

## USland

This tour stop spotlights Fed volunteer efforts nationwide, gleaned from other FEB's. How about some friendly competition in the service of good causes? Are we doing our share and keeping up with our peers? Can we do even more? This tour stop is full of ideas on how Feds can and do help.

**Fifteen FEB's** facilitated the transfer of almost 6000 computers and printers, and almost \$1 million of computer equipment to over 700 schools and non-profit groups.

**Eighteen FEB's** coordinated blood drives in which Feds gave over 80,000 pints of blood to save over 240,000 lives.



In **Boston**, Federal employees participate in mentor programs and provide other human resources to two local public high schools.

**Boston** Federal executives participated in *Groundhog Shadowing Day*. Junior high school students "shadowed" executives and learned about being a public servant.

The FEB was a major partner in **Boston's** *Can Share Food Drive* around Thanksgiving.

**Boston** Secret Service staff led a government-wide *Toys for Tots Drive* for local needy families.

**Boston** FEB established a strong relationship with **CITIZEN SCHOOLS**, serving as judges for mock trials, part of a low-cost educational after-school program.



**Cleveland** FEB partners with the *Martin Luther King, Jr. Law and Public Service High School* in a socioeconomically disadvantaged neighborhood, participating in an annual fair to expose students to career possibilities and allow prospective local Federal employers to meet qualified students.

About 500 homeless individuals benefitted from the collection and distribution of personal hygiene items, like soap and shampoo, from hotel and motels by **Cleveland** FEB members.

**Cleveland** FEB coordinates an annual food drive, with 27 agencies participating and 20,368 pounds of food collected for the hungry.

**Cleveland** Feds, donating over 1,000 pints of blood, continued as one of the top three blood donor organizations in Northeast Ohio.

**Greater L.A.** FEB partners with area schools and after-school programs to link students with Federal agencies. Many Feds serve as mentors. The FEB has helped schools receive grants, such as *JUMP (Juvenile Urban Mentoring Program)* from the U.S. Justice Department.

**Greater L.A.** Coast Guard hosted an event on transportation occupations for 175 students on *Ground Hog Job Shadow Day*.

**Honolulu** Feds gathered at a park to launch a *Weed and Seed* (Justice Department program) site. A second site opened as part of the United Way Day of Caring. Both sites aim to reduce crime and strengthen communities within the Waipahu area. The first *Weed and Seed* site in Kalihi-Palama Chinatown has led to more than a 50% crime drop since 1997. Residents, police, businesses, and other partners collaborated to reduce crime.

Numerous **Houston** Federal agencies are involved in youth outreach programs. Hundreds of volunteers mentor students in adopted schools and participate in other programs to help students.

Annually, **Kansas City** Feds donate a Saturday to various non-profit agencies. In a typical year over 1700 Feds paint facilities, ready food donations, beautify the environment, entertain children with disabilities, and build playgrounds donating over 13,000 hours in one day.

Through the FEB “Volunteerism Subcommittee”, **Kansas City** Feds volunteer one hour weekly to be *Friends of Youth*, mentoring teens with school, work, or other needs at a school close to home or work.

**Miami** FEB partners with the United Way and a community college to recruit Federal volunteers to work with children and the elderly during off-duty hours.



**New Orleans** Marine Reservists are unusually active in the community: anti-drug talks reached 58,000 students; 25,000 toys for 13,000 needy children were collected statewide; 500 Young Marines were assisted; over 100 Marines fought breast/ovarian cancers through the Revlon Run-Walk; over 70 Marines with substantial equipment supported the Boy Scout Encampment with 5000 participants; many mentored students in the public schools; others are involved in the Special Olympics, Christmas in October, and the Mash Bash Blood Drive. Maj. Gen. Wilkerson said, “When New Orleans needs us, the Marines are there. We remain firmly committed to serve the citizens of New Orleans in any way we can. We endeavor to be role models, demonstrating daily our core values of honor, courage, and commitment.”

USDA researchers in **New Orleans** mentor science students at a nearby school. The top six to eight science students work with a research scientist for an hour each school day, which can lead to Federal science jobs.

**Oklahoma** FEB Federal Employees' Care Committee (FECC) coordinates *Christmas in April*, with 500 Feds renovating 10 inner city homes for the elderly each year since 1997.

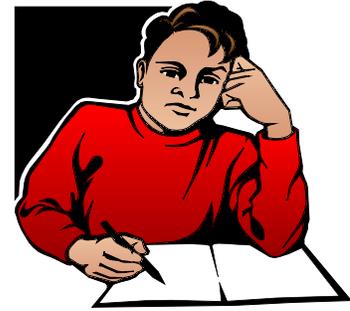
The FECC supports the **Oklahoma Education T.V. Authority Festival**, volunteering their time to answer phones and take pledges.

**Oklahoma** FECC, like our L.A. Federal Volunteer Corps, wears T-shirts identifying themselves as Fed volunteers, e.g., in the *Tutoring Program*, helping academically needy students during school hours.

**St. Louis** FEB community service includes all federal agencies supporting two annual events, such as a summer drive for *Back to School Supplies* to be distributed to community organizations.



**Seattle** FEB's annual *Operation K Toy Drive* donates toys to disadvantaged children through the *Salvation Army*. Executive Director Anne Tiernan said, "Donated new toys, games and children's clothing go to special shops. Qualified parents choose that special gift for their children. Kids receive their holiday gift from their parents - NOT from charity, fostering family unity and self-esteem."



"It is easier to be a 'humanitarian' than to render your own country its proper due; it is easier to be a 'patriot' than to make your community a better place to live in; it is easier to be a 'civic leader' than to treat your own family with loving understanding; for the smaller the focus of attention, the harder the task."

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