

Marion County VOLUNTEER

2019 Annual Report

By the Numbers

January 1-December 31, 2019





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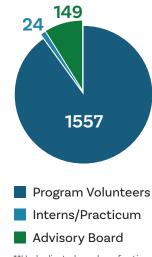
NUMBER OF HOURS:

105,661



VALUE OF HOURS:*

\$2,686,959



**Unduplicated number of active volunteers in 2019

*Based on the Independent Sector's 2018 published rate that values a volunteer's time at \$25.43 per hour. Total number of volunteers includes individuals who may be counted more than once because they serve in more than one role.



I'm excited to share information about Marion County volunteers, and their accomplishments in 2019. Volunteers contributed more than 105,661 hours of service last year, supporting dozens of programs and services.

Volunteerism plays an important role in Marion County, helping to build our relationship with citizens while building our capacity to deliver important services and supports. We are fortunate in Marion County as we benefit from a community committed to civic engagement, and many volunteers make significant contributions of time, energy and expertise throughout the year. It is with pleasure that I present the 2019 Annual Volunteer Report.

Sincerely,

Sherry Lintner Marion County Volunteer Services Coordinator



Board of Commissioners

Number of Volunteers: 31 • Number of Hours: 331

Value of Hours: \$8,417

Volunteer activities/roles: Budget Committee, Council of Economic Advisors, Public Safety Coordinating Council.

Spotlight: Thanks to the dedication of the Public Safety Coordinating Council and their partners, Marion County is positioned to make a positive impact on the lives of people in our community who have been impacted by crime. In 2019 the council successfully applied for a \$3.7M Justice Reinvestment grant, as well as a \$951,571 Supplemental Grant. This funding will provide important programs to deter recidivism and crime.





Business Services & Clerk Office

Number of Volunteers: 9 Number of Hours: 174

Value of Hours: \$4,424

Volunteer activities & roles: Compensation Board, Retirement Committee, Board of Property Tax Appeals.



Community Services

Number of Volunteers: 1,515 Number of Hours: 56,994

Value of Hours: \$1,449,357

Volunteer activities & roles: Children & Families Commission & Action Team Member, Marion County Fair Board & event volunteers, Marion County Reentry Initiative mentor & educator, dog walker, adoption & outreach ambassador, kennel assistant, canine foster care provider, 4-H leader, Master Gardener, Master Food Preserver, food safety & nutrition educators, youth camp volunteers, and more.

Spotlight: Dog Shelter

Volunteers helped to find permanent, loving homes for 479 dogs; place 136 dogs with specialty rescue organizations, and re-unite 805 dogs with their owners.

Spotlight: Marion County Fair

- 593 volunteers made the fair possible for 23,561 visitors.
- Volunteer superintendents organized and staffed 5,931 exhibit opportunities. 5,296 of those were youth open class or 4-H/FFA exhibits.

Spotlight: Extension & 4-H Service District

- 40 Master Food Preserver volunteers provided low-cost classes including Food Preservation Update, Basics of Pressure Canning, food specific preservation classes, and youth focused monthly classes.
- 4-H Youth Development volunteers contributed 9,128 hours providing club activities, camps, special events, STEP and other educational programming to local youth.









District Attorney's Office

Number of Volunteers: 53 Number of Hours: 18,902

Value of Hours: \$480,677

Volunteer activities & roles: Victim Advocate, Sexual Assault Response volunteer, law clerk, file clerk.

Spotlight: Victims Assistance

11 unpaid interns from 5 local colleges made a 6 month commitment to the program, providing at least 520 service hours. This is a significantly higher number of hours than most schools require. Interns played an important part in the program's ability to serve over 2,000 victims in 2019.





Health & Human Services

Number of Volunteers: 49 Number of Hours: 2,205

Value of Hours: \$56,073

Volunteer activities & roles: Assist with client & family interviews, scheduling appointments and other administrative duties, group facilitation & resource referral, develop and deliver educational materials on a wide variety of topics including nutrition, reproductive health, and immunizations.

Spotlight: Volunteer educators facilitate monthly "Eating for Two" and "Breastfeeding Essentials" classes for families served by WIC. A retired RN, volunteer Margaret B. comes with an extensive knowledge in maternal & child health. Families regularly comment that they really enjoy her teaching style. In 2019 Margaret worked with 144 families, providing important information and tools.





Juvenile

Number of Volunteers: 57 • Number of Hours: 997

Value of Hours: \$25,341

Volunteer activities & roles: Assist with intake paperwork, provide educational support & tutoring, plan and prepare materials for group and recreational activities, provide office and clerical support. In addition to program volunteers, Narcotics Anonymous and Ala-teen volunteers provide confidential counseling for youth impacted by addiction.

Spotlight: In 2019, volunteers tackled a long over-due project scanning and archiving over 417,000 pages of stored records. This greatly improved staff's ability to quickly access department records, and freed up much needed storage space.





Legal Counsel

Number of Volunteers: 3 ■ Number of Hours: 282

Value of Hours: \$7,171

Volunteer activities & roles: Organize shelves, legal forms and CLE resources, scan & copy duties, rebinding titles requiring repair.



Public Works

Number of Volunteers: 605 Number of Hours: 12,276

Value of Hours: \$312,165

Volunteer activities & roles: Litter pick up, storm drain marking, park hosting, recycling outreach & education, Community Emergency Response Teams, Medical Response Corp, Auxiliary Communications.

Spotlight: Environmental Services Master Recyclers

Environmental Services volunteers assisted with three unique events in 2019: a repair fair, a toy swap and a clothing swap. The events engaged the general public and encouraged residents to find fun, creative ways to reduce items that often end up in the trash bin. Volunteer "fixperts" were able to successfully repair 65 of the 89 items brought to the Repair Fair.



Citizens specially trained in preparedness & response dedicated over 9,300 hours to ensure Marion County is ready for the next emergency or natural disaster. In addition to basic disaster response, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and Medical Reserve Corp (MRC) volunteers promote fire safety, conduct light search and rescue, organize & assist in disaster medical operations, and much more.







Sheriff's Office

Number of Volunteers: 226 • Number of Hours: 13,502

Value of Hours: \$343,343

Volunteer activities & roles: Cadets, Parole & Probation Intern & Practicum students, Search & Rescue, faith based & 12-step program volunteers, Marine Patrol, administrative, and special event volunteers.

Spotlight: Cadets

In addition to completing the Sheriff's Office Cadet Acadamy over the course of 3 months, cadets attend regular meetings and commit to a minimum of twenty hours every month. In 2019 Cadets volunteered at more than 50 events, providing critical security and traffic control. Other activities include assisting deputies on ride-alongs, assisting with prevention education, crime scene security and community policing. In total, Cadets contributed 4,936 hours of service in 2019.

Spotlight: Search and Rescue

With six specialized units, Marion County's Search and Rescue volunteers contributed 5,140 hours of volunteer service in 2019. In addition to monthly training exercises that are unit specific, Search & Rescue volunteers attend at least one all unit training for the best possible coordination when the need arises.









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