

Strengthening Florida; One Volunteer at a Time!



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ABOUT VOLUNTEER FLORIDA



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Volunteer Florida

Volunteer Florida was established in 1994 by the Florida Legislature to administer grants under the National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993.

Volunteer Florida is the Governor's lead agency for volunteerism and national service in Florida.

Volunteer Florida is governed by a Board of Commissioners appointed by the Governor and approved by the Florida Senate.



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- 1) Administers AmeriCorps programs
- 2) Coordinates volunteers and donations before, during and after disasters
- 3) Increases volunteerism through grants, trainings and recognitions
- 4) Manages the Volunteer Florida Foundation



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1) AmeriCorps in Florida



National service programs like AmeriCorps offer Floridians the opportunity to engage in intensive service to their community while increasing capacity for nonprofits and other service organizations.

20 Years of AmeriCorps

900,000 

THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE SERVED IN AMERICORPS SINCE 1994.

26,000 

THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE SERVED IN AMERICORPS FLORIDA SINCE 1994.

 **1,000,000,000** (1 billion)
THE TOTAL NUMBER OF HOURS SERVED BY AMERICORPS MEMBERS SINCE 1994.

 **36,000,000** (36 million)
THE TOTAL NUMBER OF HOURS SERVED BY AMERICORPS FLORIDA MEMBERS SINCE 1994.

 **\$2.4 billion** 

THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF EDUCATION AWARDS EARNED BY AMERICORPS MEMBERS SINCE 1994.

 **\$75.5 million** 

THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF EDUCATION AWARDS EARNED BY AMERICORPS FLORIDA MEMBERS SINCE 1994.

2) Emergency Management

Volunteer Florida is the lead agency for Emergency Support Function (ESF) 15, Volunteers and Donations, for the Florida Division of Emergency Management.



ESF 15 Roles and Responsibilities

- Coordinates with local and state government emergency management agencies to meet volunteer and donation needs
- Operates the Florida Volunteers and Donations Hotline: 1-800-FL-HELP-1
- Administers the Florida Disaster Fund
- Provides training and presentations on volunteer and donations management



3) Promoting Volunteerism

Volunteer Florida promotes volunteerism across Florida.

Activities include:

- Participate with local, regional, and statewide partners to address critical needs through volunteering and service
- Serve as speakers, advocates and educators on volunteer engagement
- Publicly recognize volunteers to increase visibility and engagement
- Support Volunteer Centers
- Liaise with the Florida Association for Volunteer Resource Management
- Implement Governor's Office and other high-level requests for volunteer programs and promotions



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Volunteer Generation Fund

VGF Focuses on increasing the capacity of organizations to recruit, manage, support and retain skills-based volunteers to serve in high-value volunteer assignments.

2016 VGF Grantees

- ▶ Boys And Girls Clubs Of Palm Beach County Inc
- ▶ Community Organizations Active in Disaster, Inc dba BRACE
- ▶ Catholic Volunteers In Florida Incorporated
- ▶ Chapman Partnership
- ▶ Community Action Stops Abuse Inc
- ▶ Family Support Services Of North Florida Inc
- ▶ Feeding Northeast Florida
- ▶ Flagler Volunteer Services, Inc.
- ▶ Florida Department of Health in Lake County
- ▶ Goodwill Industries Of North Florida Inc
- ▶ Growing Hope Foundation
- ▶ Gulf Coast Jewish Family And Community Services Inc
- ▶ Healthy Mothers-Healthy Babies Coalition Of Broward County
- ▶ Jewish Family And Community Services Of Southwest Florida
- ▶ Junior Achievement Of North Florida
- ▶ Lightner Museum Of Hobbies
- ▶ Parker Street Ministries, Inc.
- ▶ Rebuilding Together Broward County Inc
- ▶ Tallahassee Museum of History and Natural Science
- ▶ United Way Of Citrus County Inc

In 2015, Volunteer Florida invested
\$150,000
in **Volunteer Generation Fund**
grants to 15 non-profits.



