

# How to be a Great Volunteer!

## *Tips on Volunteering from the Volunteer Center of Greater Milwaukee*

Volunteering involves giving your time to an organization, but great volunteers also give a part of themselves! A great volunteer:

- Is loyal to the mission of the organization and aware of the positive results of the programs.
- Is willing to learn something new . . . and **try** something new! This could include a new skill, a new task, or meeting new people (for example, older adults or people with disabilities).
- Is open to the possibility of change, both within themselves and in the people they encounter while volunteering.
- Will take initiative in finding ways to be helpful.
- Shares skills, energy and enthusiasm on the volunteer assignment.
- Can communicate their needs and concerns about the volunteer experience. They ask questions whenever necessary.
- Is realistic about the time they have available to volunteer.
- Is flexible! Things may change from week to week, and volunteering may not be exactly what you thought, so be flexible. Volunteering may be better than you ever imagined!
- Takes commitment seriously, keeps appointments and schedules, or calls in advance to make any necessary changes.

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