Effective People
**21 volunteer appreciation ideas**

Stuck for an appreciation idea for your volunteers? Many of the following are free:

1. Recruit volunteer thank-you teams to plan and execute thank yous to the other volunteers.
2. Send a personal thank you on the anniversary of a volunteer's service.
3. Hold a National Volunteer Week event.
4. Prime employees to say thank you to every volunteer.
5. Thank volunteers in an International Volunteer Day celebration.
6. Send an end-of-year or end-of-project letter.
7. Source discount offers for volunteers.
8. Inform volunteers of their impact/success..
9. Pass on client feedback.
10. Have a thank-you spot on your agency's facebook page.
11. Thank a volunteer for something they have done on the agency facebook page.
12. Post a thank you on the volunteer's facebook page.
13. Send a text: Thank you for volunteering today.
14. Supply a volunteer candy/lolly/sweet jar
15. Send an [e-card](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?llr=qhlaycbab&et=1103653534373&s=3327&e=001869KJvyhWShiptx-5sYryC3j0xFEix2NArJnMBxgiKY1LUg0ea9MxClpFU2mVF7aAUzkNF0LIGfaso_cTa8FjOKJFNmsl1YoM9L1G6-82_jujOlSDIo9X8lESIMTsIocfOSfZt8QDxw=).
16. Make a thank-you postcard with a picture of all your volunteers or clients or CEO and send as required.
17. Take a picture of volunteers in action and send it as an [e-postcard](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?llr=qhlaycbab&et=1103653534373&s=3327&e=001869KJvyhWSjnZVxAhf_quKE-eDDceuBz2E9uDRSJwcuAwVVeO5e86RS-UBjjxrXKx1UcGotL_S7tS7-UKGkaiySiIr-MfMlZnr95AoD1D4ThM8Tr_bAYc_CZUcwaUatXqeZ2Zr_gdDU=) with a thank you note on the other side.
18. Have a photo wall with pics of volunteers in action and a big thank you note.
19. Place an article or advertisement in your local newspaper listing all volunteers (perhaps with pictures of the volunteers).
20. Encourage each volunteer to thank another volunteer.
21. Run an annual prize draw or lottery for volunteers.

Which ideas have you tried before, or will you carry out soon?