

Community Service

Within the Mission Statement of MRSPA is cited “the myriad of volunteer activities” through which MRSPA promotes community service. A list of the activities which local associations have used as community service projects through the years is attached. This list is meant to serve as suggestions and not meant to limit the creativity of the locals.

MRSPA works with Partners in Care (PIC) and Share Our Strength: No Kid Hungry and encourages local associations to work with these groups as well.

One of the goals of the MRSPA Community Service Committee is to recognize local associations and individual members with awards. These are presented at the Annual Meeting. The nomination forms for these awards are included in this manual and may be downloaded as needed from the MRSPA website, www.mrspa.org.

MRSPA encourages locals to apply for other recognitions through groups such as The Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame (MSCHF), www.mschf.org , and AARP REA Unit Community Service Awards, www.aarp.org. MRSPA also works with NRTA: *AARP’s Educator Community* and submits nominations for the NRTA *With Our Youth!* Program. Information may be found at www.aarp.org/nrta.

The MRSPA Community Service Committee encourages local associations to publicize their projects and awards in local newspapers and through articles in the MRSPA newsletter.

**Maryland Retired School Personnel Association Community Service
Local Association Nomination Form**

(Please return to MRSPA on or before April 1, 2017)

Name _____ Phone No. _____

Local _____

Project Title(s) _____

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: (Please address the questions on the form.)
Project should have been completed in the 2016-2017 year.

1. Offer details such as how many members' hours or days per week/month that have been dedicated to this project.

2. What and where is the work performed?

3. Did you collaborate with other organizations? If yes, please specify.

4. Why is the work needed? (Share information about size and current state of the community.)

PROJECT IMPACT:

1. Describe the "difference made" by the volunteers.

2. How are people benefiting from the service?

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Give a brief (100 words or less) description of the project(s).

You may submit a photo of the project if you wish. Please
mail or email to MRSPA on or before April 1, 2017

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**Maryland Retired School Personnel Association Community Service
Individual Nomination Form (one individual per local association)**

(Please return to MRSPA on or before April 1, 2017)

Name _____ Phone No. _____

Local Association _____

Submitted by _____

To be eligible, the nominee must be a member of the Local Association and MRSPA.
The individual member must be notified to ensure the information provided is correct.

LIST ALL VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES	
Hours Per Week/Month	
What/Where Performed	
Why Needed	

Impact of Volunteerism:

Summary of Volunteerism:

Give a brief (100 words or less) description of volunteer activities.

You may submit a photo if you wish.
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Community Service Activities

For the community

- Collect food for the food pantry, rotating organizations
- Collect hats, gloves and coats
- Recognize volunteer hours, recognize one organization
- Supports Hospice
- Support women's shelter
- Docents for the School House
- Work with Lions Club to fill and deliver holiday baskets
- Adopt a family at Christmas
- Volunteer with Partners in Care
- Work with community organizations to assist them with community needs
- Volunteer as Bell-Ringers for the Salvation Army
- Recognize volunteers by maintaining a plaque in the Board of Education Board Room
- Provide scholarships to school employees
- Donate to Festival of Trees
- Donate to Live on Stage
- Donate to the Literacy Council
- Volunteer for charity walks (Cancer, Alzheimer's)
- Donations of books to the public library (memorial gifts)
- Support the Shoe Fund, Shoes from Payless
- Contribute money or goods to charity groups (United Way, Community centers, Goodwill, Salvation Army)
- Blood bank
- Support nursing home (walker saddle bags, birthday party, visits, bingo, card games)
- Assist Board of Education with mass mailings, packets, etc.
- Volunteer with the Literacy Council

For our youth

- Collect change of clothing for kids donated to school nurses
- Collect hats, gloves and coats, clothing for students
- After-prom party
- Care packs of food sent home for the weekend
- Docents for the School House
- Provide books/magazines for kids (a library in a low income housing complex, for kids in Title I schools)

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- Provide guest readers at schools
- Work with a quilting club
- Provide school supplies/backpacks for students
- Provide scholarships to graduating seniors
- Volunteer with the Literacy Council
- Collect and donate toys at Christmas (Toys for Tots, Toys for Happiness)
- Support for school groups (Marching Band)
- Volunteer at schools
- Funds to a graduating student for senior year expenses
- Adopt a Title I school to donate library books
- Adopt a Title I school to donate school supplies for needy kids