



APRIL 2015

CDW's Learning Lab is your local civic engagement resource center in Central Louisiana.

Volunteering

Did you know that **April is National Volunteer Month**? A month to honor those people in your community who dedicate themselves to solving problems and building better communities through their service.



Source: 2013 Volunteering and Civic Engagement in Louisiana, [http://www.volunteergramercia.gov/LA_Corporation for National and Community Service](http://www.volunteergramercia.gov/LA_Corporation%20for%20National%20and%20Community%20Service).

National Volunteer Appreciation Week is celebrated on April 12 - 18, 2015. Use this time to plan activities to honor the service of volunteers and recruit new community members. Help raise our hand a little higher within the state!



Tools You Can Use

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Engage Community

CDW's Learning Lab is your local civic engagement resource center in Central Louisiana where nonprofits, community/civic groups and concerned citizens can research successful program models and community statistics, identify funding and volunteer opportunities, and stay current on the latest best practice research and nonprofit news.

By offering these tools to community members who want to make a difference

Looking for volunteer opportunities or want to partner with Volunteer Louisiana. Visit www.volunteerlouisiana.gov.

Learn More:

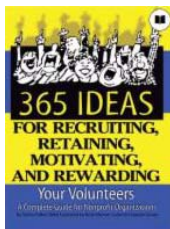
- [Points of Light: Events and National Volunteer Week Resources](#)
- [Find Volunteer Opportunities in Louisiana](#)
- [CDW's Volunteerism Resources](#)

Data & Resources

CDW's Learning Lab offers several books, eBooks and related resources on how to build effective volunteer programs in your community.

You can check out eBooks and Audiobooks from the eLibrary for up to 21 days:

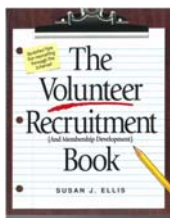
[365 Ideas for Recruiting, Retaining, Motivating and Rewarding your Volunteers](#)



This new book is packed with hundreds of simple and inexpensive ways to motivate, challenge, and reward your volunteers. Volunteers today need constant reinforcement and recognition, and here is how to do

it.

Or stop by the CDW Learning Lab to research best practice and toolkits:



[The Volunteer Recruitment Book](#)

Starts with designing assignments attractive to new volunteers and continues by addressing organizational image, where to look for volunteers, why people volunteer or do not, how to select the right recruitment technique, what "diversity" means to an organization, and the impact of trends in volunteering today.

[Local & State Volunteerism Rates:](#)

and motivate others to do the same, **the Learning Lab is a community builder's work space.**

Develop Leaders



Leadership and governance training for current and aspiring Nonprofit Board Members

Apply by July 10

Build Skills



Nonprofit management training for staff members and volunteers.

April Trainings

Grant Writing Series

Basic Grant Writing

Presenter: Mary Gilliam

Date: Thursday, April 16, 2015

Time: 9 a.m.- 3 p.m.

Workshop

Financial Management Series



Unpacking the Nonprofit

Manager's Toolbox: A Six-Part

Webinar Series from Nonprofit

Finance Fund in partnership with

The Rapides Foundation

April webinars include:

Monitoring Cash Flow

Tuesday, April 21, 2015

Time: 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

- The [2012 Volunteer Louisiana Study](#) found **51.5%** of people in the Alexandria metro area volunteer. [Read the report](#)
- According to the [2014 Nonprofit Sector in Brief](#),

the current volunteer rate in the US (25.4%) is the lowest it has been since 2002.

The largest use of volunteer time in 2013 was working on social services and care activities, such as collecting clothing, preparing food, counseling, mentoring and providing direct care. [Read the report](#)

Find Funding



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Learning Lab is a Funding Information Network Partner for the Foundation Center. The Foundation Directory Online allows you to do specific searches to find just the right potential funder for your special project or ongoing service. We also have guides and books to help you write winning proposals.

Here are funding opportunities:

Gannett Foundation Community Action Grants

Supports local organizations with funding priority given to programs that focus on education and neighborhood improvement, economic development, youth development, community problem-solving, assistance to disadvantaged people, environmental conservation, and cultural enrichment.

Deadline: Aug 29, 2015

PPG Industries Foundation

Webinar

Assessing Program Profitability

Tuesday, April 28, 2015

Time: 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Webinar

CDW provides free skill building training for individuals, nonprofit staff and volunteers. [View](#) the full Spring Training Calendar.

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Supports civic programs designed to provide leadership in public affairs, with emphasis on environmental education, community and economic development, and promotion of an effective civic environment.

Deadline: OPEN

To see more funding opportunities, stop by the Learning Lab to use CDW's subscription to the online directory.

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