



Providing Support to Volunteers
and Programs since 1973

Fall 2021

The Volunteer Network

**Thank you,
Rebecca!**



Rebecca Enberg, the Volunteer Network Director, retired from North Coast Opportunities in February 2021. Her leadership, over the past 6 years, helped to grow the Volunteer Network from several programs to 13 volunteer-based programs, recruiting and placing hundreds of volunteers in five counties. We are deeply grateful for her dedication to her programs and staff, NCO and her community.

Our **gratitude** to the Volunteers on the Front Lines

Our community has really stepped up during this pandemic, to help others during these challenging times:

- The Volunteer Network registered 64 Disaster Healthcare Volunteers in Mendocino County, serving over 2,900 hours, to provide no cost vaccines to anyone that needed them.
- In Lake County, 17 volunteers are assisting with The Lake County Community Food Drive, delivering to 787 households.
- There are over 100 non-medical volunteers providing over 1,000 volunteer hours at inland and coastal vaccine clinics.
- AmeriCorps Senior volunteers assisted with Lake County Public Health's COVID testing sites and vaccinations clinics. And local Lake County volunteers assisted Public Health with food deliveries to quarantine clients.
- In Mendocino County, 23 Volunteer Contact Tracers provided over 1,200 hours locally.
- Local Grocery Delivery volunteers have served 179 quarantined families, providing much needed food and supplies.

Thank you. You have made an incredible difference.

The recent surge in Covid cases this summer has created an additional need for volunteers to provide disaster response and support. There is a need for some additional Contact Tracing with Mendocino County and Vaccine Clinics are needed for booster shots this fall. Contact us, if you haven't already, to let us know your availability to continue to serve as a Disaster Healthcare Volunteer or a Contact Tracer. (707) 462-1959

Making a Difference in our Community

VITA Volunteer Income Tax Assistance:

This year, VITA volunteers stepped up to help local families get the tax refunds they deserved through free tax preparation assistance. In Mendocino County, 159 individuals and families had their tax returns accepted with 225 families served in Lake County. The results were \$393,678 in refunds returned to our local community. We are grateful to have so many dedicated VITA volunteers!

EarnIt!
KeepIt!
\$aveIt!

Foster Grandparent Program:



**AmeriCorps
Seniors**

Elementary schools throughout the region are now open but many schools are not allowing volunteers on campus. This may change and we will be in touch with the latest updates. We are very grateful for our Foster Grandparents who have been able to support local schools and teachers during Covid.

CERT Community Emergency Response Team:

During the pandemic, CERT volunteers were needed in a variety of new positions; vaccine clinics, grocery delivery and contact tracing. Plans to reconvene the local CERT teams are underway and notification of the next meetings (online and in person) will be out this fall. Stay tuned.



Ongoing and New Volunteer Opportunities:

Our ongoing programs not connected to the COVID response include:

- **Foster Grandparent Program** – Seniors serving in neighborhood schools
- **VITA Tax Program** – Volunteers providing Tax Preparation
- **Retired Senior Volunteer Program** – So many ways for those over 55 years old to serve locally
- **CERT Community Emergency Response Team** – Fall trainings available
- **Mendocino County Community Volunteers** – Animal shelter, local libraries, so many options

Volunteers Needed by County

Mendocino County:

Caring Kitchen, Good Company, Foster Grandparent Program, Meals on Wheels, The Garden Project, Animal Care, CHP and Cancer Resource Centers, Food Hub

Lake County:

Foster Grandparent Program, Senior Center's Meals on Wheels Program, VITA, Community Kitchen Project, CHP, CERT, Citizens Caring 4 Clearlake

Sonoma County:

Foster Grandparent Program, Redwood Empire Food Bank, Mentor Me

Humboldt and Del Norte Counties:

Foster Grandparent Program and Meals on Wheels

If you, or someone you know, has time to volunteer, please give us a call, we will find a place for you.

Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart.

- Elizabeth
Andrew



“Everybody can be great. Because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve. You don't have to know the second theory of thermodynamics in physics to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.”

- Martin Luther King, Jr.

Staff Updates

Monica Vanoven will be leading the Lake, Sonoma, Del Norte and Humboldt County Volunteer Network team going forward. She is joined on the staff by Karen Aguirre, Rainey Vanoven, Kaitlynn Young (Sonoma County), Kandace King (Humboldt County) and Kim Yost (Del Norte County).

Yvett Magallon will be leading the Mendocino County Volunteer Network team going forward. She is joined on the staff by Lenore Flanders, Kayla Harrison and Joan Reynolds.

Please don't hesitate to call the staff with any questions you may have about programs or volunteer opportunities. And a special "Thank You" to Holly Madrigal for providing valuable leadership this year.

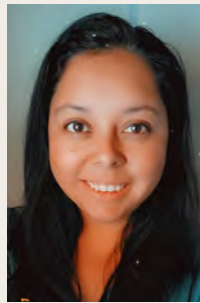


Meet the team committed to creating a great volunteer experience!

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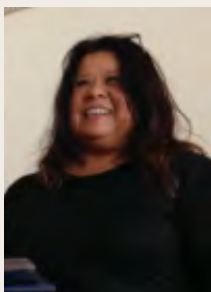


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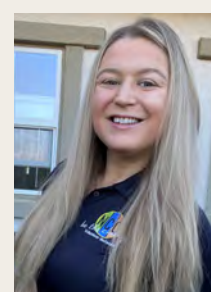
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