



MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Board Session Agenda Review Form

Meeting date: April 14, 2021

Department: Human Resources Agenda Planning Date: April 8, 2021 Time required: 20 min

Audio/Visual aids: PPT

Contact: Sherry Lintner Phone: 503-588-7990

Department Head Signature: Michelle Shelton

TITLE: Celebrating National Volunteer Week April 18-24, 2021: Proclamation, 2020 Volunteer Annual Report, and volunteer awards.

Issue, Description & Background: April 18-24, 2021 is National Volunteer Week (NVW). Established in 1974, NVW is a time to celebrate volunteers, recognize their impact and encourage volunteerism in our communities. Marion County Volunteer Services Coordinator (VSC) will present: 1. 2021NVW proclamation 2. 2020 Volunteer Annual Report 3. Information about volunteer awards and nomination process. The VSC collects data from County departments who utilize volunteers in order to compile the Annual Volunteer Report. Additionally, the VSC executes the County's annual recognition of volunteers which includes annual awards recognizing the outstanding contributions of our program volunteers, interns and advisory board members. Nominations will be open April 12th-23rd. Each year, Marion County Board of Commissioners proclaim NVW as one way we can honor our volunteers, and encourage volunteerism in Marion County.

Financial Impacts: n/a

Impacts to Department & External Agencies: n/a

Options for Consideration: 1) Schedule presentation of 2021 National Volunteer Week Proclamation, 2020 Volunteer Annual Report, and information on Marion County Volunteer Awards; or 2) Do not schedule presentations at this time.

Recommendation: Schedule presentation of 2021 National Volunteer Week Proclamation, 2020 Volunteer Annual Report, and information on Marion County Volunteer Awards.

List of attachments: 2021 National Volunteer Week Proclamation; 2020 Volunteer Annual Report; Volunteer Award Information Sheet; Volunteer Award Recipients 2014-2019.

Presenter: Sherry Lintner, Volunteer Services Coordinator

Copies of completed paperwork sent to the following: (Include names and e-mail addresses.)



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Copies to:

Sherry Lintner, [slintner@co.marion.or.us](mailto:slintner@co.marion.or.us)

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
FOR MARION COUNTY, OREGON**

**In the matter of proclaiming April 18-24, 2021  
as Volunteer Week in Marion County**

**PROCLAMATION**

This matter came before the Marion County Board of Commissioners at its regularly scheduled public meeting on April 14, 2021.

**WHEREAS,** the entire community can inspire, equip and mobilize people to take actions that change the county; and

**WHEREAS,** during this week all over the nation, service projects will be performed and volunteers recognized for their commitment to service; and

**WHEREAS,** volunteers in Marion County have undertaken responsibilities that promote the general welfare of the county; and

**WHEREAS,** in providing these services, volunteers have demonstrated a spirit of personal concern and wholehearted willingness to help others; and

**WHEREAS,** individuals and communities are at the center of social change, discovering their power to make a difference; and

**WHEREAS,** experience teaches us that government by itself cannot solve all of our social problems; and

**WHEREAS,** our county's volunteer force of citizens is a great treasure; and

**WHEREAS,** these volunteers ask nothing more than the satisfaction of a job well done; and

**WHEREAS,** these individuals are most deserving of appreciation and thanks;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** we, the Marion County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim April 18-24, 2021 as Volunteer Week in Marion County, and urge our fellow citizens to volunteer in their respective communities.

Signed this 14th day of April, 2021

**MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**



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Chair

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Commissioner

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Commissioner



# Marion County VOLUNTEER

## —2020 Annual Report—



Each year, Marion County receives invaluable support from volunteers who assist in a variety of programs.

The year 2020 was extraordinary and presented many challenges for employees and volunteers alike. Through the global pandemic, and despite the uncertainties that came with it, Marion County volunteers, interns, and advisory board members continued to support programs and services and donated over 45,000 hours of service. Volunteers donated time to the Dog Shelter, Fair, Extension & 4H activities, Victim Assistance, WIC & other early childhood supports, Law Library, environmental services and waste reduction, emergency services, faith-based and 12-step programs at the jail, search & rescue operations, and eighteen advisory boards.

In September, the Beachie Creek fire unexpectedly became one of the most destructive fires in Oregon's history. With over 785 residential and commercial properties damaged or destroyed, mandatory evacuations transformed the Oregon State Fairgrounds to an emergency shelter.

