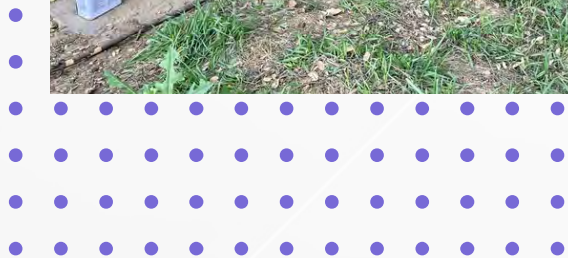


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**2023**  
**VOLUNTEER IMPACT REPORT**

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# 2023 BY THE NUMBERS

**5,849**  
Volunteers



**37,700**  
Volunteer  
Hours



**\$1.41M**  
Dollar Value of  
Volunteer Hours  
(Based on 2022 rate)

**18**  
Full-Time Equivalent  
Positions



**57**



President's Volunteer Service  
Award (PVSA) Recipients



**1**  
**ONE**

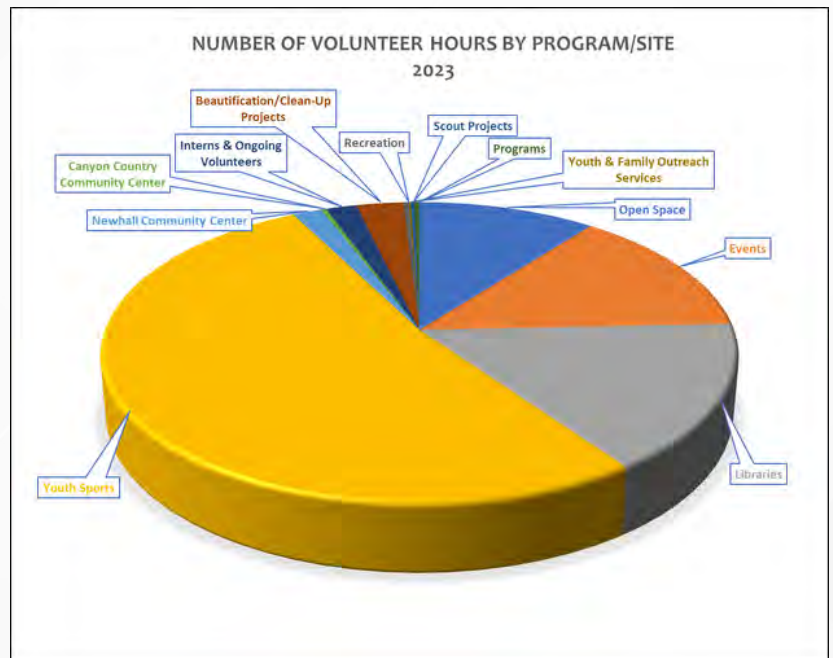
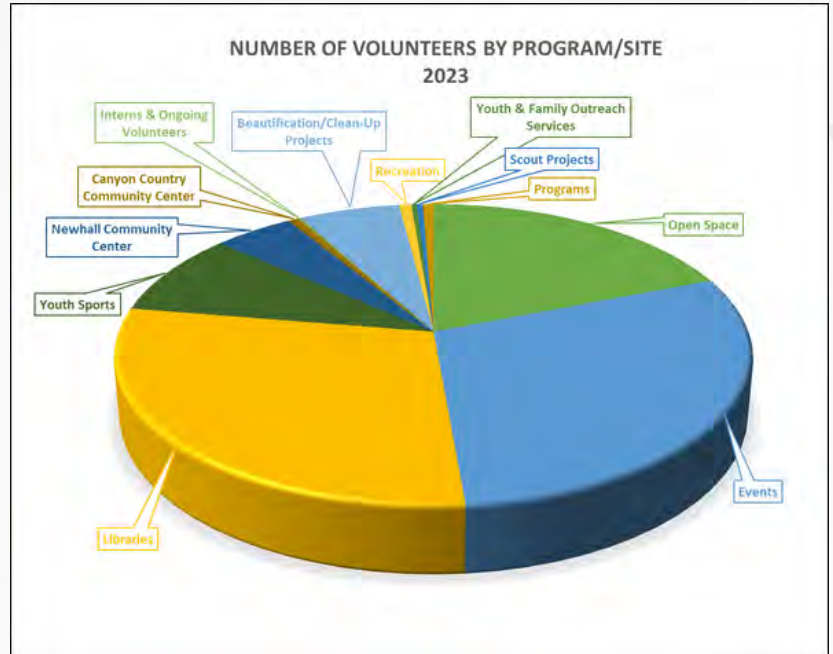
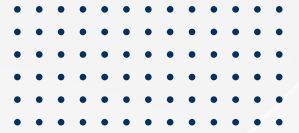
PVSA  
Lifetime Service Awardee





