

# Working with volunteers

## Best Practice 10

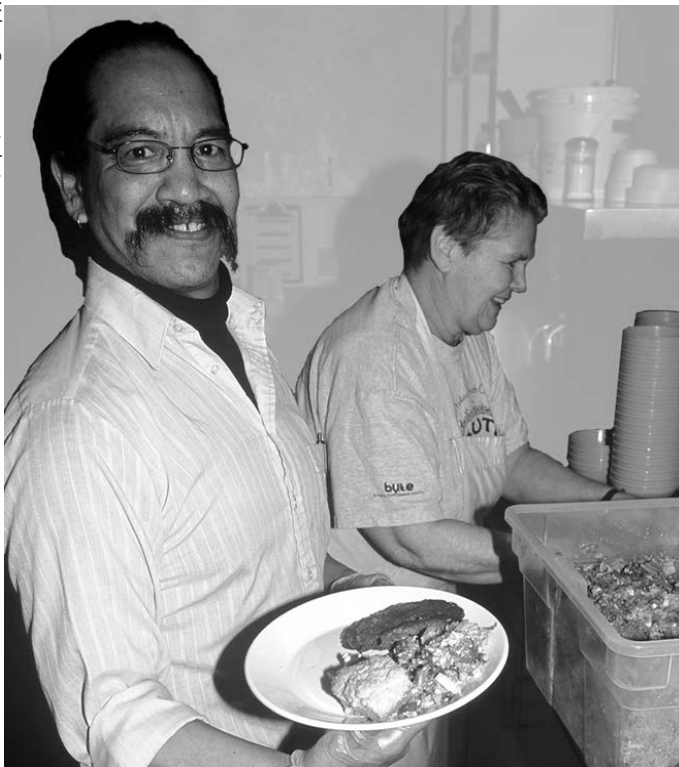
### Recognizing volunteer contributions

**Do you regularly show your volunteers you are grateful for their help?**

The best way to keep your volunteers is to frequently acknowledge their contributions to your group.

Formal types of recognition, like awards or certificates, can help your group publicly demonstrate its gratitude to its volunteers.

Or you can be more informal and match the reward to the individual and achievement. You can send a card to thank a volunteer for just finishing a specific job. Don't wait for months to pass – if a group of volunteers is moving your office, buy them a pizza when they are done! Consider linking the reward to the individual. If your volunteer librarian needs to get some time away from books, consider giving them a free movie pass. Be creative, but make sure the type of recognition is important to the volunteers (ask them what they prefer!).



This is one of a series of ten best practices on volunteer management based on the Canadian Code for Volunteer Involvement (CCVI).

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