



A Helping Hand

Summer
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County Volunteers and Accomplishments Celebrated during National Volunteer Week

At the commissioners' board session during National Volunteer Week, April 19-25, both the 2008 Marion County Volunteer Annual Report and volunteer awards were announced.

During 2008 volunteers were hard at work for Marion County. County departments reported a total of 3,849 volunteers assisted during the year by contributing 187,077 hours of work. When multiplied by \$17.90 per hour (average wage for Oregon from the Independent Sector), the work is valued at \$3,346,474 and equals the work of 90 full-time workers.

The county's volunteer awards were also part of the National Volunteer Week celebration. All county volunteers are deserving of recognition, and departments nominate

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A few examples of volunteer activity during 2008:

- Provided oversight for video lottery grant applications and the grant process. (Board of Commissioners)
- Served 3,149 crime victims and provided resources and support. (District Attorney)
- Wrote a public service announcement for problem gambling awareness in English and Spanish. (Health)
- Converted hydrology data about rivers and streams into a network which describes how water flows in Marion County. (Information Technology)
- Provided counseling services to youths and their families. (Juvenile)
- Answered 2,742 inquiries from the public about home gardening. (OSU Extension)
- Staffed outreach tables at community events and provided information about the adoption of stray dogs and the importance of licensing dogs. (Public Works)
- Cleaned 223 miles of county roads during the year. (Public Works)
- Assisted probation officers with interviews, reports, and follow up on active cases. (Sheriff)

More examples are available in the complete report at www.co.marion.or.us/bs/vol and click on the Volunteer Annual Report link.

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county volunteers for annual awards. Each year people from the community are asked to review Marion County award nominations that are submitted by departments and select award recipients. In 2008, **Graham Morris**, Salem Multicultural Institute and the World Beat Festival, and **Donna Gramse**, Woodburn Berry Museum and Visitors Center, provided the review and selection. The following county volunteers were honored for their dedication and service:

Randy Franke, Judge Rex Hartley Volunteer of the Year Award - As both a volunteer board member and chair, Randy has been with the Marion County Children and Families Commission since the group restructured in September of 2005 and active on the commission since 1989. Randy was nominated for his dedication to improving the lives of children and families, his skill in facilitating issue-based meetings and his many hours spent at the Capitol advocating for the commission system.

Sheriff Marine Safety Volunteers, Mary Pearmine Outstanding Volunteer Group Award - Doug White and William

“Bill” Foote have been providing assistance at Detroit Lake last summer. They conduct boat safety inspections, at the Mongold boat ramp and also Kane’s and Detroit marinas. They assist deputies with towing disabled boats off the lake and patrol the lake to remove large objects that could damage boats and endanger boaters. These two volunteers are on the lake almost every weekend and all holidays. In 2008, their volunteer hours exceeded 240 hours each.

Marion County Dog Shelter Volunteers, Program Award - Marion County Dog Shelter currently has more than 50 volunteers who are a positive force for the shelter. They walk dogs, organize and attend outreach/fundraising events, transport dogs to veterinary appointments and rescues, contact rescues to place special needs dogs, conduct

volunteer orientations, assist with office work, and more recently, provide foster dog care in their homes. Their fund-raising efforts netted more than \$7,493 in donations in 2008.

Wynn Cudmore, Program Award - As a member of the Marion County Parks Commission since 1997, Wynn has acted as a true advocate for the Parks program. In addition to his participation on the commission, Wynn utilizes the Marion County Natural Heritage Parks as resources for the environmental classes he teaches at Chemeketa Community College. His students yield valuable environmental information that is used by Parks staff to better manage the parks.

Trevor Jacobson, Advisory Board Volunteer Award - Trevor has worked tirelessly for the county for 18 years first as a volunteer on the Board of



A Sheriff's Office Marine Safety Patrol volunteer conducting a safety inspection on Detroit Lake.

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Equalization and then on the Board of Property Tax Appeals. He has served as both member and chair on both boards. Trevor brings to the board a thorough knowledge of how to determine the value of property. With the experience he brings to the board, he recognizes both the needs of the county and the taxpayer. Trevor is calm and kind, but he is still able to keep the people at the table on task.

Linda Brown, Division Award - Linda coordinates Juvenile's all-department training day twice a year, contacts trainers for availability on various subjects related to the dept, coordinates the time and sets up and reserves available space for each class. On training day, she has necessary equipment and paperwork ready for each class, she prepares questionnaires to get feedback from attendees.

Linda gives department tours, including the detention facility, to various organizations upon request. She has also recruited three additional administrative volunteers and coordinates their work schedule .

Sheila Twist, Division Award - Sheila Twist

became a volunteer with Marion County Dog Shelter in November 2007. She is a committed dog walker, outreach assistant, and landscaper for the shelter. Although she and her husband started their own pet care business in 2008, she has continued to make the time to be at the shelter and has even adopted a shelter dog.

Sheila walks dogs rain or shine. She also maintains the 95 rose bushes around the dog shelter and offers helpful



Children & Families Department Volunteers sort books for children

suggestions for customer flow. At her bridal shower last year, Sheila requested all gifts be in lieu of donations to the shelter.

CCTV Volunteers - The commissioners recognized the volunteers of CCTV who film board session each Wednesday making sure the public has access to the work of county government. Richard Gallagher, Ed Freydl and Joe Fabbri were recognized by the commissioners for their community volunteer work.

Congratulations and Thanks Volunteers!

ARES helps at Keizer Iris Festival

The Marion County Amateur Radio Emergency Service (MCARES) provided seven radio operators to assist Keizer Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) with communications during the Iris Festival events in May. Keizer CERT recently certified 20 amateur radio operators for increased communications capability and to interface with local emergency organizations. MCARES provided and managed communications at the Keizer event. Pictured are MCARES members Bill Wylie, Paul Guthrie, Roger Williamson and CERT member Kerrick Adams after the 10K race.



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- **Solid Waste Management Advisory Council** has an opening for a representative from public health to serve on the 16-member council. Members are appointed for four-year terms. The council discusses and recommends on solid waste matters and recycling education and opportunities. The council also contributes to the county's solid waste management master plan. Applications available online: <http://www.co.marion.or.us/BS/VOL/forms.htm>.
- **Finance Department** has an opening for a volunteer to pull old contracts from files and scan them into the computer system for archiving. The project involves working at a workstation and using a computer and scanner to process the archiving. This is a limited-duration project.
- **Foster Homes for Dogs** are needed by the Marion County Dog Shelter. Volunteers care for sick and immature dogs in the volunteers' homes. Dogs in need of foster care include puppies who are too young to be adopted, an abused dog that needs socialization and tender loving care or an injured dog that is recovering from surgery. The next foster care program orientation will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 11. Call 503-566-6966.
- **Medical Reserve Corps** is seeking trained medical professionals and community volunteers ready to contribute their skills and expertise throughout the year as well as during times of community need. For more information on joining the Health Department's medical reserve program, contact Susan Davidson, 503 361-2631.