

Days of Service

A Day of Service (DOS) is a set time when volunteers are encouraged to participate with nonprofit agencies, service opportunities, events, or activities. DOS help to raise awareness, mobilize volunteers, and provide individuals with an opportunity to engage and build new connections and find support for programs. They can also coincide with other national holidays or recognized events. Depending on the project size, culture, and goals, there are a number of ways to work with CVNL to support your volunteer needs. We invite you to partner with us to recruit volunteers and engage them in your services and programs!

CVNL's Days of Service

Coastal Cleanup Day – September 19, 2015 (Marin only)

Every year in September, people join together at sites all over California to take part in the state's largest volunteer event, California Coastal Cleanup Day.

Make a Difference Day – October 24, 2015 (Marin & Napa)

Make a Difference Day is the largest national day of community service. Each October, millions of volunteers around the world unite in a common mission to improve the lives of others.

Family Volunteer Day – November 21, 2015 (Marin & Napa)

Family Volunteer Day is a day of service that demonstrates and celebrates the power of families who volunteer together, supporting their neighborhoods, communities, and the world.

Holiday Gifts of Love – Mid-November, 2015–Jan 1, 2016 (Marin only)

Holiday Assistance Program – December 18–19, 2015 (Napa only)

CVNL collaborates with nonprofit agencies across Marin and Napa Counties for our annual holiday service initiatives that provide community members with easy-to-access, meaningful volunteer opportunities during the holiday season.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service – January 18, 2016 (Marin & Napa)

On the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service, millions of Americans honor the memory of Dr. King by contributing their time, voice, and money to improve their communities.

Cesar Chavez Day – March 31, 2016 (Napa only)

Cesar Chavez Day honors the life, work, and values of activist Cesar E. Chavez with a day of service and learning.

National Volunteer Week – April 10–16, 2016 (Marin & Napa)

National Volunteer Week is a time to celebrate people doing extraordinary things through service by inspiring, recognizing, and encouraging people to seek out imaginative ways to engage in their communities.

Earth Day – April 22, 2016 (Marin only)

CVNL partners with the My Earth Day Marin Coalition to provide the Marin community with a wide range of opportunities to give back to Mother Nature for Earth Day.

Days of Service Projects Qualifications

- All projects must be able to accommodate a minimum of 5 volunteers and up to a maximum of 20. Projects requiring more than 20 volunteers will be considered in some circumstances.
- Preference is given to projects that can accommodate youth under 14 years of age.
- A volunteer supervisor should provide a detailed description of all tasks volunteers are expected to complete at each project.
- All activities must be hands-on and in direct service to clients. Fundraising activities are not permitted.
- CVNL may be able to assist an organization in securing supplies for a project, depending on the project.
- All CVNL volunteers are required to sign a liability and photo release waiver at the start of each project. If applicable, please provide a copy of all liability and photo release waivers your organization requires staff, volunteers, and clients to sign upon submission of this form.

Days of Service Project Examples

Family Volunteer Day

- Card Making for Community Members
- Family Healthy Kid Kits

Holiday Gifts of Love

- Thanksgiving Meal Packing & Distribution with the Salvation Army
- Holiday Elves Toy Distribution with the Ritter Center

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service

- Marin City Community Garden Work Day

CVNL is a Points of Light affiliate and is the go-to resource for agencies looking to build and expand effective volunteer engagement. With our global network of 250 affiliates and a team of experts, we can help you create a customized project, engage new volunteers, learn best practices network with other leading companies, and gain visibility for your volunteer program.

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