In response, our community flooded the evacuation center with donations of time and resources. The fairgrounds quickly became a place of respite for people, pets and livestock. Hundreds of volunteers stepped up to provide emotional support, shelter, food, clothing, camping gear, pet supplies, and care & feeding of livestock. In all, evacuation center volunteers contributed over 10,000 hours of donated time to care for those impacted by the wildfires.

I am humbled by the strength and resiliency demonstrated by our volunteers, and proud to highlight the important role volunteers play in our community's health and well-being.

Sincerely,

Sherry Lintner  
Marion County Volunteer Services Coordinator

*"Life doesn't get easier or more forgiving, we get stronger and more resilient."*

-Steve Maraboli, Life the Truth and Being Free

## By the Numbers

January 1-December 31, 2020



PROGRAM, ADVISORY  
BOARD AND INTERN  
VOLUNTEER HOURS:

**46,252**



WILDFIRE EVACUATION  
CENTER VOLUNTEER  
HOURS:

**10,906**



VALUE  
OF VOLUNTEER  
HOURS:\*

**\$1,554,697**

\*Value of volunteer hours is based on the Independent Sector's 2020 published rate of \$27.20.



## Board of Commissioners Business Services & Clerk's Office

Number of Volunteers: 42 ■ Number of Hours: 316  
Value of Hours: \$8,595

**Volunteer activities/roles:** Budget Committee, Public Safety Coordinating Council, Compensation Board, Board of Property Tax Appeals.

**Spotlight:** The Marion County Public Safety Coordinating Council worked closely with partners to transform the local criminal justice system operations to ensure smooth, safe operations under the Covid safety measures in place. Working closely with the circuit courts, jail, prosecution, defense, victim services and the Juvenile Department priorities were identified and implemented to ensure justice could be served safely and without delay.



## Community Services

Number of Volunteers: 302 ■ Number of Hours: 15,324  
Value of Hours: \$416,812

**Volunteer activities & roles:** Children & Families Commission, Marion County Fair Board, Marion County Reentry Initiative mentor & educator, dog walker, adoption ambassador, canine foster care provider, canine artist & photographer, dog shelter clean-up, 4-H leader, Master Gardener, Master Food Preserver, food safety & nutrition educators, and more.

### Spotlight: Dog Shelter

Despite the many challenges in 2020 shelter volunteers helped to find permanent, loving homes for 263 dogs; place 157 dogs with specialty rescue organizations, and re-unite 581 dogs with their owners. During the September wildfire evacuation shelter volunteers came forward to foster dogs that were in the shelter, making critical space so that the shelter could board evacuated dogs and cats. In total, 122 dogs were cared for in foster care while they awaited permanent placements. Shelter volunteers also participated in several virtual activities such as creating “pooch portraits.”

### Spotlight: Marion County Fair

7 Fair Board members and a handful of key volunteers worked tirelessly to organize a virtual fair providing opportunities for public competitions, 4-H & FFA animal exhibits, and livestock auctions.

### Spotlight: Children & Families Commission

Commission members continued to meet virtually throughout the year, working with school principals and community leaders on the Hope Alive project in East Salem. The project connects families so they can sustain their mental and physical well-being, and encourages residents to organize/create self-reliant and resilient neighborhoods.

### Spotlight: AmeriCorps Rural Assistance in Rural Environments (RARE)

Access to broadband in rural communities has been of heightened concern as students and remote workers rely on internet access to work and study. In addition to working with Silverton and Jefferson to develop broadband policies, RARE member Peter C. also worked closely with St. Paul and Scotts Mills to address broadband questions and concerns. Peter's work will lay the foundation as Marion County continues to address the broadband needs of our cherished family farms.







## District Attorney's Office

Number of Volunteers: 40 ■ Number of Hours: 12,170

Value of Hours: \$331,024

**Volunteer activities & roles:** Victim Advocate, Sexual Assault Response volunteer.

### Spotlight: Victims Assistance

With physical distancing measures in place for most of the year, new volunteers and interns completed their extensive training virtually. Their dedication to complete training and support victims was inspiring to staff. Advocates worked with victims by providing updated case information, referrals to community resources, crisis intervention, attend hearings and trials, and act as liaison between prosecutors and victims. Sexual Response Advocates responded to 70 sexual assault calls, and although they were not able to be at the hospital they provided support over the phone during physical exams.



