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Numbers

Of all agencies participating in the FVC, the US Attorney has the highest per capita rate of participation, nearly 10%, with 42 members.

- The **leading cause** is Children (26), followed by Religious (13), Health (9, including a bone marrow donor), Disadvantaged (8), Environment (7), Local (6), Other (4), & Federal (1).
- An average of 124 **annual hours** by 36 volunteers & six average years by 40 volunteers were reported.
- Nineteen volunteers indicated helping an average of 268 people each.
- Of 41 surveys, 43% reflected volunteering in L.A. (work city) & 39% showed volunteering in home cities.
- No significant correlations were found between survey items.
- **Reasons for Volunteering** are shown in the accompanying **chart**.

Stories

R. Michael Bullotta has been volunteering 100 to 146 hours a year for the last five years, to Make the world better, to Feel good about himself, to Increase his Knowledge & skills & to prevent future criminals. He has helped over 160 people via the Short-Stop Diversion Program in Long Beach, Project L.E.A.D. in Vernon, Weed and Seed in L.A. and P.A.G.E.N.E.T. (anti-gang parenting education), for which he serves on the Board of Directors.

David Fields feels good about himself volunteering a total of 65 yearly hours for the last two years as Vice Chair of the Guns & Violence Committee of the L.A. County Bar Association & as a Coach of first-graders in the Maccabee Soccer League.

A volunteer who loves animals has volunteered for two years for three animal organizations, 250 hours annually. For Therapy Dogs, International, she brings “my two therapy dogs in contact with Alzheimer’s patients & handicapped children.”

For the last year, Christopher Brunwin has spent 120 hours on field maintenance, coaching & other volunteer work for the East Altadena Little League. He has also devoted 150 annual hours to Church of the Ascension for the last three years. His motivation is primarily Religious & Making the world better.

John Nordin II shares that he enjoys volunteering. In his words, “I feel an obligation to perform some service to the law school where I received my legal training, largely at public expense. I also feel an obligation to contribute to the governance of my local community. I prefer to provide volunteer service in...a manner which enables me to use my training & experience as a lawyer. As the son of an immigrant, I feel that I have been extremely fortunate to have the opportunities provided by this country, & thus a particular obligation to serve in some small way.

I also feel strongly about the need to support & assist the training of law enforcement officers.” Since 1983,

John has been active (80 annual hours) in the non-profit Hastings 1066 Foundation, e.g., raising money for student scholarships at Hastings College of Law of the University of California. “I am also active (20 yearly hours) in the Hastings’ Mentoring Program,” in which he meets with and assists students. The photograph shows

John receiving the Los Angeles Chapter Hastings Alumnus of the Year award in 1995. In March 1999, John journeyed to Nairobi, Kenya & Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania

to instruct senior police officers for ten days in Major Crisis/Case Management, a program sponsored by the FBI International Training & Assistance Unit.



Miriam Krinsky has volunteered for two years helping many children under the Comfort for Kids program (15 annual hours) & the L.A. Juvenile Mentorship Program. She also devotes about 50 hours a year to Public Counsel in L.A. She wants to 1, Make the world better, 2, Feel good about herself volunteering, & 3, Increase her skills & knowledge.

Suzette Clover established the Sara Evelyn Clover Memorial Scholarship at Glendale Community College, which helps one to four students with a total of \$4,000 of annual scholarships. She dedicates 20 to 40 hours yearly to this & the same number of hours to Altrusa International, a women's service organization which has helped many people in the community. She also gives five to ten annual hours to California Literacy in Pasadena. She has volunteered for the last 27 years to Feel good about herself doing it & to Make the world better.

Michelle Tabb checked all four of the reasons for volunteering on the survey. In her words, "Boy Scouts of America, Unit #273, are a thriving group of boys ages 6-17 who are being educated spiritually, academically & physically to achieve the highest goals possible in life. We have been in existence since August 1991. This unit began with five scouts & has continued to grow with a current membership of 30 boys. These boys come from all cultures, & community & family backgrounds with the common goal of brotherhood & love for one another. As a Cub Scout Den Leader volunteer, I make it a priority to teach scouts in the 1st-5th grades to love God, themselves & each other through training (workbook requirements for each rank must be completed by each scout) that covers religious, academic, sports & community skills. Our scout meetings are held twice a month & meetings are held with our parents once a month. Camping trips are three times a year. Field trips to California Science Center, Traffic & Bicycle Safety Training classes, Peterson Automotive Museum, Sea World (Youth Patch Program), & Rockwell International Center are examples of educational & fun places we expose our scouts to...We have an annual Scouting for Food drive where each scout family donates a minimum of four canned goods. The scouts also go out into their communities & ask neighbors & friends for canned good donations which are turned in for state-wide distribution to those in need. Each year we also donate & collect toys & deliver them to Children's Hospital in L.A. for their patients. Annually, our Boy Scout Unit visits a Senior Citizen home & the scout leaders & the boys give the patients companionship. The scouts make cards & give candy cane gifts to patients also. The third Sunday of each month we celebrate Scouting Sunday & all of our scouts worship at our Chartered Organization's location which is Lewis Metropolitan CME Church in L.A. with our Christian Men's Fellowship for spiritual enrichment."

To Make the world better & to feel good about himself doing it, one volunteer devotes about 60 annual hours to mentoring & providing scholarships to disadvantaged students through the Fulfillment Fund & 20 annual hours to Five Acres in Altadena, which gives shelter & family services to abused & neglected children. He has done this work for the last four years, helping 2000 people.

In every community there is work to be done.
In every nation there are wounds to heal.
In every heart there is the power to do it.
Marianne Williamson

US Attorney Reasons for Volunteering

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