



# City of San Antonio Volunteer Newsletter



## A Big THANK YOU to all City of San Antonio Volunteers!

The City of San Antonio Volunteer Program would like to thank all of our volunteers for your continued support and participation in making a difference in San Antonio!

As you know, there have been some exciting new changes in recent months to our City Wide Volunteer Program, including the new webpage on the City's website. This site will easily allow potential volunteers to look at and sign up for upcoming volunteer opportunities, based on their skills and interests, within different City departments. If you have not had a chance to see our volunteer webpage, please click the following link <http://www.sanantonio.gov/commpa/Volunteer.aspx>.

Our Volunteer Program is committed to encouraging community participation and the comprehensive coordination of volunteers to enhance city services, and we couldn't do it without volunteers like you!

Sincerely,

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### Give Back! Volunteer Today!

The City of San Antonio wants your help!

- Animal Care Services
- Graffiti abatement
- Public Library
- Parks and Recreation

#### REGISTER TODAY!

[www.sanantonio.gov/commpa/volunteer.aspx](http://www.sanantonio.gov/commpa/volunteer.aspx)

See page 2 for additional upcoming events!

## Volunteer Highlights

### NCAA and Special Olympics at Lady Bird Johnson Park

On a cold Thursday in December, over 200 volunteers from the NCAA Division III soccer teams and the San Antonio Special Olympics planted a new garden and painted tables, goals and railings at LBJ Park. San Antonio firefighters from nearby Station 26 also came out to pitch in. Everyone did an amazing job and the park looks awesome. Thank you for partnering with us!

### ACS Volunteers Host Pet Pantry Drive

Thank you to ACS volunteers Jennifer, Jordan and Eric Watler for organizing an end of year 2013 donation drive at Architectural Management Services for the pet pantry. Turns out the AMS employees are BIG animal lovers (Jennifer is always networking our shelter dogs and trying to get her co-workers to foster or adopt) and they proved it by opening up their hearts and wallets to help community pets in need!



## Volunteer Highlights Continued...

### Congratulations to our volunteer winners of the 2013 Library Champions Award!



Nicasio Salenga (pictured left) volunteered over 1,000 hours with the city in the past 12 months.

This group of teens (pictured right) won for running a weekly tutoring program for younger students.



### 10th Annual Graffiti Wipeout

During the 10th Annual Graffiti Wipeout on October 19, 2013, City of San Antonio employees gave back to our community by painting over graffiti in several City Parks. Many thanks to the following departments:

- City Manager's Office
- Transportation and Capital Improvements
- Development Services
- Office of Sustainability
- Parks and Recreation
- Convention and Visitor's Bureau
- City Auditor's Office
- Library



## Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

### Friday, February 7 – 1:00pm-4:00pm: Blockwalking for ACS, meet at District. 1 Field Office

Volunteers are needed to help hang information on door knobs in targeted neighborhoods, letting them know that they are eligible to receive free spay/neuter surgeries for their pets and free rabies vaccinations. The volunteers walk in groups with a trained leader and we even supply lunch or breakfast for the volunteers (depending on which day they volunteer) and water while they are walking. For more information, please contact Jeanne Saadi at (210) 207-6644 or [Jeanne.saadi@sanantonio.gov](mailto:Jeanne.saadi@sanantonio.gov).

### 2 Saturdays every month 9:00am-11:00am: Graffiti Wipeout in District 7, locations TBD

A call for volunteers! Graffiti wipeouts will occur in District 7 on 2 Saturdays a month. Our Graffiti Wipeout Program does a number of things to decrease vandalism, such as painting over and removing graffiti on public property in parks and other areas in designated corridors. Upcoming scheduled dates are as follows: 2/15, 2/22, 3/8, 3/22, 4/12, 5/10, 5/31, 6/14, 6/28. For more information, please contact Lisa McKenzie at (210) 207-5430 or [lisa.mckenzie@sanantonio.gov](mailto:lisa.mckenzie@sanantonio.gov)

### Saturday, March 8— 9:00am-12:00pm: Tree Planting and Park Clean Up at Martinez Park

Volunteers will plant trees and paint park amenities during this fun park beautification event. Space is limited. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Gabriela Tello at (210) 207-2899 or [Gabriela.tello@sanantonio.gov](mailto:Gabriela.tello@sanantonio.gov)

To register as a volunteer for any of these opportunities, please click on the following link <https://www.volgestics.com/ex/portal.dll/ap?>