## Health & Human Services

Number of Volunteers: 49 ■ Number of Hours: 1,886 ■ Value of Hours: \$51,299

**Volunteer activities & roles:** Ambulance Service Area Advisory Committee, Health Advisory Board, Intellectual and Developmental Disability Advisory Committee, Local Alcohol & Drug Planning Committee, interns, WIC and Early Childhood Nursing program support, Covid-19 testing & vaccination support.

**Spotlight:** Volunteers helped with a variety of projects related to the County's COVID response, testing and vaccination administration. Specific tasks such as answering phones, collecting data from our long term care partners, and helping local pharmacies enroll in the Federal Pharmacy Program helped to ensure our efficient response to the quickly evolving situation.



## Legal Counsel

Number of Volunteers: 1 ■ Number of Hours: 50 ■ Value of Hours: \$1,360

**Volunteer activities & roles:** Organize and update legal forms and CLE resources, scan & copy duties, rebinding titles requiring repair, and tasks preparing for the Legal Library's move to a new location in the basement of Marion County Courthouse.



## Public Works

Number of Volunteers: 258 ■ Number of Hours: 9,171 ■ Value of Hours: \$249,451

**Volunteer activities & roles:** Auxiliary Communications, ADA Transition Focus Group, Community Emergency Response Teams, Medial Response Corp, Parks Commission, Planning Commission, recycling & waste reduction outreach & education, Solid Waste Management Advisory Committee, Water Quality Advisory Board.

### Spotlight: ADA Transition Focus Group

The ADA Transition Focus Group worked with the Engineering Division to develop our ADA self-evaluation and transition plan for Public Rights-Of-Way. Members analyzed information gathered through surveying and policy review to identify barriers people with disabilities may face when accessing county Right of Way (ROW) roadside facilities such as sidewalks, curb ramps and signalized intersections. The transition plan includes steps for removing barriers based on a priority ranking system developed with assistance from the focus group.

### Spotlight: Emergency Management Citizens Corp

Citizens specially trained in preparedness & response dedicated over 6,700 hours assisting Marion County in 2020. In addition to helping with the wildfire response and recovery, Citizens Corp volunteers helped to store and distribute PPE to agencies, healthcare partners and residential care facilities.





## Sheriff's Office

Number of Volunteers: 185 ■ Number of Hours: 7,335  
Value of Hours: \$199,512

**Volunteer activities & roles:** Cadets, graffiti abatement, intern & practicum students, Search & Rescue, faith based & 12-step program volunteers, and Marine Patrol.

### Spotlight: Search and Rescue

With six specialized units, Marion County's Search and Rescue volunteers contributed 5,209 hours of volunteer service in 2020. These specialized volunteers were instrumental in the evacuations of US Forrest Service lands, Pacific Crest Trail, and North Fork Road during the initial wildfire response. They continued to serve conducting fire watches, working at the donation center and assisting at post-fire information centers. They also assisted with several searches including a successful recovery of a missing dementia patient. Recovered in an area with heavy brush and undergrowth, the patient likely would not have survived overnight.



## Wildfire Evacuation Center at the Oregon State Fairgrounds

Number of Hours: 10,906 ■ Value of Hours: \$296,643

**Volunteer activities & roles:** Local residents, businesses and organizations jumped into action to help wildfire evacuees find shelter, food and other necessities as they took refuge at the Oregon State Fairgrounds. Volunteers spent many hours in the heavy smoke and falling ash to provide comfort, basic needs, transportation, shelter, spiritual support, livestock transportation and care, and veterinarian services - all while following strict Covid measures.

### Spotlight: OSU Extension

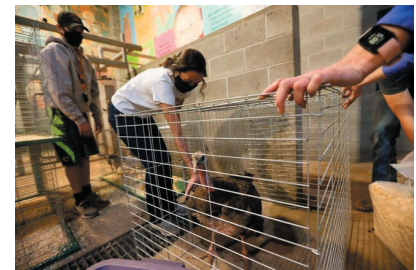
OSU Extension deployed over 300 volunteers to the fairgrounds to help manage the care and feeding of over 1,400 animals. Livestock volunteers worked closely with owners, animal rescue organizations, feed stores, and others to meet the needs of the animals in their care. In addition to local goats, rabbits, fowl, alpacas, and horses, these dedicated volunteers provided care to 27 huskies that Clackamas County was unable to accommodate.

