DIRECTOR’S CORNER

What a long, strange trip it’s been! Summer is here in full force now - normally a time to slow down, sit a spell and fan yourself on the front porch. Of course, we have all been forced to slow down since March!

Lately, there has been much to worry about. Our government, our country, the whole world seems to be in turmoil. But then I remember all of our agencies and volunteers who are helping people and not worried about what the future may bring. They’re so involved in this minute that there is no time for worry. And that is what everyone should be doing.

If you’re busy doing something useful, you won’t have time to worry about the future or what may or may not happen.

May this summer season bring you no worries, only joy and happiness and the knowledge that we all are changing the world for the better!

STATISTICS

New Volunteers: 10
Total Volunteers: 272
Total Stations: 58
Volunteer Hours: 3,313
Value of Hours: $69,053.34

(According to federal guidelines, the value of a volunteer’s time $21.92 per hour.)
Normally in this newsletter we would tell you about how tax season finished and talk about our recognition luncheon. But this year, tax season is still going on and we haven’t had a recognition luncheon - yet. (We are still hoping to have one this year!).

Tax volunteers are continuing to file returns until mid-June, and the filing deadline is July 15th, so we are not quite at that finish line. There are not many special events being planned or carried out at this time since everything is still in limbo, and volunteer opportunities are at a standstill until places can reopen more fully and people can safely return to normal activities.

We have tried to keep in touch with volunteers through mailings, phone calls, and Facebook - but we yearn for the day when we can talk to people face-to-face instead of mask-to-mask and get some good hugs!

Our Success Story continues to be our volunteers and nonprofits who are continuing to do everything they possibly can to help everyone else through this pandemic.

Ashley Baccus, from the Etowah Baptist Mission Center, would like to recognize Vicky Griffin for all the hard work she does for the Mission Center. She has been so faithful to show up and help others who are suffering through this Pandemic. She is self-less and has a heart of gold. Vicky does not meet a stranger and loves people. Her heart belongs to Jesus and her life proves it. Keep up the good work Vicky!

The winner of our on-time time sheet drawing is Ms. Marie Cylar. Ms. Cylar is a caller for the Etowah Historical Society. She has been an RSVP volunteer for 14 years and counting. She has a total of 2,017 hours on record! Thank you Ms. Cylar!
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