

About Your Volunteer or Community Work ...

Your Name and City and State of residence

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Favorite Organization that you volunteer and why.

I have to say that Toys for Tots is very dear to me because I help translate to the Spanish speaking people and I love to see their smiles and their gratitude. I love to hug the parents and tell them Feliz Navidad!

Second favorite organization, if applicable, and why.

Habitat for Humanity is my second favorite because we built homes for people that would never reach the American Dream if it wasn't for this organization. I love to see the parents and children smiling when they finally get to see their homes.

Blessings/Gifts you receive from doing this type of service.

Love, gratitude, the feeling of "this is what life is all about". By helping others, in a way, you help yourself.

How do you balance your busy daily life with this type of service

These organizations do not need a long commitment. Toys for Tots is only in Christmas and Habitat for Humanity is mostly once a week for several weeks, mostly in the summer.

Who or what inspires you to follow this volunteer path.

I don't volunteer just to volunteer, I let my inner guide lead me to the organization that is in alignment with what I want to do.

Tell us a memorable story about your gift of love (if applicable).

In the Toys for Tots last year. I was guiding this young mother from Mexico to get the toys for her children and when I told her that she could pick more than 1 toy for her children, she was so pleasantly surprised, her smile and reaction really touched me. She was so humble and appreciative.

Organization information:

Name: Toys for Tots

Website: www.toysfortots.org

Name: Habitat for Humanity

Website: <http://www.habitat.org/>

About Your Supported Charities ...

List the favorite organizations that you support donate/tithe and why:

Who or what inspire you to follow this giving path:

Giving is something I enjoy doing.

Supply the information below for each organization that you support.

United Way

Website: <http://national.unitedway.org/>

To volunteer visit: <http://national.unitedway.org/getinvolved/index.cfm>

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital - <http://www.stjude.org/>

I love to donate to this organization that helps children no matter if they have the resources to pay the treatment or not-no children is refused treatment.

Metropolitan Ministries - <http://www.metromin.org/>

I love to donate to this organization because no one should be left hungry. This organization helps feed to poor and homeless families.