

IDOC VOLUNTEER SERVICES - 2019



Volunteers are an integral part of the IDOC mission of keeping the public safe and providing opportunities for offenders to change. A majority of volunteers provide religious services, but many facilitate pro-social activities that allow those in our custody to learn new skills, enhance existing ones, and provide opportunities to put those skills into practice before release. Volunteers can bring a sense of community to our facilities and work with staff to enhance security and safety within them. In addition to donating their time, there are many volunteers and organizations that donate tangible items – musical instruments, audio-visual equipment, books, and items for inmates to make quilts, blankets, and hats that are then donated to kids, families, and organizations throughout Idaho.



VRCs

For those who may not know, the IDOC contracts with 3Oaks Ministries in Boise to provide volunteer coordination and religious activities within our facilities throughout the state. The Volunteer and Religious Coordinators (VRC) work to providing meaningful opportunities for offenders to practice the religion of choice – guaranteed by the Constitution – and facilitate the management of many volunteers not only religious capacities, but vocational and educational roles as well within their respective institutions.

OTHER VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

- Toastmasters
- American Legion Posts
- Educational tutors
- Debate
- Creative Writing
- Quilting and Crocheting
- Car/Motorcycle Exhibits
- Concerts
- StoryLink
- Yoga and other Fitness activities
- Bicycle rehabilitation
- IDAPI Dog Program
- Genealogy and Family History Indexing

Number of Volunteers Statewide

1. 2,032 Total
2. 1,273 Regular
3. 759 Limited Service

Number of Hours Provided by Volunteers

- 26,749 Total hours
- Average of 2,229/month
- \$680,227 worth of donated time (based on \$25.43/hr. by the [Independent Sector](#))

Value of Items Donated by Volunteers to IDOC

\$78,000

"Saying thank you falls short to the people who volunteered to walk into my life when I needed help the most. Someone I never knew changed my life and will forever be the reason I was saved. Someone who walked alongside me, footprints in the sands of time in my life were not made by sitting down." ICIO Inmate



Nampa CRC gets a new playset for visiting children. What a great way for kids to enjoy bonding with their loved ones than playing on a brand-new playset donated by and assembled by volunteers. Inmates also helped assemble it and worked to make sure the site was ready by moving the fence and preparing the ground.



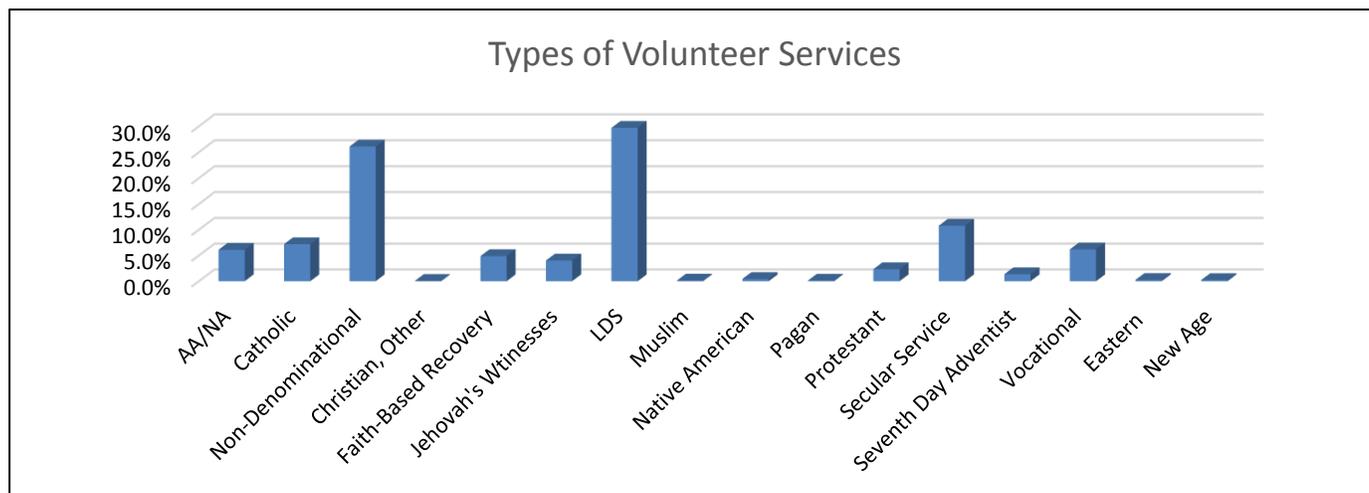
Projects in the area of Volunteer Services

Completed:

- Laserfiche process for volunteer applications expanded to include limited service applications. In addition to streamlining the regular application process, now the many limited service applications and backgrounds are completed the same way.
- Annual background checks have been added to the Laserfiche process to automatically process these recurring background checks required on an annual basis which will eliminate staff time and provide a seamless approval process.

In process:

Establishing a method of matching the volunteer needs of a facility with a volunteer in the community that is looking for an opportunity to volunteer. For example, a teacher at ISCI might have a need for a tutor in math. The need will go out on the IDOC website where potential volunteers can see those opportunities that will fit their desire and be able to make a quick connection.



Volunteer Numbers and Hours

Despite maintaining regular jobs, family responsibilities, school, and other obligations, volunteers provide so many hours of volunteering in the facilities – almost 27,000 hours in 2019!

Volunteers and Hours by Facility

Facility	Volunteers	Hours
CAPP	58	748
EBCRC	61	911
ICIO	179	1336
IFCRC	70	887
IMSI	76	1336
ISCC	191	3921
ISCI	396	4698
NCRC	24	105
NICI	186	1681
PWCC	268	3589
SBWCC	208	2767
SICI	167	1713
PRC	117	2617
SAWC	13	194
TVCRC	18	246
Total	2,032	26,749



ICIO Afghan project facilitated by LDS volunteers



2019 Native American Pow-Wow at ICIO

Words of appreciation from ICIO inmates

There are not enough words to be said when it comes to our volunteers and how thankful we are of them. Volunteers like Ron and Connie Morrison who have been volunteering for 10+ years and have donated 90% of the Worship team equipment over that time; Dwight and Cindy Robinson who have been volunteering for 15+ years and who have donated Bibles and other Religious literature; Merlin and Raquel Anderson 5+ year who donated Cards, Calendars, Bibles and other Religious literature; Richard Jones 5+ years who has donated calendars and Bibles; Cesar Loza 5+ years who has donated Bibles and other Religious Recovery literature; and John Jacksha 5+ years who has donated Religious Recovery literature (Celebrate Recovery study guides and CR Bibles). I know I'm missing a lot of names to that list, but these volunteers here at ICIO have donated their time and Resources to help the men here. To help in their recovery (A.A. & N.A. literature) or to help them on their spiritual walk with literature like Self-help books, Bibles and other Religious literature and resources. These volunteers have gone out of their way to make sure these men do not become a statistic. These volunteers help break the pattern or destructive behavior in their everyday lives while incarcerated. I've seen volunteers help these men every day in rewriting their futures just by giving them hope. Hope is a very powerful emotion and we hope that the year 2020 brings nothing but more positive and uplifting success to all who are involved in IDOC whether you're a volunteer, staff or a rehabilitating citizen.