



Volunteers Impacting Community



Volunteer Phoenix Newsletter

March 2019

Hello Volunteer Community! This month we would like to highlight the Eototo Mini Park Community in Council District 8 and their tree planting efforts. Citizen Foresters, Parks and Neighborhood Services staff and community members teamed up to plant 5 trees to provide shade as a part of the city's Heat

ReadyInitiative. Thank you for volunteering.

City of Phoenix: National Service Recognition Day Highlight



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National Service Recognition Day provides a unique opportunity for thousands of local leaders across the country to honor their local AmeriCorps members and Senior Corps volunteers. The City currently hosts eight AmeriCorps VISTA members and 10 AmeriCorps members – with more opportunities available, find out more here. Last year, more than 5,200 city, county, and tribal leaders across the country – representing more than 216 million Americans - united in support of national service!

Watch for videos @myvolunteerPHX#NationalService Works in the coming weeks.



City of Phoenix Citizen Forester Program: Highlights

Members from the Citizen Forester Program along with the City's Parks and Recreation staff participated in several tree planting initiatives in March. On March 2 Parks and Recreation staff along with Citizen Foresters planted 5 trees to provide shade to the Eototo Mini Park. This service day was hosted by Councilwoman Mendoza and The District 8 Office. Find out more about the Citizen Forester Program [here](#).



On March 5 Environmental Biology students at GateWay Community College became Citizen Foresters under the guidance of City of Phoenix Arborist Richard Adkins. The students participated in a workshop that explored the importance and benefits of urban forests and how to properly plant and care for trees in a desert environment. Adkins also led students through planting a tree of their own on campus. Students are invited to continue to participate in the Citizen Forester Program to complete service-learning hours for their Biology class or future classes. This is part of Volunteer Phoenix – Maricopa County Colleges service learning opportunity.



Volunteer Phoenix We're Cool Heat Ready Initiative

Last year with ongoing efforts from Phoenix CERT Volunteers and AmeriCorps VISTA members over 1,598 bottles of water were distributed and over 200 hours of volunteering hours occurred. These volunteer groups work together to distribute cooling center maps, water, sunscreen and visors to those in need of support.

Outreach efforts are ramping up and we will need volunteers to assist with this year's We're Cool Initiative.

For more information and to get involved contact Elizabeth Planas at Elizabeth.Planas@Phoenix.gov



Volunteer Phoenix and Maricopa County Alternative Spring Break: Highlight

Sixty Maricopa County Community College students joined forces with Rio Salado Habitat Restoration Area to help improve natural desert landscapes March 11th. During this Alternative Spring Break experience, MCCC students worked alongside Rio Salado Rangers and city employees to augment trails, plant trees, and remove trash. Many students used the experience to satisfy service-learning assignments, Honors projects, or volunteer hours for scholarship applications. The effort was led by GateWay Community College and Volunteer Phoenix.