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NATIONAL VOLUNTEER MONTH

April 1st - April 30th

National Volunteer Month in April celebrates the impact volunteers have on our lives and encourages active volunteerism in generations to come. Most often unpaid, they generously donate a part of their lives to do the work that nobody else likes to do — cleaning up after the event, fostering shelter dogs, chaperoning field trips, or helping the librarian; there are so many areas requiring volunteers. This month, we salute them for their unwavering services to businesses and communities and hold aloft their examples to inspire young and adults towards volunteerism.

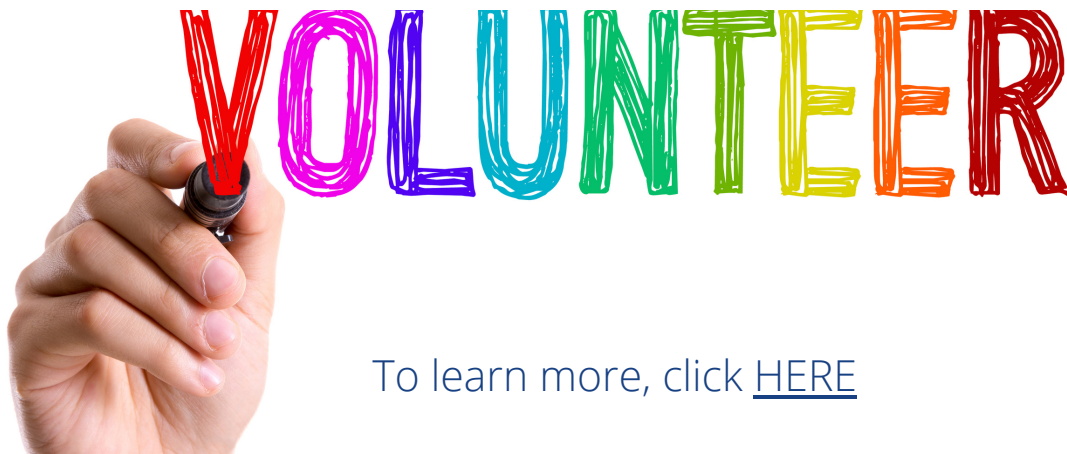


HISTORY OF NATIONAL VOLUNTEER MONTH

Volunteers are so special that they ought to be honored throughout the year, after every service that they volunteer to. National Volunteer Month is an extension to an already-established holiday-week, National Volunteer Week that was first held in 1943 in Canada. The week was dedicated to paying tribute to the unwavering contributions of women during World War II who would collect supplies and help the wounded soldiers. It was in the early 20th century that organized volunteering reached its peak. Numerous groups opened up to escalate humanitarian services, many of which are still active today such as the Red Cross.

Once the war was over, the celebrations were damped down but resurged in the early 1970s. National Volunteer Week debuted in 1974 in the United States and was revered by the general public. Since then, National Volunteer Week, which later went on to become National Volunteer Month, has been celebrated with zeal and enthusiasm every April. It was made official worldwide in 1990.

Presidents of the United States throughout the years have proclaimed National Volunteer Week and Month, saluting the unparalleled services of the volunteers who have given countless hours for the betterment of mankind, communities, and the American way of life.



To learn more, click [HERE](#)

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The Belleville Area Special Services Cooperative (BASSC) is hosting a Family Inclusion Day on Saturday, May 21st. The MRC has been invited to participate by hosting an information table to present information to parents of students with disabilities. If you would like to volunteer at the MRC table, please send an email to:

kiearra.jones@co.st-clair.il.us



BASSC Autism Family Inclusion Walk



Fundraiser

DJ, bounce house, bubbles, resources for parents, snacks, a silent auction, and fun.

Register @

<https://www.ticketsignup.io/TicketEvent/FamilyInclusionDay>

May 21

Freeburg Community High
School Track
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

\$20 per person - includes T-shirt
Pre-register by May 1 and save \$5

All proceeds go to the BASSC Autism Program to ensure that we can supplement our children's learning with hands-on experiential activities and community experiences.



CONGRATULATIONS!

2022 MRC PROGRAM RECOGNITION AWARDS

It is with great pleasure that we announce that St. Clair County MRC has been selected as a 2022 MRC Program Recognition Awardee in the following category:



We hope you will join us for the Recognition Awards webinar on Tuesday, April 19, at 1:00 pm CST. During the webinar, the MRC Program team will announce and congratulate the awardees, as well as provide a brief description of their good work. Link to join will be sent out at a later date.

Congratulations!



FAIRMONT CITY EARTH DAY POP UP EVENT!

Join us as we celebrate Earth Day with a pop-up event in Fairmont City for the whole family. Including community garden open house, Zumba, raffles, mini-greenhouses, salsa bike, music, and other activities for the whole family!

APRIL 23 | 11 AM - 2 PM
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COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL, CONSUMER & ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES University of Illinois | U.S. Department of Agriculture | Local Extension Councils Cooperating University of Illinois Extension provides equal opportunities in programs and employment. If you need a reasonable accommodation to attend, call the registration office.

ACTIVE VOLUNTEER ID BADGE

If you have not yet done so, please email a photo to be included on your MRC ID Card. You do not need to have a special photo taken, even a quick picture taken on your cell phone will work. This card will be used to identify you as an emergency worker and should help you if or when you are responding during an incident or serving in the community in a non-emergency public health event. Once complete, your ID will be mailed directly to you. If your address has changed, please email your correct address when sending your picture.



“Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart.”

— ELIZABETH ANDREW

POINTS OF LIGHT



**VOLUNTEERING FEELS GOOD!
YOU NOT ONLY HAVE THE INTENTION BUT YOU ACT ON IT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR WILLINGNESS AND DEDICATION TO SERVE IN OUR COMMUNITY! PLEASE REACH OUT TO ME IF YOU HAVE ANY NEEDS OR SUGGESTIONS ON HOW WE CAN BETTER SERVE IN OUR COMMUNITY!**

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IT'S BACK!

Keep Belleville Beautiful

CITY-WIDE LITTER PICK UP

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“ Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can.” — Arthur Ashe

