

Center for Volunteers and Nonprofit Leadership – Day of Service Events

One hundred thirty-six Solano County Volunteer Center volunteers made thousands of phone calls to older adults ages 69 years and older and those living with disabilities in Solano County as part of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic health emergency. Volunteers, including nursing students, community college students and AmeriCorps volunteers checked in with older adults to see if they needed access to food, meals, housing, transportation, medical, in-home support services, financial and/or rental assistance and mental health services due to isolation. Volunteers made a total of 37,496 phone calls – totaling 2,080 hours.

County Counsel

One volunteer assisted the County Counsel department with 80 hours aiding with research activities for attorneys and staff.

District Attorney

Fifteen volunteers assisted the District Attorney’s office with 3,416 hours of volunteer service in 2020. Whether as a post-bar or pre-bar intern, an attorney or investigative assistant, a volunteer to the support staff, or even one of the canine volunteers, these individuals augment the ability of the District Attorney’s Office to provide services, such as legal research, responding to motions, assisting in misdemeanor and juvenile cases and helping discovery.

General Services – Nut Tree Airport

Five volunteers working with the General Services Airport division worked 10 hours, supporting the Nut Tree Advisory committee.

General Services – Historical Records Collection and Preservation

Five volunteers worked 5 hours in support of the County’s Historical Records Collection and its mission to preserve and assist the public in accessing historic records.

Health and Social Services – Behavioral and Mental Health Services

Behavioral and Mental Health Services had six volunteers serve a combined 539 hours supporting programs that serve under-represented populations, including women and children. Volunteers also helped recruit, interview and assist in training In Home Support Services (IHSS) caregivers, including making recommendations on how to improve the program.

Human Resources

Four volunteers served a combined 59 hours of service supporting the County’s Human Resource department by staffing the Local Assistance Center during the LNU Lightning Complex fire event in August 2020. Volunteers also made masks for the Sheriff’s Office in support of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Library and Literacy Services

Combined, the Solano County Library and Literacy Services programs benefits the most from community volunteers – more than any other department, program or service. With an army of 354 volunteers, the Solano County Library and Literacy Services provided 10,316 hours of service in 2020. The Literacy Program is in its 27th year of helping adults improve reading, writing and English-speaking skills in on-on-one or small group situations.

Probation and Juvenile Hall Services

Eight volunteers served a collective 1,033 hours to support Probation and Juvenile Hall services, including religious and church services, mentoring, asset building, assistance with school, career planning and more. Volunteers help support the departments goal of providing programs and services that help offenders change behavior and become productive members of the community.

Sheriff – Office of Emergency Services

The Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services (OES) volunteers are specifically trained or experienced volunteers who support the County's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) during activations, exercises and training programs, including search and rescue, the dive team and auxiliary communication services. Seventy-nine volunteers gave 4,688 hours assisting OES staff in 2020, including thousands of hours in mutual support for the LNU Lightning Complex Fire.

Sheriff – Animal Care Services

The Sheriff's Office, Animal Care Services division is responsible for all the stray, injured and owner surrendered animals for the seven cities and unincorporated Solano County. Thirteen volunteers gave a combined 496 hours of community service in 2020 by helping shelter employees with the care and wellbeing of animals, including feeding, walking, socializing and assisting before, during and after adoption events.

Sheriff – Coroner's Office

The Sheriff's Coroner's Office volunteers help forensic pathologists in performing autopsies, facility sanitation, preparing samples for lab testing, stocking supplies, preparing autopsies reports, responding to death scenes and helping collect and process evidence. Ten volunteers gave a combined 1,744 hours of service to the Coroner's Office in the Sheriff's Department.

Sheriff – Religious Services

Twenty-nine volunteers gave a combined 1,738 hours of service in support of the Sheriff's Office in 2020, providing religious and spiritual support services to inmates, giving them hope and opportunity for the future.

Veterans Services Office

Ten volunteers gave a combined 895 hours in 2020 to help members of the Solano veteran's community gain access to the programs and services to which they are entitled because of their service to this country.

UC Cooperative Extension – 4H Youth Development, Food Preservers and Master Gardener Programs

The UC Cooperative Extension's volunteers service to the community as part of its 4-H Youth Development Program. Volunteers serve in a variety of capacities, ranging project leaders, community club leaders, resource leaders and serving on the 4-H Leadership Council. Altogether, the 113 4-H volunteers have more than 892 combined years of volunteer service to the community. Although their exact number of hours was not tracked, it is estimated to be in the hundreds of thousands.

The Master Food Preservers apply research-based practices to safely preserve food in the home, reduce waste and increase food security. Twenty-two Master Food Preservers gave a combined 1,986 hours of service in 2020 to provide engaging ways for Californians to explore healthy foods at home.

The 111 Master Gardener volunteers provided 4,875 hours of volunteer service, including research-based home gardening information to the public via workshops, events, school gardens, newsletters, blogs and hands-on demonstrations.