

VOLUNTEER: EMPLOYABILITY

Whatever the reason is that inspires you to volunteer, whether that be for social change or to get experience, the benefits you gain have value on both a personal and professional level.

82% of hiring managers say they prefer candidates with volunteer experience
 (<http://fortune.com/2016/06/28/volunteer-work-resume/>)

Here are some sample benefits of volunteering and the associated skills and sample resume entries that will help you find the career value of your experience! What does your volunteer experience say about you on your resume?

| BENEFITS | SKILLS | RESUME POINTS (examples) |
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| Working with Others | Teamwork Collaboration | Successful performed well in a team of 5 volunteers to divide tasks and prepare meals for more than 100 program participants |
| Leadership | Management Adaptability | Able to change quickly from one task focus to another during the busy holiday season |
| Communication & Problem Solving | Listening, sharing & developing solutions | Easily communicated instructions for fundraising protocols to high school volunteers |
| Relationship Development | Able to relate to others & understand different points of view | Listed to and learned about different cultural and generational challenges during senior sharing hour |
| Connecting with Others | Develop new interests, build & maintain a professional network | Assisted Volunteer Coordinator by attending meetings, taking minutes and connecting with board members for follow up |
| Community Mindedness | Forward thinking, creativity & innovation | Developed new intake form for program participants to gather demographics to be used towards program improvements |

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