



## Volunteer, Internship and Work Readiness Programs Highlights

**Volunteers, interns and mentees help make San Diego a world-class city for all.**

**Take a look at some of the generous contributions they made in fiscal year 2019!**

- 1,600 mentees and volunteers spent more than 61,000 hours helping with libraries' many community-enriching services.
- 300 volunteers serving with READ/San Diego spent over 15,000 hours promoting adult literacy!
- 84 volunteers joined the mission to get kids excited about science over the course of almost 3,000 hours in STEAM Youth Programs.
- Over 21,000 volunteers, mentees and interns contributed more than 160,000 hours to Parks and Recreation services and programs.
- More than 19,000 volunteers from academic institutions, non-profit partners and the military picked up trash and removed non-native plants over the course of 88,000 hours.
- About 1,500 volunteers contributed to recreation programs that encourage the community to be active, get outdoors and meet their fellow San Diegans.

- 25 volunteers spent 3,220 hours hosting activities at the Balboa Park Senior Lounge, where senior residents relax, learn and socialize.
- 98 interns worked at the Office of the City Attorney, accumulating more than 22,000 hours of experience in the legal field.
- The Family Justice Center - which offers legal services, counseling and advocacy to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and sex trafficking - received the support of 33 unpaid interns and volunteers, who spent a total of over 3,000 hours helping victims.
- 45 management interns served in the Public Utilities' Wastewater Treatment, Water Systems Operations and Administrative services for a total of nearly 18,000 hours!
- Fire-Rescues Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) participated in 33 safety education and training opportunities, including medical treatment techniques, knots and rope as well as disaster psychology. Community volunteers performed nearly 3,000 hours of service to enhance their disaster preparedness skills.
- 235 Retired Service Volunteer Patrol (RSVP) supported San Diego Police Department's divisions with crime prevention programs across the city. RSVPs contributed close to 67,000 hours of service, including vacation house checks and You Are Not Alone checks.
- 70 volunteer Crisis Interventionists supported SDPD by responding to scenes and assisting citizens who were affected by crimes or other critical incidents. Last fiscal year, Crisis Interventionists provided over 17,000 hours of emotional and logistical support to community members via referrals to available resources.
- In fiscal year 2019, 16% of all new City of San Diego employees had previously participated in these programs.

**Thank you to all the volunteers who offer their time and care to the City of San Diego and their communities!**

**We look forward to working alongside you in the years to come.**

[www.sandiego.gov/volunteer-program](http://www.sandiego.gov/volunteer-program), Click "APPLY NOW" to search volunteer opportunities.