



**Marion County**  
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**Volunteer Service Estimated at More Than \$2 Million in 2007**

Volunteer service was honored this morning at Marion County's Board of Commissioners meeting. Recognizing Volunteer Appreciation Week, the commissioners issued a proclamation thanking and commending over 2,900 volunteers in Marion County. In 2007, volunteers devoted more than 145,000 hours of service valued at estimated \$2 million dollars to the county.

"It's really about more than just money," said Sam Brentano, board chair. "County volunteers contribute commitment and dedicated service that you cannot put a price tag on. It would be very difficult to run Marion County without them," he said.

Nominees for special recognition include:

**Clerk's Office, Board of Property Tax Appeals (BOPTA):**

Trevor Jacobson, Salem  
Sue Thompson, Salem  
Donald Miller, Salem  
Jerry Apple, Salem

**DA's Office, Victim Advocate:**

Bill Delema, Salem  
Kim Miller, Keizer

**Sheriff's Office, Cold Case Squad:**

Don McMullen, Amity  
Jeffrey Zens, Salem  
Jack Janssen, Salem  
Larry McCloskey, The Dalles

**Public Works, Master Recycler:**

Rich Clarkson, Stayton

**Health Department, Creative Community Partnerships (group award):**

Joanne Atchison, Salem  
Ri Kovak Britton, Salem  
Bill Byrne, Salem  
Jonathan Carver, Salem  
NaLean Clinton, Salem  
Cynthia Ann Daniels, Salem  
Karen K Gibson, Salem  
David Lichtenberger, Salem  
Christine Leona Pierce, Salem  
Lois Powell, Salem  
Linda Prestenbach, Salem  
Miguel Saavedra, Salem  
Bonita Schnelle, Stayton  
Nancy A Snider, Salem

**Health Department, Creative Community Partnerships (individual award):**

NaLean Clinton, Salem

**Public Works, Dog Shelter:**

Lynnette Graves, Aumsville

Award recipients will be announced at the April 30 board of commissioners meeting. For more information on volunteering, you may contact Glenis Chapin, Marion County Volunteer Coordinator at (503) 588-7990 or e-mail [volunteer@co.marion.or.us](mailto:volunteer@co.marion.or.us). You may also go to the Volunteer and Mentor Center website at [www.givebacktoday.org](http://www.givebacktoday.org) or call 503-363-1651 to learn about mentoring opportunities in Marion County.

Since the Volunteer and Mentor Center sponsored its Call to Action last October, 284 volunteers have registered and 295 volunteers have expressed interested in volunteering through their website. "We are so appreciative of the volunteers already active in our community," said Volunteer and Mentor Center Coordinator Mikki Trowbridge. "We hope their excellent example inspires others in the community to become involved."

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**Examples of Marion County Volunteer Service in 2007:**

- ✓ Weed District Advisory Committee members applied their expertise to determine priority weeds for the county and helping educate the public about weed identification and control,
- ✓ A volunteer performed data collection for the Assessor's Office, including farm checks and new subdivision inventory,

- ✓ Budget Committee members reviewed the county's budget process and made recommendations for changes and paperwork reduction,
- ✓ Victim advocates served 2,938 victims of crime during the year,
- ✓ Volunteers at the Psychiatric Crisis Center helped assist crisis associates with extra work, accompany clients to the emergency room, and answer phones and comfort clients in the waiting area,
- ✓ A volunteer at the Juvenile Department used her expertise as an OSU Master Gardener to help youth cultivate plants to sell at the Juvenile Department's Fresh Start Market,
- ✓ Planning Commission members heard a bounty of Measure 37-related subdivision cases involving unusual and technical issues,
- ✓ Marion County Fair volunteers helped produce the fair for the community,
- ✓ An Americorps member placed with Public Works Environmental Services delivered environmental education to more than 1,440 students in 31 schools around the county,
- ✓ Adopt-A-Road volunteers cleaned more than 200 miles of county roads during the year,
- ✓ Volunteers removed Scotch broom, blackberries, ivy and other noxious weeds and planted bulbs, spread bark, painted facilities and maintained trails in many county parks,
- ✓ Amateur Radio Emergency Services volunteers participated in Marion County Emergency Operations Center emergency preparedness drills when not providing communications for non-emergency community events such as the Festival of Lights parade,
- ✓ The four volunteers of the Marion County Sheriff's Office Cold Case Squad successfully resolved a 25-year old homicide that resulted in an arrest and conviction, and
- ✓ Volunteers and practicum students assisted Sheriff's Office Parole and Probation deputies with interviewing offenders, entering data, filing, returning calls, writing reports and understanding the case management of offenders.

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