



To Make Volunteerism a Part of Everyday Life

Who We Are:

In Texas, helping one another goes with the territory. In 2009, the Volunteer Center of North Texas celebrated 38 years of helping people help others. A 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization, the Volunteer Center of North Texas has played matchmaker to thousands of nonprofit organizations needing assistance – and countless volunteers anxious to help them. Since 1971, organizations serving a myriad of causes addressing everything from animal advocacy to violence prevention have relied on the Volunteer Center as their source of volunteers who want to make a difference.

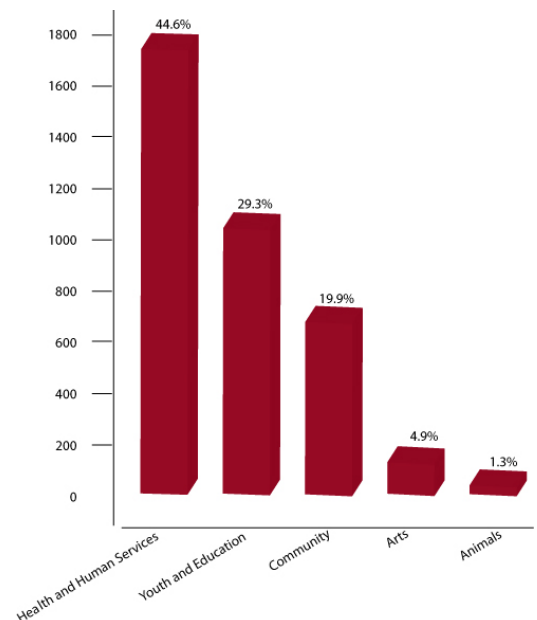
The Volunteer Center of North Texas continues to promote volunteerism by working with individuals, groups, schools and businesses, to recruit and refer volunteers and resources for more than 1,655 nonprofit agencies in North Texas. The total value of donated time and goods exceeds \$60.5 million each year.

2008 At Glance:

The Volunteer Center of North Texas (VCNT)'s primary service areas include Collin, Dallas, Denton and Tarrant counties, although we also serve nonprofits in many other surrounding counties.

VCNT's member and partner nonprofits serve all areas of the North Texas community, with impact areas that include Literacy and Education, Animal Support, Children and Youth, Citizen Action, Community Enrichment, Disaster Relief, Employment and Career, Environment, Health and Wellness, Homelessness, Hunger, Revitalization and Seniors.

- Member Agencies - 1,655
- Volunteer Referrals - 79,560
- Volunteer Placements - 19,890
- Volunteer Projects in Non-profits - 1380
- Volunteer Project Leaders Trained - 76
- Partnerships with Schools/Universities - 53
- Volunteer Fairs - 4 supporting 85 agencies
- Youth Interns Placed -125 (high school & college students)
- Donated Goods-Value \$5.64 million
- Corporate Membership Partners Program -15
- Corporate Supporters - 50 (cash and in-kind donations)
- Criminal Background Checks - 52,422
- Trainings conducted - 55
- People trained - 1,398
(*non-profit volunteer managers, community project leaders, disaster volunteers and probation officers*)
- Volunteer Hours contributed through Criminal Courts - 516,000
- Agencies receiving Criminal Court Volunteers - 533





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History:

In February 1971, four Dallas leaders put their heads and hearts together to form a new agency to recruit and refer volunteers to Dallas nonprofits, acting as a centralized clearinghouse. Incorporated as a 501(c)(3), the Dallas Voluntary Action Center was born, eventually renamed the Volunteer Center of Dallas County, and, after merging with the Tarrant and Collin volunteer centers, the Volunteer Center of North Texas.

When it first opened in 1971, the Volunteer Center operated from an office in downtown Dallas. Several years later, thanks to the generosity of the Meadows Foundation, the Volunteer Center moved to the Wilson Historical District to an impressive, two-story building. Located at the intersection of Live Oak and Texas streets, its completion in 2000 represented North Texas' commitment to volunteerism, as well as the significant role the agency now plays in organizing and promoting community involvement throughout the region.

In 2005, following hurricanes Katrina and Rita, VCNT entered into talks with the first responder organizations it had worked with during disaster relief efforts – the American Red Cross, The Salvation Army and the North Texas Food Bank. Emphasis was on how the four could work together to better serve the community in the event of another large-scale disaster. Over the course of the intervening years, talks intensified until a collaboration unprecedented in any other community in the U.S. was born.

