

CelebrateService
National Volunteer Week
April 12-18, 2015

National Volunteer Week is about inspiring, recognizing and encouraging people to seek out imaginative ways to engage in their communities. It's about demonstrating to the nation that, by working together, we have the fortitude to meet our challenges and accomplish our goals.

Established by the Points of Light Foundation in 1974, National Volunteer Week continues to grow every year, with thousands of volunteer projects and special events scheduled throughout the week.



A Work of "Heart"

National Volunteer Week is also a time to celebrate people doing extraordinary things through service. Each year, the Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (DOCCS) takes this opportunity to express its appreciation to the 4,500 volunteers who serve inside its 54 correctional facilities across New York State.

Last year alone DOCCS Volunteers logged 80,000 hours of service, which translates to a value of \$2,540,000 in program time.



Volunteers provide over 600 programs statewide in areas such as religious services, educational tutoring, self-help support groups, recreation, cultural awareness, performing arts, employment search and skills development, community reentry and family reintegration.

National Volunteer Week is about taking action and encouraging individuals and their respective communities to be at the center of social change – discovering and actively demonstrating their collective power to make a difference.

Together, We Make A Difference!