These 15 non-profits recruited
6,476 skills-based
volunteers
who served



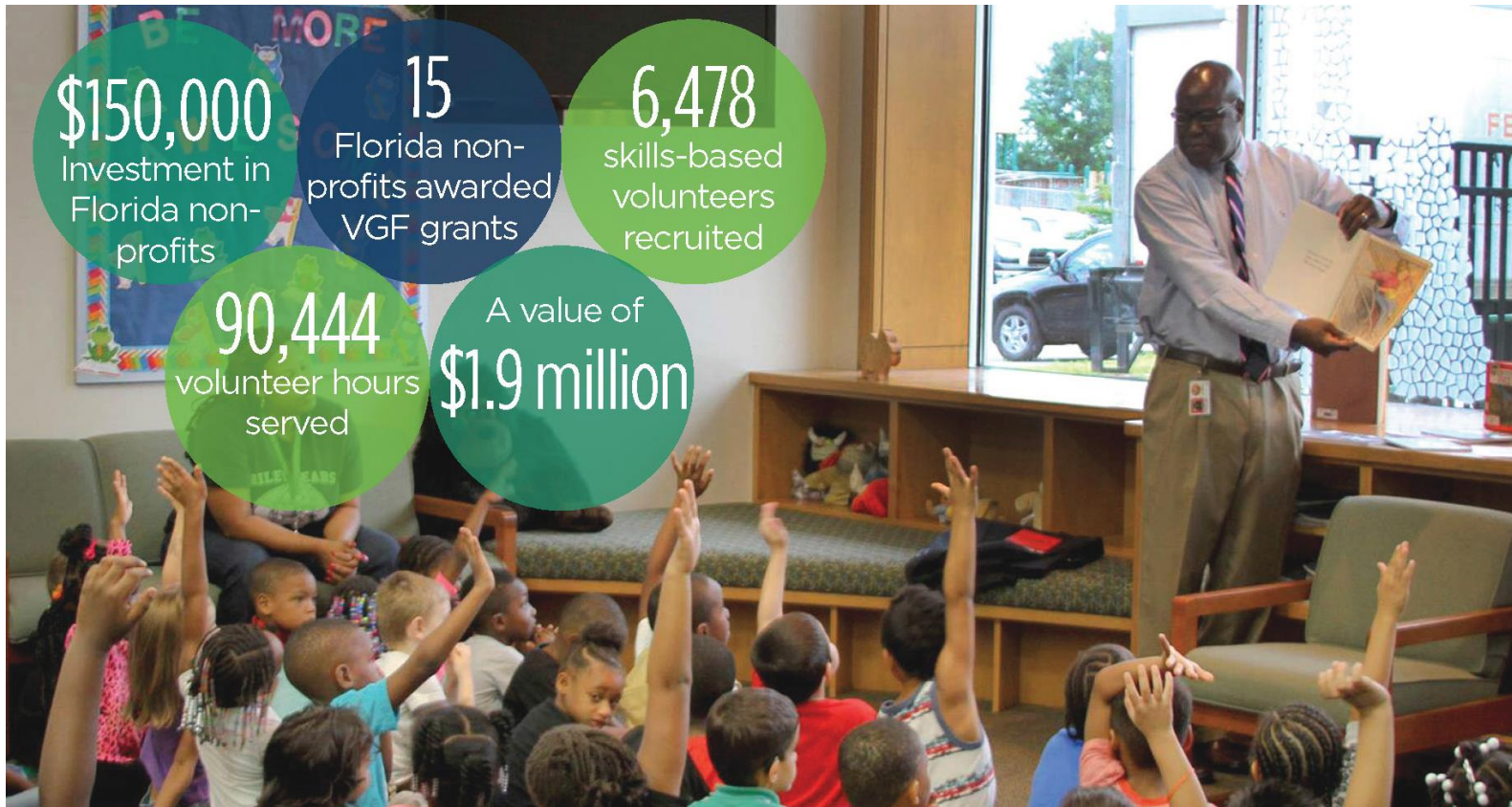
90,443 hours

A value of

\$1,954,484



Skills-based volunteering is a strategic type of volunteerism that expands the impact of community organizations by leveraging professionals' skills. From accountants to IT and management consultants, skills-based volunteers strengthen the operations of nonprofits while developing the volunteers' leadership capabilities.



Volunteer Generation Fund

2016- 2017 VGF

- Grants to an estimated 22 organizations at \$13,000/each
 - Engage skills-based volunteers and track hours of service
 - Increase capacity of nonprofits (volunteer management practices)
- **Check out VF Website- RFP and Training Assistance Webinar**
- **Application due to Volunteer Florida –August 22, 2016, 5:00 PM EST**



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Champion of Service Awards

The Champion of Service Award was established in 2013 by Volunteer Florida to honor individuals and groups for their outstanding efforts in volunteerism and service. This award is frequently presented by Governor Scott during Florida State Cabinet meetings.



4) Volunteer Florida Foundation

A non-profit charity, the Volunteer Florida Foundation raises funds to support Volunteer Florida in meeting important human needs across the state.



Governor's Initiatives

Volunteer Florida Foundation funds are also used to support many of Governor Rick Scott's special initiatives, including:

- Champion of Service Award
- Florida Black History Month
- Florida Disaster Fund
- Florida Hispanic Heritage Month
- Governor's Medal of Heroism
- Governor's Shine Award
- Governor's Veterans Service Award
- Gubernatorial Fellows Program
- Young Entrepreneur Award



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