



Volunteer News

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INTERESTING TRIVIA IN HONOR OF NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK, APRIL 19 – 25, 2009

Did you know?

- ⇒ National Volunteer Week began in 1974 when President Richard Nixon signed an executive order establishing it as an annual celebration of volunteering.
- ⇒ Data from the Longitudinal Study of Aging found that individuals who volunteer have lower mortality rates than those who do not.
- ⇒ According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor, about 60.8 million people volunteered through or for an organization at least once between September, 2006 and September, 2007.
- ⇒ According to the Independent Sector's "Giving and Volunteering in the United States," based on a national survey of more than 4,000 adults:
 - 89% of households give to charity
 - The average annual contribution for contributors is \$1,620
 - 44% of adults volunteer
 - 83.9 million American adults volunteer, representing the equivalent of over 9 million full-time employees!
- ⇒ In 2008, Wayne County Children Services' volunteers invested 2,458.50 hours in the children of our community.



And, the most amazing trivia (drum roll, please!)...

...According to the research from The Independent Sector, the estimated hourly rate in 2007 for each volunteer hour is equivalent to **\$19.51!**

Now, that's pretty impressive! Don't you think!?!

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In recognition of Child Abuse Prevention Month (April) and National Volunteer Recognition Week (April 19 – 25), I wish to thank ALL individuals who serve as volunteers and support our volunteer program. As the saying goes, "It takes a village to raise a child," and that is proven time and again by all of you who volunteer and support our agency. Each time you give to our agency, whether it be by spending time with a child or making an in-kind or monetary donation, you make a difference – so from the bottom of my heart –

THANK YOU!