



Marion County VOLUNTEER

2021 Annual Report

By the Numbers

January 1—December 31, 2021



Number of
Volunteers:

1,303



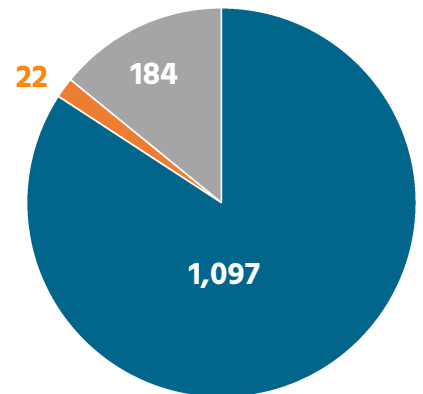
Hours
Served:

62,665



*Value of Hours

\$1,788,466



Interns, Practicum Students
and AmeriCorp Members

Advisory Board Members

Program Volunteers

*Based on the Independent Sector's 2021 published rate, which values a volunteer's time at \$28.54 per hour. For the purpose of this report, the volunteer hours and their dollar value have been rounded to the nearest dollar.

The Volunteer Annual Report reflects the outstanding activities and contributions of volunteers who donate time to a Marion County department, division or program. Volunteers help us leverage programs and resources to ensure that citizens of Marion County are served to the very best of our abilities.

Marion County's mission is to provide leadership on critical public policy issues, ensure fiscal accountability, and promote citizen empowerment to enhance the health, safety and livability of our communities. Our volunteers help us to achieve this mission every day through their service and dedication. While the COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact volunteer activities, our volunteers have demonstrated extraordinary resiliency, patience and dedication.

We are so grateful for our volunteers, and the many county employees who make volunteering at Marion County possible. It is with great pleasure I present the 2021 Volunteer Annual Report.

Sincerely,

Sherry Lintner
Marion County Volunteer Services Coordinator





Board of Commissioners Office

Number of Volunteers: 31 **Volunteer Hours: 301** **Value of Hours: \$8,591**

Volunteer roles: Public Safety Coordinating Council, Historical Records Intern



Clerk's Office, Finance and Human Resources

Number of Volunteers: 12 **Volunteer Hours: 271** **Value of Hours: \$7,734**

Volunteer roles: Board of Property Tax Appeals, Budget Committee, Finance Intern, Compensation Board

Spotlight: The Board of Property Tax Appeals (BoPTA)

BoPTA provides a venue for property taxpayers to appeal the assessed value of their property. Board members are private citizens with specific experience as assessors, real estate professionals, and in the law. Tax payers benefit from the BoPTA's professionalism, experience, knowledge in property valuation, and the pride the board takes in their work.

Each year the BoPTA can spend up to two weeks in hearings, and members also attend annual trainings facilitated by the Oregon Dept. of Revenue. In 2021 a total of 56 petitions were filed on behalf of a Marion County tax payer. Of those 7 petitions were withdrawn, 13 petitions were stipulated, and the board heard a total of 36 petitions.



Community Services

Number of Volunteers: 756 **Volunteer Hours: 43,599** **Value of Hours: \$1,244,315**

Volunteer roles: 4H & Extension Service District, AmeriCorps RARE Member, Dog Services, Fair Board, Fair Event Volunteers

Spotlight: County Fair

7 board members and 5 key volunteers donate countless hours planning and managing the Marion County Fair. 2021 was a year of uncertainties, and this group of volunteers used their advanced planning and organization skills to be ready for a variety of scenarios. When the decision was made to host an in-person fair, the fair board had just six weeks to finalize all the logistics involved in hosting the event. In addition to the board and key volunteers, 7 open class superintendents oversaw all the planning and logistics for their assigned category and 108 event volunteers staffed exhibit halls, information booths, and will-call. The 2021 fair welcomed over 36,500 visitors, a stark increase from previous years' attendance. Local youth were able to participate in 1,583 4H, FFA, and open class exhibits, and adults participated in 339 open class exhibits, 45 vendor exhibits and 60 educational displays. The fair would not be possible without the support of these dedicated volunteers.



Spotlight: Dog Shelter

Volunteers are the backbone of the shelter, working side by side with staff to care for the dogs in their care. In 2021 the shelter cared for approximately 1,000 stray, neglected or injured dogs. In addition to helping with the physical and emotional needs of the animals housed at the shelter, volunteers opened their hearts and homes to provide 24/7 foster care to 122 shelter dogs. Shelter volunteers also provide hours of dog walking and other enrichment activities, help with outreach by attending events, and assist in the adoption process.





