



Volunteer Iowa Day at the Capitol Overview

Volunteer Iowa and Iowa MENTOR hosted Volunteer Iowa Day at the Capitol on Thursday, February 1. This year, 65 attendees representing 21 organizations interacted with dozens of Iowa legislators both in person and virtually to share the latest information on the tremendous contributions volunteers and mentors make in Iowa's communities and the impact they have.

Staff members and participants from Volunteer Iowa programs (including AmeriCorps, AmeriCorps Seniors, RSVP, Volunteer Centers, and Mentoring Programs) educated lawmakers about the impact their programs have across the state and informed them about the high-quality program support and resources provided to them by Volunteer Iowa and Iowa MENTOR.

Thank you to the Commissioners and program staff served by Volunteer Iowa for joining us this year!



Volunteer Engagement Training Program

In partnership with the Volunteer Centers of Iowa, join Volunteer Iowa for this 6 series virtual program training kicked off January 30. This engaging and interactive virtual training series, created by Points of Light, will provide a comprehensive understanding of the major components of nonprofit volunteer engagement and provide the opportunity to develop volunteer recruitment, retention, and recognition strategies and methods of offering projects for diverse audiences.

Through the training program you will learn about:

- Establishing the Framework
- Planning for Volunteer Engagement
- Opportunities and Outreach
- Intake and Onboarding
- Supervision and Support
- Evaluation

Dates: January 30, February 6, February 13, February 20, February 27, and March 5. All sessions run 10 a.m. – noon. Cost to participate is \$125. To register, [follow this link](#).

Volunteerism in the News

- [Volunteerism nearly doubles since the pandemic in NE Iowa](#)
- [Retired doctor gives back through thousands of hours of volunteer gardening](#)
- [AmeriCorps CEO Calls on Americans to Build a Beloved Community through Service on MLK Day](#)
- [Mustang Mentoring](#)
- [Northeast Iowa Food Bank and community partners pack over 60,000 bags for children](#)
- [Free Home Energy Audits Available In Johnson County](#)
- [Irvine Prairie UNI Tallgrass Prairie Center](#)
- [Navigating middle school made a little easier with TeamMates mentoring](#)
- [MHS senior enjoying mentoring opportunity through Big Brothers Big Sisters](#)
- [Bettendorf proclaims January National Mentoring Month to encourage community participation](#)

Current Volunteer Iowa Opportunities

- Volunteer with us! Find volunteer opportunities with Volunteer Iowa here: [Volunteer Iowa | Volunteer Iowa \(galaxydigital.com\)](#)
- Other Iowa AmeriCorps programs supported by Volunteer Iowa are also recruiting now. Find a listing of Iowa AmeriCorps programs at [Join AmeriCorps | Volunteer Iowa](#).

Important Dates

- February: Black History Month
- February 1: Volunteer Iowa Day at the Capitol
- February 17: Random Acts of Kindness Day
- March 2: National Read Across America Day
- March 8: International Women's Day
- March 9-16: AmeriCorps Week
- March 20: Won't You Be My Neighbor Day



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