



City of San Antonio Volunteer Newsletter



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. Last year, the City of San Antonio's Volunteer Program had over 9,000 volunteers participate in city led volunteer events, totaling over 60,000 hours!

If you haven't registered as an official City of San Antonio volunteer, or would like to update your information, please visit our webpage at sanantonio.gov/volunteer.

The City's 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!

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Volunteer Highlights

Adopt-A-Park Volunteers in Action at MLK Park

In no time, the amazing volunteers from Alpha Tau Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. soared past the 150 hours of group volunteer service to receive their official Adopt-A-Park sign at MLK Park. They celebrated with a well-attended sign unveiling at the park on November 20, 2015. Their hard work and dedication to this beautiful green space over the past few months is inspiring and much appreciated by the San Antonio Parks and Recreation Department and the local community. They are already planning their volunteer workdays for 2016 to make the park shine!



McCullum High School Angels Help Seniors Celebrate the Holidays



The Hope of Glory Senior Center celebrated December Birthdays and Holiday Celebrations on Thursday, December 17. The McCullum High School Angels sang Holiday Carols and served lunch. The students did an amazing job by participating in art projects with the seniors throughout the year. Their enthusiasm helped spread Holiday cheer throughout the center. If you are interested in making a difference in the lives of seniors come volunteer at one of the City's operated senior centers.

For more information contact: Angel Lerma, Volunteer Services Coordinator, Senior Services Division, Department of Human Services at angel.lerma@sanantonio.gov

San Antonio Public Library Mini Maker Faire

The first annual San Antonio Mini Maker Faire, took place on October 17 from 11-4 at the Central Library (Auditorium and Plaza). Volunteers assisted more than thirty local Makers, as well as at three free hands-on workshops and two live musical performances.



Teen Makers ran exhibits focused on robotics, 3D printing, and computer programming, as well as one showcasing Teen Services at SAPL. Attendance at this event exceeded 1,000. Exhibits, workshops, and performances included hands-on weaving demonstrations, competitive FRC-league robots (built by high school robotics teams), a Raspberry Pi-powered photobooth, amplified viola and cello with a homemade robotic drummer, paper marbling, an electric water purification system, and an open-source 3D printed humanoid robot. Volunteers are an important part of making such an event possible. The next faire will be held on March 26, 2016.



Girl Scout troop donates to ACS

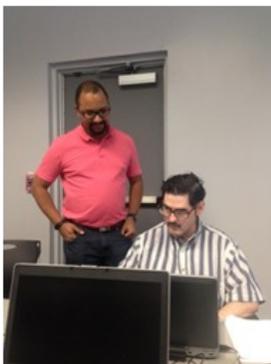
Many thanks to girl scout troop 472 who came in to ACS to donate blankets and other pet related items for our shelter's animals. The girls also stayed for a tour and learned about responsible pet ownership.



Volunteer Highlight—San Antonio Public Library

San Antonio Public Library Adult Digital Literacy Program

Led by Americorps VISTA volunteer, Molly McKenna, the San Antonio Public Library started an Adult Digital Literacy Volunteer program in 2015. Volunteers provide computer tutoring, teach classes in Internet Basics, Email Basics, Online Job Searching, Google Drive, Microsoft Word, Microsoft PowerPoint, and Microsoft Excel in underserved communities. Volunteers also assist patrons with instruction on how to use digital devices.



Volunteer led computer programs are active at Pan American, Las Palmas, Central, Semmes and Great Northwest Branch locations. More branch locations will be added in the next couple of months. This program complements the mission of the four Learn@SAPL Adult Learning Centers, providing patrons with the tools to be successful in the workplace. During the first six months of the program 13 volunteers donated 238 hours. Volunteers led 48 programs and served 242 patrons.

Molly has completed her year of service and SAPL is currently recruiting for another VISTA Volunteer to manage the ADLP. Recruiting is also ongoing for technology volunteers to teach classes and assist with curriculum development.

