

Recognition Ideas

Food and Fellowship Gatherings

- Reception at local bed and breakfast
- Pot luck dinner at local congregation
- Afternoon tea and dessert at local congregation
- Pizza party at agency
- Cookout at board member's house
- Open House at agency with finger foods
- Ice Cream Social at local park
- Dinner with set menu at local restaurant



- Shining Star
- Most Years of Service

Gifts for Volunteers

- pins
- Certificates of Distinction
- Gift certificates- (stores, grocery, gas, movies)
- Angel ornaments
- Candles
- Frame and picture

Special Themes

- Valentine's Day- "We Love our Volunteers"
- "Volunteer Round-Up" with "wanted" posters (we suggest having volunteers invite a potential new volunteer to the party, too).
- Anniversary of Agency Party
- "Magical Evening" with local magician entertainment
- "Sounds of Music" with local congregation choirs as entertainment



Other Recognition Ideas

- Reflection meeting to share volunteer stories
- Care receivers place thank you letters on display in agency
- Collaborate with other agencies to share costs and host a celebration
- Make tapes of care receivers sharing stories of their volunteers and play at banquet
- Have volunteers participate in "white elephant" gift exchange
- Invite volunteers to a special meeting of the board
- Coalition members host "Caregivers Day" honoring volunteers during congregation's worship service
- "Volunteer Section" or "Volunteer Edition" of newsletter with pictures and profiles
- Send semi annual thank you letter to all volunteers
- Initiate a Governor or Mayor's proclamation for "Caregivers Volunteer Day"



Sources of Support

- Local businesses (invitations, decorations, door prizes, certificates, funds)
- Local restaurants (food, door prizes)
- Individual donors and family bequest (volunteer certificates, namesake awards)
- Coalition members (space, food, decorations)
- Local hospitals (space, awards, food)
- Local movie theatres and community theatres (door prizes, special showing for volunteers)
- Local gift and card store (decorations, candle gifts, door prizes, invitations)
- Local nursery or flower shop (center pieces, door prizes)



Types of Awards

- Volunteer Hall of Fame
- Golden Glove for Homecare Volunteers
- Volunteer of the Year