District Attorney's Office

Number of Volunteers: 28 **Volunteer Hours: 2,396** **Value of Hours: \$68,382**

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

Spotlight: Victim Advocates

Victim Advocates provide direct support to victims of crime, and advocate on their behalf. Whether advocates are accompanying victims to meetings or court, providing regular updates on the status of their case, or helping to connect them to counseling or other social services, these volunteers play a tremendous role in helping victims navigate the legal system and recover from the impact victimization may cause.



Health & Human Services

Number of Volunteers: 50 **Volunteer Hours: 2,739** **Value of Hours: \$78,171**

Volunteer roles: Ambulance Service Area Advisory Committee, Early Childhood Nursing Program Volunteer, Health Advisory Board, Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities Advisory Committee, Intern & Practicum Students, Local Alcohol & Drug Planning Committee

Spotlight: The Intellectual Developmental Disability Advisory Committee (IDDAC)

IDDAC members support the effective development and operation of Marion County's developmental disabilities program. Planning for the IDD awareness month, shaping how staff communicates with clients, and reviewing grant applications are examples of the work IDDAC has accomplished in 2021. To date, 27 Emergency Preparedness and 39 Family Support grants have been approved for individual and families receiving IDD services.



Spotlight: Behavioral Health Intern

Adrienne completed her Master's of Social Work internship requirements with Marion County Behavior Health. In total, she donated nearly 500 hours of service with the Zero Suicide Program. Planning for Zero Suicide Day, co-facilitating QPR suicide prevention trainings, and completing mental health assessments for clients referred to Children's Behavior Health are a few of Adrienne's contributions. With Adrienne's assistance, 137 employees have completed QPR training—an evidence-based training that reduces suicidal behavior by teaching how to question, persuade and refer individuals who may be suicidal or in-crisis.



Juvenile

Number of Volunteers: 4 **Volunteer Hours: 567** **Value of Hours: \$16,182**

Volunteer roles: Interns, Practicum Students

Spotlight: Practicum Student

Presley completed her practicum requirements assisting Detention staff by working with youth to build cognitive skills, develop healthy attitudes and better understand how their thinking impacts their behavior. Presley helped with the center's intake process, and spent time interacting and supervising youth in the facility. In all, Presley donated 400 hours while building her skills and preparing for a career in the criminal justice system.



Legal Counsel

Number of Volunteers: 5 **Volunteer Hours: 94** **Value of Hours: \$2,683**

Volunteer roles: Law Library Volunteer

Spotlight: Law Library Volunteer

Law Library volunteers help with scan and copy duties, rebinding titles requiring repair, and organizing shelves, legal forms and CLE resources.



Public Works

Number of Volunteers: 218

Volunteer Hours: 5,188

Value of Hours: \$148,066

Volunteer roles: Auxiliary Communications, ADA Transition Focus Group, Community Emergency Response Teams, Planning Intern, Medical Reserves Corps, Parks Commission, Planning Commission, Master Recycler, Service District Budget Committees, Solid Waste Management Advisory Committee, Storm Drain Marker Mapping & Installation, Water Quality Advisory Board

Spotlight: Master Recyclers

23 Master Recyclers channeled their energy to assist with recycling and waste reduction outreach & education. In 2021 they helped to make 522 new community contacts, served 41 Spanish speakers, and participated in 12 events. At one event, 80 people attended a DIY workshop to learn how to replace toxic household cleaners. Master Recyclers also helped Immanuel Lutheran Church in Woodburn transition from using costly disposable containers to using reusable food containers for their weekly food distribution program. Our Waste Reduction Coordinator estimates this project alone will keep 22,000 single-use containers out of the landfill each year. Three Master Recyclers completed their certification in 2021, donating more than 30 hours of volunteer service each.



Sheriff's Office

Number of Volunteers: 199

Volunteer Hours: 7,510

Value of Hours: \$214,343

Volunteer roles: Administration & Special Event Volunteers, Cadets, Interns, Faith Based & 12-Step Program Volunteers, Justice Reinvestment Council, Search & Rescue Team

Spotlight: Cadet Unit

The Cadet Unit is comprised of youth, ages 14 1/2—21 years of age, who engage in a wide variety of activities and trainings to prepare them for a career in public safety. With the majority of the program activities and the Cadet academy suspended in 2020, our team of Cadets were excited to participate in over 20 community events and activities in 2021. Cadets helped at the Marion County Fair, Bauman Farm's Harvest Festival, Covered Bridge Community Thanksgiving Dinner, Shop with a Cop, Christmas of Hope, National Night Out, local parades and other community events. In addition to helping with security and traffic control needs at events, Cadets assist deputies on ride-alongs, participate in crime prevention and outreach activities, and help with crime scene security.



In Memoriam

*Marion County has been blessed over the years to have so many wonderful citizens volunteering in service to the county.
With sorrow, we remember volunteers we have learned passed in 2021*



Jose and Donna Busto
Emergency Management
Citizens Corp members



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