2017 Catholic Volunteer Network Conference **"Evaluating Your Volunteer Program"**

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Course Objectives

- Increase knowledge of the steps to evaluating a volunteer program.
- Increase ability to plan how to evaluate a volunteer program.
- Provide tools to assist volunteer administrators to assess and evaluate volunteer programs
- Develop next steps for improving current evaluation of your volunteer program.



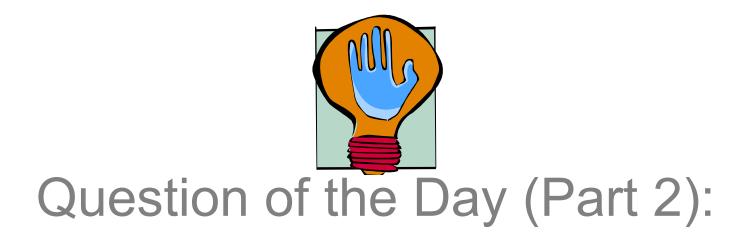
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Question of the Day:

Who in the room works with volunteers?



How do you know you are making an impact through your volunteer program?

QUALITY STANDARDS

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Four Performance Areas:

- **1.** Administration
- 2. Governance
- 3. Programs
- 4. Finance

United Way's Quality Standards:

 assure United Way donors that their contributions are efficiently utilized to help people in need;

assist member agencies (and all non-profits) in

The Quality Standards represent United Way's values and belief system about how non-profits should operate. As stewards of the community's trust and contributions, United Way volunteers carefully assess ach momber aconcu using the Quality Standards The Quality Standards are divided into four performance areas: Program, Governance, Finance, and Administration. United Way believes that a non-profit agency will increase its ability to positively impact the lines of its clients when it is organizationally

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Volunteer Trends

- Corporate Volunteering
- Skills Based Volunteering
- Youth & Family Engagement
- School/ Community Requirements
- Campaigns & Days of Service
- Episodic/Short Term Volunteering
- Virtual Volunteering





State the benefits up front

Having trouble getting regular exercise?

Become a Senior Swim Club Instructor for the Silver Spring Senior Home

Instructing our seniors once a week will get you poolside plus provide you with a free YMCA pool pass! All you have to do is dive in!

The only requirements are:
 ✓ Availability Tuesday mornings from 7-10 a.m.
 ✓ Driver's license, insurance, and passing an
 American Red Cross Water Safety and CPR class
 ✓ Willingness to help others

"What to Track" Grid

Inputs	Objectives (audiences)	Activities (process items)	Outputs	Outcomes	Impact	
	Community/ Beneficiaries					
	Organization					
	Volunteers					
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"What to Track" Grid

Inputs	Objectives (message to audience)	Activities (process items)	Outputs	Outcomes	Impact
 ¹/₄ of one FTE staff time. Training materials T-shirts Brochures 	Community/ Beneficiaries: Make neighborhoods safe for families to enjoy day or night	•Effectiveness of day-to-day management of neighborhood watch.	Number of patrollersNumber of patrol hours	*Number of children and families enjoying parks and other public areas.	*Amount of crime
•Same as above.	Organization: Improve image of organization	 Quality of organizational materials Reliability of organizational representatives 	★Number of brochures and T-shirts distributed	★Number of residents involved	*Long-term trust residents have in organization
•Same as above, plus: expenses of annual safe night celebration	Volunteers: Increase community pride	•Organization/ quality of watch activities and related activities	 Number of T- Shirts worn Number of volunteer patrollers 	*Change in self-reported image of community	 Long-term pride residents have in their community Resident involvement in community

Measurement of Outcomes

- Client Focused
- Volunteer Focused
- Program Focused





Steps to Evaluating a Volunteer Program

Step 1: Decide What to Track

Step 2: Collect Data

Step 3: Turn Data into Findings

Step 4: Use Findings

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Evaluation of Volunteer Programs

- Assessment based on clearly stated goals and objectives
- Assessments must be fair
- Evaluation must be issue-centered not personality-centered
- Program should be provided with the support needed for it to be successful

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The Volunteer Management Audit

Full Audit

Adapted Checklist





Elements of the Audit



Volunteer Center Mission Strengthening the Field

- Recruitment
- Interviewing
- Screening
- Placement
- Job Descriptions
- Orientation
- Training

- Supervision
- Recognition
- Record Keeping
- Written Policies
- Volunteer Evaluations
- Staff Education and Awareness
- Coordination

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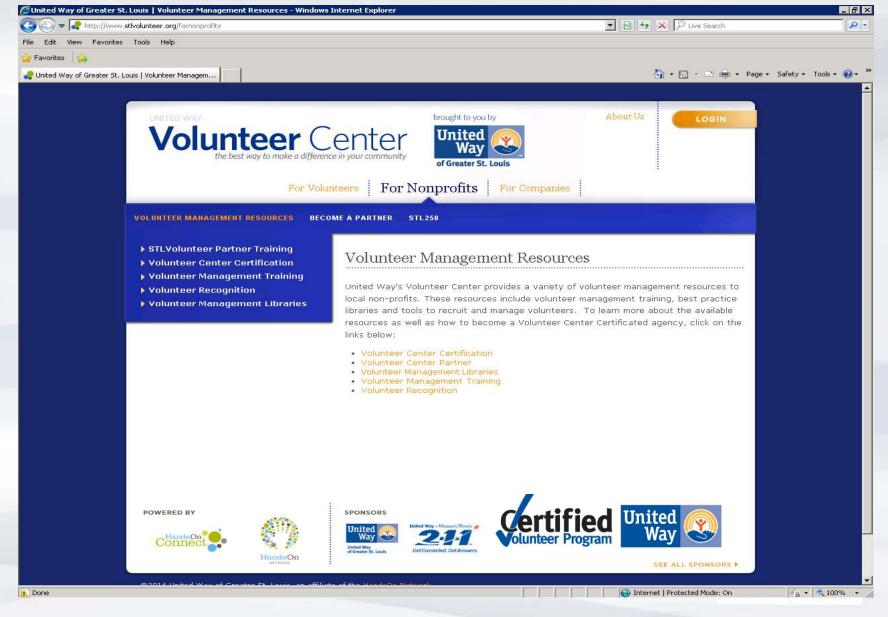
Next Steps:

Developing an Action Plan

- 1. Identify issues
- 2. Articulate a Vision
- 3. Identify Barriers and Resources
- 4. Develop Action Steps
- 5. Report Results/Outcomes to Constituents Helping people.



Best Practice Libraries: UW of Gtr. St. Louis



Thank You!

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