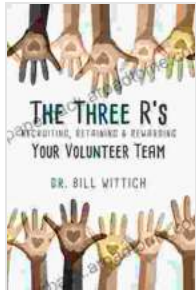


Recruiting, Retaining, and Rewarding Your Volunteer Team: The Ultimate Guide



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Volunteers are the backbone of many nonprofit organizations. They provide valuable services that help organizations achieve their missions. However, recruiting, retaining, and rewarding volunteers can be a challenge. This guide will provide you with everything you need to know to build a strong volunteer team that will support your organization for years to come.

Chapter 1: Recruiting Volunteers

The first step to building a strong volunteer team is to recruit volunteers. There are a number of ways to do this, including:

- Online recruiting: There are a number of websites and social media platforms that can help you connect with potential volunteers.

- Community outreach: Partner with local businesses, schools, and other organizations to promote your volunteer opportunities.
- Events: Host events to meet potential volunteers and share information about your organization.
- Word-of-mouth: Encourage your current volunteers to spread the word about your organization and its volunteer opportunities.

When recruiting volunteers, it is important to be clear about your organization's mission and values. You should also be able to articulate the benefits of volunteering with your organization. It is also important to be flexible and willing to work with volunteers' schedules.

Chapter 2: Retaining Volunteers

Once you have recruited volunteers, it is important to retain them. There are a number of ways to do this, including:

- Providing meaningful experiences: Volunteers want to feel like they are making a difference. Make sure that you give them opportunities to do work that is challenging and rewarding.
- Showing appreciation: Let your volunteers know that you appreciate their time and effort. This can be done through verbal praise, written thank-you notes, or small gifts.
- Providing opportunities for growth: Volunteers want to feel like they are developing their skills and knowledge. Offer them opportunities to take on new roles and responsibilities.
- Creating a sense of community: Volunteers want to feel like they are part of something bigger than themselves. Create opportunities for

them to socialize and connect with each other.

It is also important to be flexible and willing to accommodate volunteers' needs. For example, you may need to be willing to offer flexible scheduling or provide training opportunities for volunteers who are new to your organization.

Chapter 3: Rewarding Volunteers

In addition to retaining volunteers, it is important to reward them for their service. There are a number of ways to do this, including:

- **Public recognition:** Recognize your volunteers' contributions in your organization's newsletter, on your website, or at your annual meeting.
- **Awards and prizes:** Offer awards and prizes to volunteers who have gone above and beyond.
- **Gifts and merchandise:** Give volunteers small gifts or merchandise as a token of appreciation.
- **Opportunities for advancement:** Offer volunteers opportunities to take on new roles and responsibilities within your organization.

When rewarding volunteers, it is important to be thoughtful and sincere. Your rewards should be tailored to the individual volunteer's interests and needs.

Recruiting, retaining, and rewarding volunteers is essential to the success of any nonprofit organization. By following the tips in this guide, you can build a strong volunteer team that will support your organization for years to come.

To learn more about volunteer management, visit the following resources:

- VolunteerMatch
- Points of Light
- United Way



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