



# VOLUNTEER REFERRAL CENTER

## VRC IN BRIEF

- The Volunteer Referral Center (VRC) recruits and refers volunteers to over 275 non-profit agencies throughout the five boroughs of New York City.
- VRC's services are FREE to volunteers. Agencies only pay a one-time processing fee.
- Volunteers are personally interviewed to assess their interests and skills before they are matched with specific volunteer openings.
- Registered non-profits provide detailed volunteer job descriptions to enable VRC make a good match.
- The non-profits vary in size, but include those that serve disadvantaged populations, children, the elderly, and ex-offenders as well as those that offer cultural, educational, health and other community services.
- There is a wide variety of types of volunteer positions available, including: health care professionals, mentors or tutors for children or adults, friendly visitors or escorts for the elderly and infirm, readers for children or the blind, assistant case managers in social work agencies, website developers, writers, special events assistants, servers in soup kitchens, and recreation assistants.
- In an average year, VRC interviews 1000 potential volunteers providing more than 3000 referrals for volunteer positions.
- Founded in 1976, VRC is staffed by an Executive Director, Directors of Communications Program, and 20 volunteers, including some of its board members.
- VRC is an accredited 501(c)3 organization. Its main funding comes from individual donations while additional support is derived from foundations, corporations, and one-time agency fees.

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