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April is National Volunteer Month, Terri Palmberg



Let me be one of the first to say '**THANK YOU**' to all the volunteers of rural southwest Yavapai County. Volunteers come in all shapes, sizes and ages. Volunteers make a BIG difference, whether it is giving of themselves for just a few hours or dedicating numerous hours to the volunteer efforts that make our communities go 'round.

I always wondered why somebody didn't do something about that. Then I realized I was somebody. Lily Tomlinson-Our volunteer somebodies do things for no financial compensation. Social responsibility is often a major force in an individual's decision to volunteer. It also may be undertaken because it is fun, you might gain a sense of pride in making a difference, you believe it is important and someone has to do it, you have a opportunity to showcase your skills, you know you are benefitting others along with yourself, you may be able to enhance your skills, or you are provided positive social and interaction activities. Whatever the reason you volunteer-thank you!

Per Wikipedia, volunteering is renowned for skill development and is often intended to promote goodness or to improve human quality of life. Being a volunteer means that even the smallest gestures are making a difference.

Thank you volunteers for your efforts in our area schools, not for profits, churches, fire departments, community activities, special efforts and community projects. You all make a difference!

If you currently are not volunteering, during this National Volunteer Month you are encouraged to:

Find a passion Consider your talents and interests and VOLUNTEER

I read once that when you get to the end of the road, you have to look at the community woodpile and decide if you added to it while you were here or whether you just took from it. As a volunteer you add to it and your efforts are appreciated by many. Again, thank you to all area volunteers! Celebrate your month