



MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Board Session Agenda Review Form

Meeting date: April 08, 2026

Department: Human Resources

Title: Presentation: 2025 Volunteer Annual Report and National Volunteer Week Proclamation

Management Update/Work Session Date: February 10, 2026 Audio/Visual aids [checkbox]

Time Required: 10-15 minutes Contact: Sherry Lintner Phone: 503-588-7990

Requested Action: Volunteer Services will share highlights of the 2025 Volunteer Annual Report and present the 2026 Volunteer Week Proclamation for adoption by the Board of Commissioners. The proclamation recognizes April 19-25, 2026 as Volunteer Week in Marion County.

Issue, Description & Background: Volunteer Services collects data from county departments that engage volunteers and compiles this information into the Annual Volunteer Report. In 2025, nearly 1,600 individuals contributed their time and expertise as Marion County volunteers, collectively providing 60,481 hours of service across county programs, divisions, and departments. National Volunteer Week (April 19-25, 2026) provides an opportunity to formally recognize the contributions and impact of volunteers and to promote continued community engagement. Adoption of the attached proclamation offers a meaningful way to acknowledge Marion County volunteers and the causes they support.

Financial Impacts: Volunteers have a direct impact on county services, and their contributions in 2025 are valued at over \$2.2M.

Impacts to Department & External Agencies:

List of attachments: 2025 Volunteer Annual Report and the 2026 National Volunteer Week Proclamation

Presenter: Sherry Lintner, Volunteer Services Coordinator, Human Resources

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# Marion County VOLUNTEER

## 2025 Annual Report

### By the Numbers

January 1 — December 31, 2025



Number of  
volunteers:

**1,587**



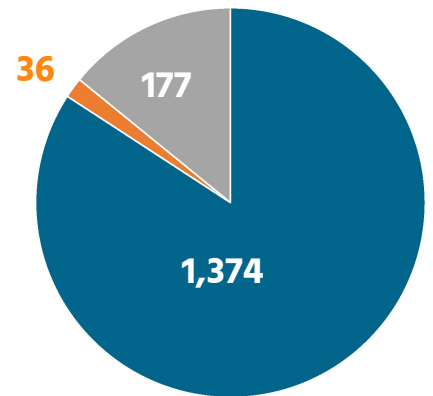
Hours  
Served:

**60,481**



\*Value of  
Hours Served:

**\$2.2M**



- Interns & Practicum Students
- Advisory Board Members
- Program Volunteers

\*Based on the Independent Sector's 2025 published rate for the State of Oregon, which values a volunteer's time at \$36.44 per hour. For the purpose of this report the volunteer hours and dollar value have been rounded to the nearest hour and dollar.

As we reflect on 2025, we recognize the vital role volunteers continue to play in advancing Marion County services and strengthening our community. Through the generous contribution of their time, energy, and expertise, volunteers help Marion County respond to the evolving needs across departments and within the broader community.

The 2025 Volunteer Annual Report demonstrates the breadth and impact of service throughout the year. From student internships to specialized program support, volunteers are integral partners in achieving county priorities and enhancing the quality of life for residents and visitors. In addition to program volunteers and interns, individuals appointed to advisory boards provide essential governance support across service areas. Their contributions promote transparency, strengthen community connections, and inform sound decision-making.

This report reflects the scale of individual involvement, and the impact across Marion County departments. It is a privilege to support the staff and volunteers whose contributions make this work possible. Marion County is truly powered by people who care!

Sherry Lintner  
Marion County Volunteer Services Coordinator





## Board of Commissioners Office

Hours of service: **374**

Valued at: **\$13,629**

**37** Volunteers serve as appointed members of the Public Safety Coordinating Council.

**1** Volunteer serves as Marion County's appointed representative on the Salem Foundation Distribution Committee.



## Clerk's Office

Hours of service: **104**

Valued at: **\$3,790**

**4** Volunteers serve as appointed members of the Property Value Appeals Board. Members hear and decide property owner appeals regarding the value of their property.



## Community and Economic Development Department

Hours of service: **33,640**

Valued at: **\$1,225,840**

**135** Volunteers help care for the dogs at the Marion County Dog Shelter helping to maintain the shelter, walk, train, transport, and foster dogs.

