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## 20 ways to appreciate members

For some members, volunteering to take on a role or position is about growing their communication and leadership skills. For others, contributing is about giving back, and for others, it is a way of life.

No matter what the reason or the motivation, most volunteers don't get the recognition or appreciation they deserve. Here are 20 unique ways that you can show your appreciation.

thanks  
a latte

### Beverage Gift Cards

1. **Gift cards** are appreciated for a coffee, smoothie, or other local beverage.

### Sweet Treats

2. Wrap a package of **homemade or bakery cinnamon buns** with a note: "Thank you for working your buns off!"
3. Give **cupcakes** or a **cake** and add a tag: "You take the cake!"
4. Send a box of **donuts** and write a note on the box: "I donut know what we would have done without you."
5. Make a magnet of a **box of raisins** by taping a magnetic strip to the back . . . "Thanks for raisin' all the support!"
6. Hand out **mints** (peppermint patties, junior mints, Andies candies) with labels printed with: "Thanks for your commit-mint."
7. Present a **lifesaver roll of candy** with a tag: "You're a lifesaver."
8. Assemble **DIY s'mores** with marshmallows, graham crackers, and a bar of chocolate with a note: "We need s'more members like you."

*What a treat  
to have you as  
a volunteer!*

### Savory treats

Especially if you know that your volunteer is limiting sugar, you may wish include savory treats, such as nuts or popcorn.

9. Give a **bag of mixed nuts** with a note, "We'd go nuts without your support."
10. Present a bag or tub of **popcorn** with a note, "Thanks for poppin' in to help!"

## Gifts for the home

11. Wrap **candles** in cellophane with a note: "You light up the lives of so many," "You lighten our load by volunteering," or "No one holds a candle to you."
12. Give a **history buff box**: fill an heirloom box with artifacts from the organization's past with a note, "Thank you for being part of our history in the making."
13. Provide a **potpourri packet** with a note: "You have given our project the sweet smell of success."
14. Present a **potted plant** with a tag: "Thank you for nourishing us and helping us to blossom."

## Relaxation and entertainment

15. Present a **movie night gift box** with microwaveable popcorn, movie candy and a gift card for Redbox movie of choice.
16. Give a gift card good for a **massage**.
17. Provide tickets to a local **concert, theater, or dance program**.



## Public recognition

18. Have a **thank-you certificate** lettered by a calligrapher.
19. Create a **thank-you tree** or **spotlight board** at your club, area, division or district with short notes of appreciation.
20. Celebrate a personal **milestone** or **birthday** with one of the above suggestions.

Whatever way you choose to show appreciation and gratitude for members, it's the thought that counts. Gratitude is also the gift that keeps on giving.

*"Appreciation is a wonderful thing.  
It makes what is excellent in others  
belong to us as well."  
- Voltaire.*