

# Sacramento Steps Forward Stepping In: Volunteers Impacting Our Community Blog Series

# **Description**

In preparation for National Volunteer Month this coming April, Sacramento Steps Forward is launching a new blog series entitled "Stepping In: Volunteers Impacting Our Community."

This blog series aims to celebrate service and highlight individuals leaving their positive mark and influence in Sacramento through community service. We also hope to increase awareness about the professionals working in the volunteer space, about the agencies they represent, and how volunteers can create impact with them.

SSF is requesting your responses to a set of questions and other details to help promote the important work shepherded by community volunteers and volunteer agencies alike, as well as further support connection making across Sacramento. These materials will be converted into a 500-750 word blog article published on our website at least monthly, then distributed through our newsletters or eblasts and social media platforms.

#### **Invitation Criteria**

- Volunteer Network members (individuals, grassroots leads)
- HUD CoC subgrantee/agency partners
- Volunteer Professionals and volunteers in homeless response system
- CoC Board & Committee Members
- SSF Board Members

## **Requested Materials**

- 1 Completed question set (see below)
- 1 professional headshot/photo (head to shoulders/chest; JPG/PNG format only)
- 1-3 action shots with volunteers or at volunteer opportunity/event
- Website/webpage link
- Volunteer sign up/form or link
- Contact name/email for volunteer opportunities
- Other relevant links/materials to share with community (e.g., call to action/poster for upcoming event)

### Questions

Please provide a paragraph (2-6 sentences) response for each of the below. Then reply to our email with a submission package including this completed document, photos, and other materials you would like shared attached. Please note that submitted content may be lightly edited for clarity. However, any substantial edits to core messages will be sent back for review. Thank you for your partnership!

- 1. Describe yourself, your role, and why you were motivated to work in the volunteer space.
- 2. Tell us your organization's mission and goals. What population(s) do you serve?
- 3. Why is volunteering with your organization important? How does it lead to a long-lasting impact within our community?
- 4. Share a success story of how volunteers have made a difference through your organization?
- 5. What are the elements of a successful volunteer in the homeless response system?
- 6. What else would you like to make known about volunteering/volunteerism in the homeless response system?
- 7. How can individuals or groups get involved with volunteering? Are there any specific requirements or qualifications? How can other organizations collaborate or partner with you?
- 8. What other volunteer related topics would you like discussed more?
- 9. What other information would you like volunteers or the community at large to know?
- 10. Complete this sentence: I celebrate service by...
- 11. Are there other community leaders or colleagues that you recommend for us to connect with? Last Updated: April 2024