



NATIONAL VOLUNTEER MONTH

APRIL 2010

WHAT IS NATIONAL VOLUNTEER MONTH?

Celebrating People in Action captures the meaning of this signature week: **Honoring the people who dedicate themselves to taking action and solving problems in their communities.**

Established in 1974 by former President, Richard Nixon, National Volunteer Week has grown exponentially in scope each year since, drawing the support and endorsement of all subsequent U.S. presidents, governors, mayors and other respected elected officials. United Way of Larimer County's Volunteer Center has extended National Volunteer Week to take place throughout the entire month of April to include numerous local events, and to continue to promote volunteerism throughout the whole year.

National Volunteer Month is about inspiring, recognizing and encouraging people to seek out imaginative ways to engage in their community. It's about demonstrating to the nation that by working together, in unison, we have the fortitude to meet our challenges and accomplish our goals. National Volunteer Month is about taking action, encouraging individuals and their respective communities to be at the center of social change—discovering and actively demonstrating their collective power to foster positive transformation.

National Volunteer Month presents an opportunity for individuals, families, nonprofit organizations and government entities alike to celebrate the ordinary people who accomplish extraordinary things through service. Events, opportunities and happenings will take place throughout the month to highlight volunteerism and the importance it holds in Larimer County.

The Volunteer Center wants to help you get involved in National Volunteer Month and is offering numerous resources to agencies, groups, youth, businesses, families and individuals to take part and to get involved. Special projects, volunteer recognition efforts, a calendar of one-time volunteer events, volunteer activities and more will be hosted and maintained throughout April.

HOW DO I TO GET INVOLVED?

Celebrate National Volunteer Month by taking part in the numerous celebrations and events that occur both locally and nationally.

VOLUNTEER

United Way of Larimer County will coordinate events in need of volunteers throughout the month. Visit www.uwaylc.org to register to volunteer.

Other organizations are also in need of assistance. To view more event opportunities, visit the Calendar of One Time Events (found at www.uwaylc.org).

RECOGNIZE PEOPLE IN ACTION!

Recognize yourself, your neighbor, your family member, your fellow volunteer-by recognizing their achievements. There are many ways to do this. Visit www.uwaylc.org for ideas how.

WHAT ELSE IS GOING ON?

- Get Involved Community Volunteer Fair (April 3)
- Volunteer Center Open House for Nonprofit Agencies (April 8)
- Board Bank Training (April 7)
- Loveland Honors(April 15)
- CSUnity (April 17)
- Global Youth Service Day(April 19-24)
- Volunteer Program Manager Awards (April 22)
- Earth Day Events
- Estes Park Volunteer Awards Ceremony

MORE ABOUT NATIONAL VOLUNTEER MONTH

For more information about how to get involved in National Volunteer Month, visit www.uwaylc.org or call 2-1-1 (970.407.7066) or email connect211@uwaylc.org.

