

51 No / Low Cost Recognition Ideas

A letter of praise to the spouse/family—the most untapped recognition there is!

Heart: Thanks for caring and giving more than you receive!

Pebble of Influence: To remind you that you do make a positive difference!

Rubber Band: Thanks for stretching your limits, your patience and your endurance.

Kite String: You can soar to whatever heights you choose

Lollipop: Thanks for your help in licking the challenges

Paper Clip: Thanks for holding the event together.

Cupcake: You take the cake as an outstanding volunteer

Notebook: You're number one in our book!

Sunglasses: Thanks for helping us see this project through to a successful end.

Box of Juice: Your creative juices have really made a big difference!

Post-it notes: Thanks for sticking with us and making such a difference in the lives of girls!

Book of matches: No one matches enthusiasm!

Fortune cookie: We are so fortunate to have you as a volunteer.

Stick of Gum: Thanks for sticking with us and making such a difference.

Gift wrap: Thanks for helping us wrap the project up

Play money: You're worth a lot to our program!

Lightbulb: What a great idea!

Seeds: Thanks for all the great ideas that you have planted to grow and bloom!

Balloon: Your ideas are so exciting I could just pop!

Box of Raisins: Thanks for raisin' the tough questions!

Candle: No one holds a candle to you!

Small Grapevine Wreath: Your great work has me wreathed in smiles!

Pipecleaner halo: What an angel! Here's your halo!

Potpourri: You've given this event the sweet smell of success!

Roll of Lifesavers: You are a LIFESAVER!

Glove: Thanks for giving a hand!

Socks: Thanks for all your legwork!

Fertilizer: Thanks for helping us grow!

Horseshoe: We're lucky to have you in our organization!

Play Money: Thanks for sharing your wealth of knowledge!

Mini Flashlight: Your vision is our guiding light!

Cookie cutter: You help shape lives!

Rope: Thanks for pulling us through!

Goldfish crackers: F.I.S.H. = Fresh Ideas Start Here!

Star: Thanks for lighting the way!

Frosted Flakes: You're GRRREAT!

Bunch of grapes: The reason we love you is your great personality!

Nail file: You smooth the roughest spots!

Bounce: For one who bounced back and softened our hearts!

Instant pudding: For the person who always instantly volunteers to do what is needed"

Mirror: Take a look at a great volunteer!

Ball: For being on the ball!

Plastic Bags: For keeping everything contained!

Thyme: Thanks for all your time!

Bear: For bearing up under pressure!

Crutch: For being someone we can always lean on!

Plunger: For plunging right in!

Sparklers: For someone who supplied the spark to get the project going!

Pot 'o Gold Chocolates: You're worth your weight in Gold!

Thank you note: a handwritten note always has huge impact!

"Slogans for Volunteer Recognition"

Use these as a tagline in your email, or creatively attached to small gifts.

- **Volunteers—the FIRST** to lend a helping hand, the **LAST** to turn away!
- Volunteers—our greatest natural resource!
- Rain or Shine—our volunteers are always here!
- Volunteers give the most precious gift—themselves!
- We treasure our volunteers!
- Volunteers—always sharing with a special kind of caring
- Volunteers let the love shine through all they do!
- Volunteers—always going the extra mile!
- A volunteer is someone who shares from the heart!
- Volunteers make a difference!
- True giving knows no season.
- Volunteers make spirits bright!
- Volunteers—at the heart of change!
- Volunteers light up our lives
- Volunteers are Guiding's strength!
- Volunteers add a special touch!
- Volunteers make a difference!
- Volunteers—Stars forever!
- Volunteers give the **GIFT of love!**

"It's time for us all to stand and cheer for the do'er, the achiever—the one who recognizes the challenge and does something about it!"

Vince Lombardi,
Hall of fame football coach

"It is not how much we give but what we put into giving"

Mother Teresa
Novel Pearce prize winner

"It is not enough to merely believe in recognition. You also have to behave like you believe in it"

Eric Harvey
Author

"People may not remember exactly what you did or what you said, but they will always remember how you made them feel."

Author unknown

"Recognition is more powerful than any motivator. Research shows that, more often than not, cash bonuses get spent on bills and perks are soon forgotten, but recognition becomes a memory that is relived time and time again, continually building high performance."

Michael P. Connors
Chairman & CEO
VNU Media, Measures & Information

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