

VolunteerLEON

VOLUNTEER CENTER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Contributed more than 100,000 hours of time, talent and skill to County Government with the help of volunteers and interns.
- Partnered with Tallahassee Community College (TCC) to present the Florida Administrators Volunteer Management Certification. The training was attended by managers from 21 community-based volunteer agencies.
- Conducted volunteer management workshops for staff of 12 non profits and presented volunteer management trainings at the United Partners for Human Services Annual Conference, Second Harvest Food Bank Annual Conference, and Ability 1st Emergency Preparedness Conference for Persons with Disabilities & Senior Citizens.
- Coordinated Volunteer Fire Fighter Appreciation Day in partnership with City of Tallahassee Fire Department, as well as Annual Street of Service and Leadership Florida Service Day.
- Held a 40-hour-long youth leadership camp called “Camp Activate” designed to develop youths’ sense of self identity and expand their leadership abilities. The camp promoted acceptance of diversity and taught strategies for non-violent conflict resolution.
- Enhanced disaster preparedness and response services following Tropical Storm Fay after seeing a need to bring together non-profit organizations, churches and business before, during and after a disaster. As a result, the Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD) was created and implemented in June, 2008. Membership grew from seven organizations to 103.
- Received four National Emergency Grant temporary positions to assist with Tropical Storm Fay Recovery efforts.
- National Emergency Grant employees conducted more than 60 site visits to faith and community-based organizations and businesses to complete disaster readiness assessments to track resources and capabilities of partner organizations.
- Applied for and received Florida Disaster Recovery Fund Grant in the Amount of \$25,000 to identify the long-term recovery needs of Tropical Storm Fay survivors. The grant addresses unmet needs of Fay-affected residents of Gadsden, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, Madison, Taylor and Wakulla counties.
- Recruited and trained more than 200 County employees and volunteers to staff VolunteerLEON’s Disaster Volunteer Reception Center/Donations Center and the Emergency Management Citizens Information Line.
- Worked with the State’s Department of Emergency Management to staff the Madison County Essential Service Center in response to flooding by bringing in COAD partners.
- Conducted Hurricane Unison Tabletop Exercise, which drew more than 80 participants representing more than 47 organizations; the Hurricane Biz Tabletop Exercise, a four-hour exercise designed to build on an organization’s existing business; and the Neighborhood Tabletop Exercise, a four-hour exercise providing neighborhood leaders and residents an opportunity to learn the importance of working together when disaster strikes.
- Conducted Introduction to Incident Command System and National Incident Management System (NIMS) workshops.



Did You Know

VolunteerLEON.org averaged more than 100,000 monthly visits, connecting citizens with hundreds of volunteer opportunities throughout the Big Bend area.



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Established in 1992, the Volunteer Center aims to make Leon County a responsive and caring Big Bend community defined by volunteerism and civic engagement. The mission of the center is to strengthen the individuals and organizations in our community through volunteerism.

