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Best Practices for Recognizing Your Volunteer

Volunteer Recognition Best Practices

Use these best practices as a launching pad for developing your volunteer recognition process.

Best Practices

1. Make it a priority

Whether you designate someone to be responsible for ensuring ongoing recognition of volunteers or do it yourself, it is imperative that it takes place.

2. Do it Regularly

Recognition should be done year round and happen frequently. Informal recognition is as important as formal recognition.

3. Make it meaningful

There are so many different and fun ways to recognize and celebrate your volunteers and not all volunteers nor all accomplishments are the same. So keep your recognition meaningful whether it is formal or informal recognition.

4. Be consistent

What you do this year will set the standard for next year. When recognizing your volunteers, be sure you can maintain that same level of recognition in the future.

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5. Be timely

Recognize your volunteer as soon as possible after their accomplishment. Waiting lessens your appreciation.

6. Reinforce Purpose

Many volunteers don't need a recognition supper or a certificate to feel appreciated. They want to see and experience the difference they have made, the positive impact their efforts have made. Take time out to share what your program and your volunteers have accomplished in your church and your community.