

*Mayor's Volunteer Corps*

zine

*Winter 2022*



# *The Mayor's Volunteer Corps Zine*

Organized by the Mayor's Office of Civic Engagement and Volunteer Service, the Mayor's Volunteer Corps is a community of volunteers who commit to ongoing, high-impact service in the city of Philadelphia. This zine captures inspiring stories of service from members of the Mayor's Volunteer Corps. We hope this encourages you to reflect on the importance of volunteering and begin your journey!

## *Join the Mayor's Volunteer Corps!*

Getting featured in the Mayor's Volunteer Corps Zine is as easy as 1-2-3!

- First, join the Mayor's Volunteer Corps. Register an account at the Mayor's Volunteer Corps Portal ([serve.volunteermatch.org](https://serve.volunteermatch.org)).
- Second, sign up for volunteer opportunities that are listed on the portal.
- Finally, after completing your service, track your service hours (You can also track hours for service opportunities that you did not find on the portal!).

## *How can you get featured?*

Share your volunteer service story while tracking your service hours online:  
[bit.ly/MVCtrackinghours](https://bit.ly/MVCtrackinghours)



I was a photographer for the Walk to End Alzheimer's.

I enjoy giving back to the community. Volunteering is a great way to learn about a cause that I was not that familiar with before and meet lots of great people.

From Mo's Dad, Len:

Mo loves doing community service and has worked at the Penn Hillel Soup kitchen and Breaking Bread on Broad Street. As a teen, it has been hard for Mo to find opportunities to volunteer during COVID, but he volunteers to expand his direct experience to people from different backgrounds and circumstances.

Mo Lipkin

I was a photographer for the Northeastern Women and Girls Regional Championships

Philadelphia is an incredible, vibrant city. I've always wanted to live here, and recently moved in.

Volunteering is a great way to meet some of the best, most giving people. Volunteering broadens my horizons and experience, and I seek various opportunities. It connects me with devoted people and is a wonderful way to take part in Philadelphia's communities.

There is nothing more valuable one can do than to give of oneself. If you're fortunate enough to have time to spare, it's rewarding and right to share it with others.

Marc Lopez Kaufman







I volunteer wherever essential volunteers are most needed.

I was raised to help others in my community. Philadelphia has so many wonderful volunteer locations which I volunteer multiple times a month.

There's nothing better than helping others. There are healthy benefits - such as smiling more often. I can't explain how, but it really makes me feel "Blessed" I'm able to volunteer.

To those who need encouragement to volunteer, I say this: Volunteering is a great feeling knowing you help a person or organization. Also, you get to meet nice people!

LaVale Anderson



# Philadelphia's volunteers accomplished so much in 2021!

In 2021, members of the Mayor's Volunteer Corps stepped up to serve their communities. Dedicated to local service,

- **535** Mayor's Volunteer Corps members recorded **9,173** hours of volunteer service
- **2,371** volunteers signed up for **1,107** volunteer opportunities in the MVC portal
- **21** volunteers recorded 50 - 99 service hours



## A special shoutout to the 3/ volunteers who recorded 100+ service hours:

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| • Abby Anderson       | • Jazmine Robinson  |
| • Ashley Borgella     | • Jennifer Deutsch  |
| • Benjamin Moore      | • Joseph Chong      |
| • Cayley MacRae       | • Lauren Hallenbeck |
| • Daniel Rodriguez    | • Mohamed Elkaeid   |
| • Dee Dukes           | • Monica McGurkin   |
| • Diana Piperata      | • Nancy Wood        |
| • Diriba Gonfa        | • Natalie McNeill   |
| • Fiona Parker-Givens | • Neel Vallurupalli |
| • Flora Ho            | • Nikki Cao         |
| • Frank Palmer        | • Patricia Blount   |
| • George Nutty        | • Sharon Pearson    |
| • Geraldine Gibson    | • Stephanie Popp    |
| • Harrisson Li        | • Teresa Johnson-   |
| • Jacky Wong          | Duncan              |
| • James Williams      |                     |







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