**8** Volunteers serve on the Marion County Fair Board. Members organize and manage the Marion County Fair, a four-day event celebrating the region's heritage, agriculture, and community.

**67** Event volunteers support the Marion County Fair helping with public competitions, information booths, and will-call.

**2** College students completed their internships.

**3** Volunteers serve as appointed members of the 4H & Extension Service District Budget Committee.

**723** Volunteers support 4H programs and Extension Services in Marion County.



## District Attorney's Office

Hours of service: **4,201**

Valued at: **\$153,075**

**11** Volunteers and interns support victims of crime as Victim Advocates and Sexual Assault Response Advocates.



## Finance Department

Hours of service: **32**

Valued at: **\$1,166**

- 3** Volunteers serve as appointed members on the Budget Committee, working along side the Board of Commissioners to prepare the County's annual operating budget.



## Health and Human Services Department

Hours of service: **5,737**

Valued at: **\$209,054**

- 15** Volunteers serve as appointed members of the Ambulance Service Area Advisory Committee.
- 7** Volunteers serve as appointed members of the Local Alcohol and Drug Planning Committee.
- 8** Volunteers serve as appointed members of the Intellectual and Developmental Disability Advisory Committee.
- 11** Volunteers serve as appointed members of the Mental Health Advisory Committee.
- 5** High school students serve on the Youth Voice Committee, a youth led collaborative focused on prevention and mental health.

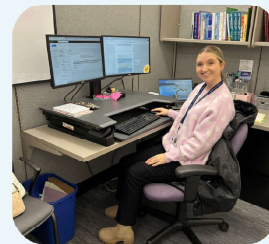
- 4** Students completed their internship with Addiction Treatment Services.

- 14** Students completed their internship with Behavioral Health Outpatient or Crisis Services.

- 5** Students completed their internship with Public Health.

- 3** Volunteers provided support to our Maternal Child Health Program.

- 3** Physicians served as volunteer Civil Surgeons.



## Human Resources Department

Hours of service: **113**

Valued at: **\$4,127**

- 3** Volunteers serve as appointed members of the Compensation Board. Members recommend compensation for the nine elected officials in Marion County.

- 22** Volunteers support special events and employee engagement activities.





## Justice Court

Hours of service: **84**

Valued at: **\$3,061**

- 2** Attorneys serve as appointed Justice of the Peace Pro-Tempore - providing coverage when the elected Judge is absent or has a conflict of interest.



## Juvenile Department

Hours of service: **1,954**

Valued at: **\$71,202**

- 3** Volunteers support administration and programs that serve youth.

- 1** Student completed their internship with the Probation team.

- 2** Students completed their internship with the Education and Counseling Program.

- 1** Student completed their internship with the Guaranteed Attendance Program.



## Legal Counsel

Hours of service: **183**

Valued at: **\$6,678**

- 4** Volunteers help to keep the Law Library's materials organized, in good repair, and up to date.



## Public Works Department

Hours of service: **2,674**

Valued at: **\$97,437**

- 10** Volunteers serve as appointed members of the Marion Water Quality Advisory Committee.

- 77** Individuals volunteered for Earth Day, a park clean up, tree planting event, or are seasonal hosts at a Marion County Park.

- 9** Volunteers serve as appointed members of the Planning Commission.

- 34** Volunteers support our Emergency Management team, enhancing our collective preparedness and response throughout Marion County.

- 10** Volunteers serve as appointed members of the Parks Commission.

- 26** Volunteers serve as appointed members of the Materials Management Advisory Council.

- 110** Adopt-A-Road volunteers help keep local roads clean and safe by regularly picking up litter and maintaining the area.

- 7** Volunteers serve as appointed members of a Service District or Service District Budget Committee.



Finance



Sheriff's Office

Hours of service: 11,385

Valued at: \$414,869

- 13** Youth participate in the Cadet Program, training and preparing for a career in law enforcement.
- 68** Individuals apply their unique skills and training to their volunteer work as a on the Search and Rescue Team.
- 5** Highly trained volunteers assist as a Reserve Deputy, providing valuable support and coverage including weekend patrols.
- 1** Student completed their internship with the Community Corrections Division.

