



MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Board Session Agenda Review Form

Meeting date: April 24, 2024

Department: Human Resources

Title: Presentation of the 2023 Volunteer Annual Report

Management Update/Work Session Date: March 5, 2024 Audio/Visual aids [checkbox]

Time Required: 10 minutes Contact: Sherry Lintner Phone: 503-588-7990

Requested Action: Presentation of the 2023 Volunteer Annual Report

Issue, Description & Background: Each year Volunteer Services collects data from county departments who work with volunteers, and compiles the information into the annual volunteer report. The annual report reflects on the contributions of the 1,300+ volunteers who donate time to a Marion County department, division or program, helping us leverage programs and resources to their fullest potential. National Volunteer week is April 21-27, 2024 and presents a perfect time to report, reflect and recognize the incredible contributions made by county volunteers.

Financial Impacts:

Impacts to Department & External Agencies: Volunteers work side-by-side with Marion County employees to provide important services and supports to residents and visitors, helping the county to leverage on available resources.

List of attachments: 2023 Volunteer Annual Report

Presenter: Sherry Lintner, Volunteers Services Coordinator, Human Resources

Department Head Signature: Salvador Llerenas



# Marion County VOLUNTEER

## 2023 Annual Report

### By the Numbers

January 1 – December 31, 2023



Number of  
Volunteers:

**1,363**



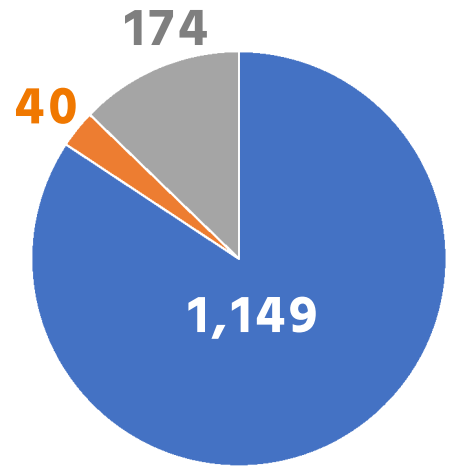
Hours  
Served:

**59,966**



\*Value of Hours  
Served:

**\$1,941,098**



Interns, Practicum Students  
and AmeriCorp Members

Advisory Board Members

Program Volunteers

\*Based on the Independent Sector's 2023 published rate for the State of Oregon, which values a volunteer's time at \$32.37 per hour. For the purpose of this report, the volunteer hours and their dollar value have been rounded to the nearest dollar.

The 2023 Volunteer Annual Report offers a glimpse into the many contributions made by volunteers who have donated time to a county program, division, or department. While the report provides some quantifiable information, it can never demonstrate the immeasurable impact our volunteers make.

2023 bustled with activities in Marion County, and volunteers worked alongside staff through it all. 1,149 volunteers provided program support to Dog Services, 4-H and Extension Services, the County Fair, Victim Services, Justice Court, the Law Library, Environmental Services, Emergency Management, and the Sheriff's Office. We also hosted 40 students for their formal internship or practicum placements, helping them to meet their academic and professional goals.

174 community members served in an appointed position on behalf of the Marion County Board of Commissioners or the Sheriff, making the commitment to attend and actively participate on a board, committee, or commission. Many have served multiple terms and bring an unmatched perspective and historical knowledge to the table.

The year was filled with wonderful memories, and marked by many moments when volunteers showed us what it means to care and work on behalf of others. Regardless of the challenges, Marion County volunteers showed up ready to help and we are grateful for their service!

Sincerely,

Sherry Lintner, Marion County Volunteer Services Coordinator





## Board of Commissioners Office

**Number of Volunteers: 38**

**Volunteer Hours: 378**

**Value of Service Hours: \$12,236**

**Volunteer roles:** *Public Safety Coordinating Council, one representative on the Public Defenders of Marion County Inc. Board of Trustees, and one representative on the Salem Foundation Distribution Committee*



## Clerk's Office

**Number of Volunteers: 4**

**Volunteer Hours: 152**

**Value of Service Hours: \$4,920**

**Volunteer roles:** *Board of Property Tax Appeals*



## Community Services

**Number of Volunteers: 728**

**Volunteer Hours: 39,111**

**Value of Service Hours: \$1,266,030**

**Volunteer roles:** *4-H & Extension Service District Budget Committee, 4-H Leaders & Education Program Volunteers, AmeriCorps RARE Member, Dog Services Volunteers, Fair Board & Key Volunteers, Master Food Preservers, Master Gardeners, Fair Superintendents, and Fair Event Volunteers*

Spotlight: Volunteers make the Marion County Dog Shelter a place of hope, helping to care for the dogs at the shelter until they can be reunited with their owners or placed for adoption. Volunteers spent over 2,800 hours walking, playing, and helping to assess the dogs in our care and over 1,300 hours helping with shelter and clinic operations. Foster volunteers donated nearly 6,500 hours caring for dogs in their home, which is far less stressful than the shelter and can be critical for nursing, medically fragile, or highly stressed dogs. Volunteers also help with transportation, community outreach, and special licensing and adoption events.



Spotlight: Key Volunteers and Fair Superintendents support the Marion County Fair by providing project management for special events, projects, and open competitions. These dedicated volunteers spend several months planning and organizing, and then are on site during the fair to make sure everything runs smoothly. Superintendents put their organizational and people skills to work for their assigned area, ensuring that members of the public can participate and show their talents in creative arts, foods, floral & garden, photography, textiles, and more!



