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Wake County Celebrates Volunteer Week

Community encouraged to celebrate power of volunteerism

The Wake County Board of Commissioners has proclaimed April 10-16 as Wake County Volunteer Week to encourage community engagement and volunteerism, and celebrate the volunteers who tirelessly share their time and talent with those in need throughout the county.

“The intent of Wake County Volunteer Week is to inspire, empower and recognize the volunteers who help make Wake County the best place to live, work, learn and play,” said Wake County Board of Commissioners Chairman James West. “Our volunteers are among Wake County’s most valuable resources, and are essential to supporting the operations of numerous county programs and services.”

Wake County Volunteer Week coincides with National Volunteer Week, which has been [designated by presidential proclamation](#) as a time dedicated to inspiring and encouraging people to actively support local volunteer organizations and service groups, and celebrating those who give their time and effort to make a difference in their communities. During this week across the nation, service projects will be performed and volunteers recognized for their commitment to service.

In Wake County, there are a variety of ways that residents can get involved. From helping children learn to read and caring for abandoned animals to protecting our natural resources and helping others exercise the right to vote, volunteers make a real and lasting impact on the lives of Wake County residents.

At the [Wake County Animal Center](#), volunteers fill many essential roles to help thousands of animals each year find loving homes. Dog walkers and cat cuddlers enrich the lives of animals in the shelter, and photographers capture images showing their personalities for the adoption gallery.

In the midst of a presidential election season, the [Wake County Board of Elections](#) has an increased need for volunteers. By conducting voter registration drives or becoming precinct officials, volunteers play an important role in helping county citizens put democracy in action.

Volunteers can also make a big difference by sharing their time and talents at one of 20 [Wake County Public Libraries](#). Volunteers are essential partners in the libraries' ongoing mission to foster the pursuit of knowledge throughout the community and promote the love of reading among residents of all ages.

To learn more about these and many other volunteer opportunities in Wake County, visit [WakeGov.com/Volunteer](#). Also, share how you plan to donate your time and talents this week on Twitter using the hashtag #ONEWake.

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