

Why People Volunteer

1. To feel needed
2. To share skills
3. For a change of pace
4. To get to know a new community or neighborhood
5. To help someone
6. Because a family member or friend pressured them
7. To gain leadership skills
8. To get a charge from being a leader
9. To act out a fantasy
10. To do their civic duty
11. To earn academic credit
12. To be with people who are different than themselves
13. To keep busy
14. The agency is geographically accessible
15. To do something with a friend or family member
16. To learn the truth
17. To do one's share
18. To see that resources are well allocated
19. For recognition
20. To make new friends
21. To explore a career
22. Parenthood
23. To demonstrate commitment to a cause or belief
24. To help a family member

25. As therapy
26. To do something different than their daily job
27. For fun!!!
28. For religious reasons
29. To keep skills alive
30. To repay a debt
31. As an excuse to do something they love
32. To donate their professional skills
33. As a family tradition
34. To be able to criticize without personal jeopardy
35. Because there is no one else to do it
36. To get the meals, transportation, or other benefits
37. To assure progress
38. To protect clients from an institution
39. To feel good
40. To have an impact
41. Because their boss expects it
42. To be part of a team
43. To learn something new
44. To be an advocate
45. To gain status
46. To get out of the house
47. For freedom of schedule
48. Because they were asked

49. Because of who did the asking
50. To test themselves
51. For escape
52. To become an "insider"
53. To be an agent of change
54. Because of their personal experience with a cause or problem
55. Guilt
56. Interest in or concern for the particular client group
57. To gain access to services for themselves
58. To be challenged
59. To experiment with new ways of doing something
60. As an alternative to giving money
61. To be a watchdog
62. To feel proud
63. To stand up and be counted

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