## District Attorney's Office

**Number of Volunteers: 25**

**Volunteer Hours: 2,629**

**Value of Service Hours: \$85,101**

**Volunteer roles:** *Interns, Victim Advocates, and Sexual Assault Response Advocates*



## Finance Department

**Number of Volunteers: 3**

**Volunteer Hours: 23**

**Value of Service Hours: \$745**

**Volunteer roles:** *Budget Committee Citizen Members*

Spotlight: Each year three Marion County citizens join the Board of Commissioners to review and set the County's budget. Their work ensures an inclusive, transparent process that considers the County's estimated revenues and projected operating expenses. Budget Committee members provide important oversight and analysis, developing a yearly budget that ensures each of the 17 county departments will have the resources to deliver needed services to the citizens of Marion County. Collectively, the three citizen members have 49 years of experience with the County's budget cycle and approval process.





## Health and Human Services

**Number of Volunteers: 71**

**Volunteer Hours: 6,229**

**Value of Service Hours: 201,621**

**Volunteer roles:** *Ambulance Service Area Advisory Committee, Civil Surgeon, Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities Advisory Committee, Intern & Practicum Students, Local Alcohol & Drug Planning Committee, Maternal Child Health Program Volunteer, and Mental Health Advisory Committee*

Spotlight: Public Health interns work on a variety of projects such as planning special activities and events, developing educational materials, and strengthening community partnerships. 2023 interns Kira F. and Ryan K. worked on the Breastfeeding Promotion Campaign for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program participants. After completing initial research, Kira and Ryan used the knowledge and skills gained as students at Oregon State University to develop and implement a campaign to combat social, cultural, logistical, and other barriers to breastfeeding. Lily T. and Madison M. focused on the Farm Direct Nutrition Program, which partners with local farmers to increase access to fresh, locally grown produce for WIC participants.



## Human Resources

**Number of Volunteers: 16**

**Volunteer Hours: 56**

**Value of Service Hours: \$1,813**

**Volunteer roles:** *Compensation Board and Special Event Volunteers*



## Justice Court

**Number of Volunteers: 2**

**Volunteer Hours: 20**

**Value of Service Hours: \$647**

**Volunteer roles:** *Justice of the Peace Pro Tempore and Special Event Volunteers*



## Juvenile Department

**Number of Volunteers: 7**

**Volunteer Hours: 290**

**Value of Service Hours: \$9,387**

**Volunteer roles:** *Intern and Practicum Students and Alternative Program Volunteers*



## Legal Counsel

**Number of Volunteers: 3**

**Volunteer Hours: 162**

**Value of Service Hours: \$5,244**

**Volunteer roles:** *Law Library Assistants*



## Public Works Department

**Number of Volunteers: 278**

**Volunteer Hours: 3,156**

**Value of Service Hours: \$102,171**

**Volunteer roles:** *Auxiliary Communications, Community Emergency Response Teams, Environmental Services Event Volunteers, Marion Resources (formerly Master Recyclers), Parks Commission, Park Hosts and Special Event Volunteers, Planning Commission, Service District Advisory Committees, Solid Waste Management Advisory Committee, and Water Quality Advisory Committee*

Spotlight: Volunteers step up to plant hundreds of trees at Packsaddle Park, which serves as one of the key put-in and take-out points for drift boaters, kayakers, and anglers who enjoy the North Santiam River. Temporarily closed after the 2020 Labor Day Fires, Packsaddle Park is one of six County parks slated for restoration and improvements. With the community's help, restoration of our Santiam Canyon parks will preserve our cultural heritage in the area and benefit residents and visitors for many years to come providing ample recreational opportunities, improved wildlife habitats, and improved watershed quality.





## Sheriff's Office

**Number of Volunteers: 188    Volunteer Hours: 7,760    Value of Service Hours: \$251,183**

**Volunteer roles: Administration & Special Event Volunteers, Cadets, Intern and Practicum Students, Faith Based & 12-Step Program Volunteers, Justice Reinvestment Council, Search & Rescue Team, and Sheriff's Community Advisory Committee**

Spotlight: The cadet program is designed to further each volunteer's education and enhance their knowledge of law enforcement operations. Young people (ages 14 ½ - 21 years) complete the Sheriff's Office Cadet Academy and then work alongside sworn officers to learn about crime prevention, record keeping, radio communications, traffic and event control, and officer safety. Cadets are given the opportunity to challenge themselves as they prepare for a career in public safety, all while enhancing the work of the Sheriff's Office by assisting deputies on ride-alongs, providing crime scene security, helping at community events, and more.



## 2022 Volunteer Award Recipients

Each year the Board of Commissioners recognize volunteers for their outstanding service to a county program, division or department. The 2022 Volunteer Awards were presented during the County Fair in July.

Environmental Services Outstanding Volunteer in 2022

**Debbie Miller**

Dog Services Outstanding Volunteer in 2022

**Jill Parnham**

Sheriff's Office Outstanding Volunteer in 2022

**Virginia (Ginny) Butler**

Judge Rex Hartley Volunteer of the Year

**Virginia (Ginny) Butler**



Thank you to all the 2022 nominees: Patrick Albin, Virginia Butler, Jewell Conway, Ashley Fear, Ruth Fitzgerald, Irene Fu, Laurie Hyndman, Ashley Hutchinson, Joe Kent, Emma Lloyd, Kinsey Lorenz, Debbie Miller, Ledona Morrison, Pete Oettinger, Jill Parnham, Kevin Parnham, Marissa Sewart, and Susan Varner

### In Memoriam

Marion County has been blessed to have many wonderful citizens who volunteer in service to the county. With sorrow, we remember those who are no longer with us.



**Shirley Williams**  
Marion County Sheriff's Office Volunteer



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