

## **VOLUNTEER WORK AND STUDENTS' ENGAGEMENT IN VIETNAM: COMMUNITY SERVICE**

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### **ABSTRACT**

To leave no one behind in this century crisis, we are youth togetherness who can immerse into society to assist as much as we can do on our abilities. Pandemic has many negative influences on a human being, so individuals should act as a country citizen, a global citizen by showing our responsibilities. Do more with less!. There are many benefits to students and its limitations as well, so it should have more proposed recommendations suit the problems and develop the advantages too. The volunteer environment plays a significant role in social development, and it can help to promote to everyone obviously. Youth now, are really enthusiastic to take part in community activities several times for their volunteer, experience. One example in Vietnam, university students had taken actions for their country by factual things, motivated others to be willing for tackling issues around regional and international.

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### **INTRODUCTION**

When a student reflects on his or her college experience, what do they hope to remember? Lifelong friends, riveting classroom discussions, and walking across that stage to get their diplomas are all highlights of the university experience. But in today's quickly evolving job market, there is one thing students should be adding to their list of college memories: making a difference.

While the benefits of volunteering for college students are innumerable, engaging college volunteers presents its own challenges. College students are less likely to volunteer than their parents and high school students, and they volunteer fewer hours. Despite lower participation rates, college students still believe it is important to help others in need. Deciphering how to turn sentiment into action can become advantageous for college students, the

universities they attend, and the communities they serve.

### **WHY SHOULD COLLEGE STUDENTS VOLUNTEER?**

Volunteering has its advantages for any individual, yet there are specific benefits of community service for college students that can lead to positive outcomes for university volunteers and the communities they serve.

### **Boost Resume and Improve Job Prospects**

According to a study by the Corporation for National and Community Service in the US, volunteering is associated with a 27% higher odds of employment. Employers are 82% more likely to choose a candidate with volunteering experience and 85% more likely to overlook resume flaws when the candidate's resume includes volunteer experience. Students that enter the

workforce with volunteer experience are not only boosting their resumes but are effectively standing-out among other potential (and equally qualified) candidates when it's finally time to fill these open positions.

### **Develop Skills**

Volunteering can also help students grow in their learning. Through community service, students gain real-world experience and practice important habits like leadership, problem-solving, and time-management. Volunteering offers students the opportunity to apply their classroom learning to practical scenarios that have real implications. In other words, service-learning opportunities can offer the same skills-boosting opportunities as student internships, but with the added benefit of improving the lives of others.

### **Make Connections**

Nonprofits partner with other businesses, organizations, and change-makers in their communities. Working with charity organizations is a great way for students to explore career paths, and nonprofit employees (even other volunteers) are usually more than happy to put their volunteers in touch with the right people. Furthermore, nonprofit professionals can offer helpful career advice to help guide students in their studies.

### **Lead More Balanced Lives**

While college is an immensely rewarding (and fun) experience, it comes with its share of stress. It is a time when young adults learn to become independent, manage their time, and find their way in the "real world." Extra-curricular activities like volunteering can actually help

volunteers with time-management and improve emotional well-being. In fact, there are many studies that cite the mental and physical health benefits of volunteering, benefits that can participate in community service encourages college students to become socially-minded individuals for life.

### **COMMON BARRIERS**

Students may face the following barriers that can limit college volunteering:

**Not enough time:** With classes, sports, clubs, and paying jobs taking priority, it can feel difficult to find time for volunteering.

**Feeling stressed:** Choosing a major, arranging internships, and finishing assignments; it can all be a bit overwhelming, and students may be reticent to add another activity to like community service to their schedules.

**Lack of awareness:** College students may simply not know how to volunteer in college is possible, or they may not know where to find volunteer opportunities.

Charity organizations should not feel discouraged by the statistics. Campuses recognize the benefits of volunteer work for students. Fortunately, colleges and universities are finding innovative ways to reduce barriers and encourage students to volunteer in college.

### **WHAT DOES THE YOUTH HAVE?**

The destiny of a nation is vested with the youngsters. These are the people if guided correctly; they can modify the course of the world. They have the might of extensive thinking, hard struggle, innovation and advancement. The youth are ready to adapt changes because they are young they are in search of truth, they are open to different ideas contrary to the

people who are mature and old. These youths are the pioneers of socio-cultural, political and economic reform. They are the crucial segments of our nation's development.

### What happened in An Giang during Covid-19 pandemic?

Amid complicated developments of Covid-19 pandemic, the youth unionists from the communes in Long Xuyen city proactively delivered flyers, assembled dummies and panels for visual advocacy contributing to enhancing people's awareness of pandemic prevention.

This time, the youth unions in the locality concentrated on mobilizing and guiding people and business households to set up **Bluezone** app on smart phone to quickly detect people who have Covid-19 for active prevention.

### Other Activities

Furthermore, the local youngsters over time made contributions to environmental protection, prevention of illiteracy, universalization of primary education, law dissemination, new rural construction in localities with difficulties.

Many other significant activities will be also held by the district's Youth Union and its affiliates during the Youth Month 2020. Particularly, they will speed up dissemination of information about the Law on Road Traffic; take part in building cultural quarters; organize a volleyball tournament; implement 4 Green Sundays; kick off a get-together to mark Youth Union's founding day; organize meetings between the local leaders, Youth Union cadres and members; offer help to children with difficulties; provide free medical check-ups and medicine for the poor and policy beneficiaries; take part in new rural

construction; donate unity houses to youngsters with difficulties.



Figure 1. An Giang University Student encouraged local residents to use **Bluezone** app



Figure 2. Deliver free facial masks and raise people awareness by factual actions

### Integration

There are variety of helpful works to help to improve our communities as conferences, social activities and volunteer works. This is also winning themselves, engaging young people in development programs has a very interesting impact on their personal development, their empowerment, their ability to connect with more marginalized people in their community.

## **CONCLUSION**

Volunteering does not only benefit the recipient of the help, but also the volunteer. You may not receive money from it, but the experience itself is enough payment for the work that you have done.

Volunteering is a great way for students to try one or several fields of social work, before committing to a full-time position, and for current social workers to gain extra experience and perspective. Volunteer work on a resume for jobs demonstrates not only the practical experience acquired, but also a commitment to social work as a career. Look into a volunteer opportunity in your community that interests you today and reinforce your passion for social work.

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