

Assisting Seniors

- Telephone Reassurance
- Errands/Shopping
- Provide Respite Care
- Helping to maintain independence

2. Now rank the items that you checked to prioritize your interest in the issues listed in Question 1. Rate them in order of most important.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

3. Check all the activities that you would enjoy doing

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Planning/Organizing | <input type="checkbox"/> Driving/Errands | <input type="checkbox"/> Sorting/Packing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Computer work | <input type="checkbox"/> Teaching | <input type="checkbox"/> Repair |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Facilitating Groups | <input type="checkbox"/> Reading/Storytelling | <input type="checkbox"/> Gardening |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Writing Letters | <input type="checkbox"/> Consulting/Advising | <input type="checkbox"/> Counseling |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Writing Newsletters | <input type="checkbox"/> Tutoring/Mentoring | <input type="checkbox"/> Coaching |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising | <input type="checkbox"/> Information Research | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Phone work | <input type="checkbox"/> Visiting Elderly | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Filing/Clerical Assist | <input type="checkbox"/> Art/Design | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Receptionist | <input type="checkbox"/> Food Preparation | |

4. Why do you want to volunteer? Check all that apply

- A chance to make a difference
- To be an advocate for those less fortunate/be a change agent/watchdog
- An opportunity to use or share a skill or talent that you possess
- To learn something new/gain new skills
- To be challenged
- To keep skills alive
- Increase contacts/network
- A chance to be a leader
- A change from being a leader
- An opportunity to express your religious faith
- An occasion to meet other people
- A deeper sense of self-worth
- Alternative to giving money
- To keep busy

- A chance to give something back to your community
- To feel needed
- A friend or family member pressured you
- You were asked
- I don't know what else to do with myself
- To feel that I'm being productive
- It's fun
- To help someone
- To act out a fantasy
- To get volunteer benefits (meals, transportation, recognition)

5. What age group of people do you most like to work with as a volunteer? Check all that apply.

- Kids (Ages _____) Teens Adults Senior Citizens

6. Which of the following best describes how much time you have to volunteer?

- I need a flexible volunteer job that allows me to set the times when I can volunteer.
- I am interested in a volunteer opportunity for a couple hours once a week at a set time.
- I am interested in a volunteer opportunity for a couple hours once a month at a set time.
- I would like to volunteer for a one-day volunteer activity.
- I do not have any real limitations on the amount of time I can volunteer.

6. Check the time of year that you are able to volunteer.

- Winter Spring Summer Fall

7. Check the days of the week that you are able to volunteer.

- Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Sat/Sunday

8. Check the time of day when you are able to volunteer.

- Mornings Afternoons Evenings

9. Where do you want to volunteer? Check all that apply.

- Indoors Outdoors In my home Within 5 miles of my home

- Location does not matter to me Anywhere in Summit County
- Anywhere in Akron Anywhere in the country/world (list)_____

10. List 3 things that you are skilled or experienced with. Think of all those things that you love to do.

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____

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You have completed the assessment. If you are interested in speaking to an RSVP staff member about volunteer service in Summit County, please return this assessment to:

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