

Volunteers In Partnership: Benefits of Volunteering

For Volunteers

VIP volunteers share that the benefits of volunteering are many including the *fulfillment* they feel by:

- Helping others
- Enjoying the experience
- Making a difference
- Connecting with others
- Honoring civic responsibility

Additional benefits include:

- Using their talents and skills in a meaningful way
- Gaining valuable work experience
- Exploring career possibilities
- Achieving new skills
- Making new friends

Volunteers also appreciate VIP's commitment to preparing them to be successful through the placement process which includes a personal interview and orientation. For specific placements, training is also available. The volunteers' service hours are on record with VIP. To assist our volunteers, VIP is happy to provide formal documentation and letters of reference when requested.

For Requestors of Volunteers

Part of the success of VIP rests on the willingness of district staff to have community volunteers placed in their classroom or program. More and more requests are directed to VIP because of the recognition of the value volunteers bring to the district in these ways:

- Provide more individual attention to students
- Allow teachers to prepare for projects and have more time with students
- Contribute to improved student achievement
- Make meaningful connections with students
- Provide support which allows staff to complete program responsibilities

For VIP

Finding meaningful placements for volunteers within the schools and programs of Robbinsdale Area Schools allows our program to make a significant contribution to the quality of our district and what it has to offer to the community.

For Robbinsdale Area Schools

VIP volunteers are a significant resource to the district toward its efforts to deliver a valuable education to youth and adult learners. Volunteers enhance the learning environment of our schools and programs through their contribution of time, talent, and vitality. Research shows that volunteers' positive experiences most often result in support of their public schools.



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