### Spotlight: Citizens Corp

In addition to staffing the County's Emergency Operations Center and phone bank, Citizens Corp volunteers played an extensive role in the County's response and recovery efforts. Volunteers conducted daily COVID screenings, provided traffic control and helped with security at the fairgrounds thus further ensuring the health and safety of those already impacted by the devastating wildfires. They also helped with water distribution in Detroit. Auxiliary Communications (AuxCom) team members deployed when the county's communications infrastructure was damaged during the wildfire.



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Amanda Loman/Salem Reporter



### Marion County Volunteer Services

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2020 Annual Report (January 1 - December 31, 2020)

Visit [www.co.marion.or.us/HR/VOL/](http://www.co.marion.or.us/HR/VOL/) for more information, or to download a copy of the 2020 Volunteer Annual Report.

# Marion County Volunteer Awards

## ***About Marion County's volunteer awards:***

In honor of National Volunteer Week, April 18-24, 2021, county departments and individuals are encouraged to nominate a volunteer or volunteer group for their service in 2020. Anyone may nominate a county volunteer or group. This is an opportunity for a deserving volunteer to receive an award for his or her contribution and for volunteer groups to be recognized for their outstanding work.



A volunteer may be honored for ongoing or past service to a program, or for work on a one-time project. The commissioners will present the awards in July. Your volunteer or volunteer group will be considered by completing and **returning the attached nomination form to Sherry Lintner, Volunteer Services Coordinator, by Friday, April 23, 2021.** A selection committee will review the nominations and select recipients. Departments may choose to nominate more than one person or group; however, **only one volunteer or group from each department may be nominated in each category** (i.e. youth, group, adult, etc.).

## ***Nominations will be accepted for the following categories:***

### **1. Youth Volunteer**

The Youth Volunteer Award was developed to recognize volunteer accomplishments of young people 24 years and under in county programs and departments. The award is intended to highlight the individual volunteer contributions of a young person. Youth who volunteer in leadership roles, on advisory boards, with special projects, and in programs for the county are eligible for this award. **One individual receives this award each year.**

### **2. Advisory Board Volunteer**

Volunteers who serve on county advisory boards are eligible for the Advisory Board Volunteer award. Through this award an individual volunteer is recognized for service or leadership, for an ongoing commitment to an advisory board, or for work on a one-time special task force or ad hoc committee. **One individual receives this award each year.**

### **3. Division or Program Award**

An award for those who display dedication and exemplary accomplishments within the division or program in which they volunteer. Volunteers in this category will be recognized for their contribution to the division or program, to the customers or clientele the program serves, and the betterment of the community in which the program or service is implemented. **One award will be given for each division or program with a nomination submitted.**

### **4. Commissioner Mary Pearmine Outstanding Volunteer Group Award**

This award is for county affiliated groups with membership that consists of volunteers. Although the entire membership does not have to be volunteers, volunteers must be a component for a group to be eligible for the award. The group receiving the award is added to the perpetual plaque displayed at Courthouse Square. **One group receives this award each year.**

### **5. Judge Rex Hartley Volunteer of the Year Award**

One volunteer will be selected for this premier award based on outstanding service to the county and the community. The individual receiving the award receives an engraved individual award, and his or her name is added to the perpetual plaque displayed at Courthouse Square. **One individual receives this award each year.**



# Marion County Volunteer Awards

## *Nomination Form Directions*

- 1. Fill out the contact information for the volunteer completely** since he or she will be invited to the award ceremony. Groups are notified through a central contact person or staff, so be sure that information is clear and sufficient to communicate with the group on the nomination.
- 2. Complete the nominator information** for the same reason.
- 3. Try to focus on the volunteer or volunteer group's contribution** to the county, benefit to the community, commitment to the project or the program, and any unique qualities of the volunteer work since these are the criterion that the selection committee is asked to score.
- 4. Use specific examples to describe the nominee's activities.** Stay away from vague references like, "he is so wonderful" or "we could not get along without her." It is important to inform the selection committee why he is so wonderful and why you cannot get along without her.
- 5. Again, use specific examples in the impact section,** which may include, where appropriate, the numbers served, a description of the services offered, or the project that was completed. In this section, describe any impact or changes to quality of life, availability of service, improved safety procedures, or community enhancement in which the volunteer or volunteer group was involved.
- 6. Lastly, summarize for the selection committee,** the qualities, skills, meritorious behavior, dedication and commitment that your volunteer or volunteer group demonstrated to deserve recognition.

### **The awards selection process and ceremony:**



Once the selection committee has chosen the award recipients the nominees, nominators and family members of nominees will be invited to a special event with the Board of Commissioners. We are tentatively planning for a July event so that we have the best chance of hosting a face-to-face event.

