Volunteer Phoenix Newsletter

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Hello Volunteer Community!

This is an unprecedented time when just staying home is one of the best ways to support the nation’s response to the COVID-19 national emergency. This is why we have paused many of the City’s volunteer programs, with the exception of critical public safety volunteer programs. We will continue to follow the recommendations of experts at the national, state and local levels in this regard. However, there are some organizations providing critical services during this time that may be suitable for some in the volunteer community. We will share some of these opportunities, however, they are not official programs of the City of Phoenix.

Food Banks - Packing Food Boxes

Arizona Food Bank Network: Volunteers are needed at hundreds of food pantries throughout the Valley, helping in a variety of ways to get food to those in need. The easiest way to find a food pantry in your area is by using AzFBN’s online directory to search by zip code, and then calling the agency to see how you might be able to safely help out. AzFBN’s online directory: azfoodbanks.org/index.php/foodbank/index/
Blood Donation

Donating blood is an easy way to give back to those who need it most in our community. Consider donating blood through the American Red Cross during this difficult time in order to help alleviate the stress of shortened supply of blood in Arizona.

Support Small Businesses

Small businesses are at the heart of community and culture in Arizona. These businesses are being heavily affected by social distancing practices. Local First Arizona asks you to consider buying a gift card to your favorite local coffee shop or stopping to pick up takeout from your favorite local restaurant.

Check-in on Those in your Community

It may seem small but acts of human kindness can go a long way during times of uncertainty. Phone a friend or check in on a neighbor or family member. This can be an overwhelming experience for each and every one of us, but supporting each other can go a long way in building a better community.

Phoenix Convention Center Drive-Up Donation

In March, Phoenix Fire and Phoenix Police collected unopened medical/sanitation materials
for first responders and medical professionals through a drive-up donation drive that took place at the Phoenix Convention Center.

Thank you to AmeriCorps members Elizabeth and Dakota from the Phoenix City Manager’s Office and Housing Department for lending a hand at this event!

This donation drive has been moved to the Maricopa Health Clinic at 1645 E. Roosevelt. This drive will run M-F, 9AM-1PM. For more information and what can be donated: maricopa.gov/5523/Get-Involved-and-Find-Help

Duet AZ is in Need of Volunteers for Critical Services

Duet offers free-of-charge services to homebound adults, family caregivers, faith communities and grand families. Even a few hours a week goes a long way. Volunteers with an Arizona Level 1 finger print clearance card are needed. Support includes grocery shopping for seniors. Other opportunities include check-in phone calls to seniors from your own home. More information: duetaz.org. Note: Duet is not an official partner of the City of Phoenix.

City of Phoenix VITA Program

Temporarily suspended as a precaution related to COVID-19. You can still complete your own simple taxes for free at myfreetaxes.com. For more information, please visit www.phoenix.gov/eitc.

For additional volunteer opportunities please visit the Governor’s volunteer resource page!