**15** Volunteers serve as appointed members of the Sheriff's Community Advisory Committee.

**95** Support group volunteers provide faith-based and recovery support to adults in custody at the Marion County Jail.



*Congratulations!*

## Annual Volunteer Award Recipients

Each year the Board of Commissioners recognize our volunteers for their outstanding service to a county department, division, or program. Commissioners Kevin Cameron and Colm Willis, with help from Sheriff Nicholas Hunter, honored volunteers for their outstanding service at a special event during the 2025 Marion County Fair. Marion County Emergency Management Director Greg Walsh joined to present the award to Katherine Sullivan.

*Ananiah Johnston*

**2024 Youth Volunteer of the Year**  
Cadet Ananiah Johnston is recognized for her dedication and service to Marion County Sheriff's Office Cadet Program

**2024 Marion County Fair Public Competition Superintendents**  
Commissioner Colm Willis, Rebecca Kaufman, Dan Black, Carla Hatch, Sue Vezendental, Sheriff Nick Hunter, and Commissioner Kevin Cameron (not pictured: Darin DeCoster, Heidi DeCoster, and Erin Hough)

**2024 Commissioner Mary Pearmine Group of the Year**  
The 2024 Fair Public Competition Superintendents were named the outstanding group of the year. This award recognizes a group for their service to the county either through direct service or partnership.

*Jeanne Snyder*

**2024 Outstanding Department Volunteer Community Services**  
Jeanne Snyder is recognized for her dedication and service to Marion County Dog Services

*Rachael Federico*

**2024 Outstanding Department Volunteer Justice Court**  
Rachael Federico is recognized for her dedication and service to Marion County Justice Court

*Katherine Sullivan*

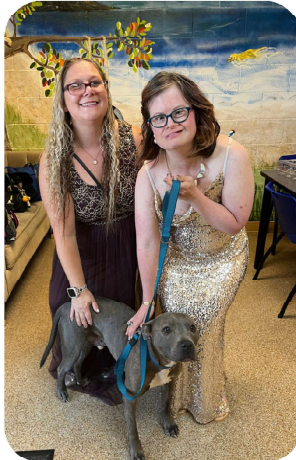
**2024 Outstanding Department Volunteer Public Works**  
Kathleen Sullivan is recognized for her dedication and service to Marion County Emergency Services

Award recipients not pictured: Oliver Beasley, 2024 Outstanding Department Volunteer, Legal Counsel

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# Marion County Volunteers in Action



Marion County extends its sincere appreciation to all volunteers whose time, skills, and dedication strengthen our programs and services. Your contributions directly support our mission and enhance the quality of life for our community.

We also recognize the staff who support, coordinate, and sustain volunteer engagement across departments. This work would not be possible without your commitment. Thank you for your continued service and partnership.

**Interested in volunteering with Marion County? Opportunities are available across a variety of departments and service areas. Visit our website or contact Volunteer Services to learn more about how to get involved.**

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**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
FOR MARION COUNTY, OREGON**

**In the matter of proclaiming April 19-25, 2026  
as Volunteer Week in Marion County**

**PROCLAMATION**

This matter came before the Marion County Board of Commissioners at its regularly scheduled public meeting on April 8, 2026.

**WHEREAS**, volunteers inspire, equip and mobilize to act and create positive change in our county; and

**WHEREAS**, during this week volunteers will be recognized for their commitment and service; and

**WHEREAS**, volunteers in Marion County play a crucial role in supporting the well-being of our community; and

**WHEREAS**, their efforts reflect a deep commitment to helping others and improving conditions in our community; and

**WHEREAS**, individuals and communities are at the heart of social change; and

**WHEREAS**, we recognize that government alone cannot address all our social challenges; and

**WHEREAS**, our county's volunteers are a priceless resource; and

**WHEREAS**, our volunteers give their time without expecting anything more than the satisfaction of making a positive impact; and

**WHEREAS**, these individuals are most deserving of appreciation and thanks; now

**THEREFORE**, we, the Marion County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim April 19-25, 2026, as **Volunteer Week** in Marion County, and urge our fellow citizens to volunteer in their respective communities.

Dated at Salem, Oregon, this 8th day of April 2026

**MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**



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