Any questions can be directed to Volunteer Services Coordinator Sherry Lintner at (503) 588-7990 or by e-mail at [slintner@co.marion.or.us](mailto:slintner@co.marion.or.us).

***Your department's participation is needed to make Marion County's volunteer recognition event a success. Nominate your volunteers TODAY! Nominations are due Friday, April 23, 2021***





# 2020 Volunteer Awards

## Nomination Form

Nominations due Friday, April 23, 2021

**A recognition ceremony for nominees and award recipients will be held in JULY!**

Please use one form for each volunteer nominated. Remember to spell out acronyms and to give specific examples of the volunteer's work and the importance to clients, the county, and/or community.



**Name of Nominee or Group:** [Click here to enter text.](#)

**Address:** [Click here to enter text.](#)

**City:** [Click here to enter text.](#)

**Phone:** [Click here to enter text.](#)

**E-Mail:** [Click here to enter text.](#)

**Nominating Department or Program:** [Click here to enter text.](#)

**Name of Person Responsible for Nomination:** [Click here to enter text.](#)

**Phone:** [Click here to enter text.](#) **E-Mail Address:** [Click here to enter text.](#)

**Nomination Type – Check One (please see accompanying descriptions):**

Youth Volunteer – under the age of 24

Advisory Board Volunteer Award

Division/Program Award

Judge Rex Hartley Volunteer of the Year Award

Commissioner Mary Pearmine Outstanding Volunteer Group Award

**1. Using specific examples, describe the nominee or group volunteer activities and any skills used:**  
[Click here to enter text.](#)

**2. Again, using specific examples, describe the impact of the nominee or group activities on clients, departments, county, and/or community. Describe who benefits from the volunteer work:**

[Click here to enter text.](#)

**3. In a few words, describe what makes this volunteer or group a candidate for special recognition:**

[Click here to enter text.](#)



Return nomination form along with optional letter of recommendation by **Friday, April 23, 2021** to Sherry Lintner, Volunteer Services, [slintner@co.marion.or.us](mailto:slintner@co.marion.or.us), PO Box 14500, Salem, OR 97309

# Marion County Volunteer Award Recipients



	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
<b>YOUTH VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR</b>	<u>Stephanie Burbank</u> Dog Services	<u>Brianna Luna</u> Cadet Program	<u>Anna Williams</u> Emergency Management / MCSC Cadet Unit	<u>McKenzie Kress</u> Law Library	<u>Payton Schlag</u> Marion County Fair	<b><u>Guadalupe Lagunas Garcia</u></b> Law Library
<b>ADVISORY BOARD VOLUNTEER AWARD</b>	<u>Don Miller</u> Board of Property Tax Appeals	<u>George Grabenhorst</u> Planning Commission	Steven Bergmann & <u>Joshua Graves</u> Compensation Board	Mark Caillier, Don Fredrickson, Pete McCallum, & Ed <u>McKenney</u> Public Safety Coordinating Council	<u>Robert Anderson</u> Solid Waste Management Advisory Council	<b><u>Eric Richards</u></b> Marion County Children & Families Commission
<b>PROGRAM or DIVISION VOLUNTEER AWARD</b>	Terri Jacobson & <u>Karen Lee</u> Dog Shelter	<u>Wasi Khan</u> Community Services	MCSC Cadet Program	<u>Shirley Williams</u> Parole & Probation	<u>Monica Melhorn</u> Dog Shelter	<b><u>Cheryl Smith-Banacka</u></b> Dog Services <b><u>Robert Mill</u></b> Emergency Management <b><u>Marisol Cervantes</u></b> Juvenile Department
<b>COMMISSIONER MARY PEARMINE VOLUNTEER GROUP AWARD</b>	MCSC Mounted Posse	Dog Services Volunteer Outreach Group	MCHD Community Care Partnerships	Solid Waste Management Advisory Council	Salem Audubon Society	<b><u>Woodburn Fire Fighter Rehabilitation Team</u></b> Emergency Management
<b>JUDGE REX HARTLEY VOLUNTEER AWARD</b>	<u>Renee Albert</u> Victim Assistance	<u>Roger Williamson</u> Emergency Management	<u>Janie Vohland</u> Victim Assistance	<u>Charlie Goodman</u> Juvenile Department	<u>Ulrich Reich</u> Emergency Management	<b><u>Julie Wallin</u></b> Dog Services