# Volunteers Made a Positive Impact on these City Divisions/Programs:

- Aquatics
- Building and Safety
- City Clerk's Office
- Community Centers
- Community Court
- Community Preservation
- Emergency Management
- Engineering Services
- Environmental Services
- Events
- Facilities Maintenance
- Finance
- General Services
- Graffiti Removal
- Human Resources
- Libraries
- Open Space and Trails
- Parks
- Recreation
- Sister Cities
- Youth and Family Outreach
- Youth Sports



# VOLUNTEER IMPACT



## ● PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD (PVSA)

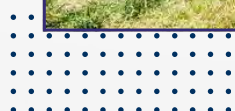
- **13,046 hours** contributed by **57 outstanding volunteers** who received the President's Volunteer Service Award for their positive impact on the community and inspiring others to take action
- **Over 4,000 volunteer hours** given by the City's **first PVSA Lifetime Service Awardee**

## ● EVENTS

- Instrumental to the success of **29 events** enjoyed by **thousands of residents**
- Provided a **fun and safe** Cowboy Festival after three years of absence
- Helped the City honor various cultures through the Celebrate event series

## ● YOUTH SPORTS

- Allowed leagues to grow by coaching and mentoring **2,800 youth** in **310 teams**, an increase of 27% and 41%, respectively, from 2022



## ● OPEN SPACE & TRAILS

- **3 new trails built** - Bear Trail, East Walker Ranch Forest Trail, and Agua Dulce Canyon Trail
- **3 trailheads improved** - bridge installed at Pine Street Trailhead as part of an Eagle Scout project, dead tree removed at San Francisquito Trailhead, and brush cleared at Agua Dulce Canyon Trailhead parking lot
- **35 miles of trails maintained** and made safe for hikers, bikers and horse riders
- Contributed valuable data to **biodiversity research** in the Golden Valley Ranch Open Space through the first-ever Bioblitz project, with 82 species identified and 270 observations recorded
- Supported the **Sister Cities Charity Hike** by ensuring that the Elder Trail was clear and safe for all participants





# VOLUNTEER IMPACT

## ● COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION

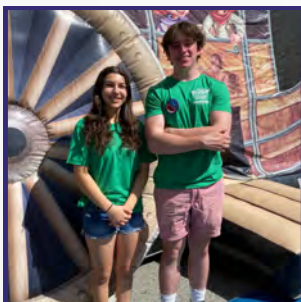
- **12,700 lbs. of trash** and debris picked up during River Rally, including **1,100 lbs. diverted to landfill** for recycling
- **360 feet of wall painted** on Whites Canyon Road and Soledad Canyon Road
- **140 cubic yards of mulch** spread over half a mile of parkways on Whites Canyon Road
- Cleaned up trail at Haskell Canyon Open Space in preparation for the **Community Hike** and the Taylor Trail in preparation for the **Hiking Challenge**
- Beautified the Newhall Community Center by planting **flowers and shrubs** throughout the exterior of the facility
- Made significant contributions to nine projects that benefited the City and various nonprofits during **Make a Difference Day**

## ● LIBRARIES

- Over **2,800 Summer Reading Program** participants served
- **Enhanced library programs** through funds raised from **Bag Sales**
- Successfully assisted in the creation and filming of **marketing videos**

## ● COMMUNITY CENTERS

- Brought smiles to **over 800 residents** during the **Thanksgiving Community Dinners** in both the Newhall and Canyon Country Community Centers
- Helped provide **fun and engaging activities** for event and program participants
- Made the return of **Folklorico Dance classes** possible, keeping youth participants engaged after a three-year hiatus



## President's Volunteer Service Award 2022-23 Recipients

### Gold

- Omkar Adduri
- Niya Bidin
- Nathaniel Eckhart
- Lucy Liu
- Varun Ramanan
- Carlos Sierra
- Tiffany Tung
- Lynn Turner
- Avery Watson
- Ava Wunsch

### Silver

- Pranavi Adduri
- Sofia Franco-Garcia
- Candace Ford
- Andrey Garcia
- Arundhathi Jathin

### Bronze

- Ryan Arditty
- Stefanie Astrakhan
- Alexandra Avram
- Justin Bush
- Jason Carter
- Cliff Davis
- Sofia Espiritu
- Richard Galvan
- Ines Franco-Garcia
- Jose Gonzalez
- Arif Harsolia
- Mary Herr
- Steve loerger
- Joel Kaye
- Yasu Kaye
- Betty Kelly
- Ahona Khandaker
- Esther Kunz
- Noe Lemus
- Michael Lopez
- Erick Luna

- Anthony Marrow
- Steve Martin
- William Martin
- MaryAnn Mays
- Jerrid McKenna
- Lynn McKenzie
- Tarek Mohana
- Denton Novick
- Juan Ortiz
- Chris Padula
- Cesar Perez
- Richard Piccini
- Roger Pisarnwongs
- Russ Pope
- Chad Ridgway
- Jonathan Sanchez
- Arthur Spalding
- Cortnie Steoger
- Saanvi Vaitla
- Kelly Walston
- Linda Williams

### Lifetime Service Award (4,000+ volunteer hours)

#### Lynn Turner



Lynn is a dedicated and passionate volunteer, giving time to her role that demonstrates the pride she takes in being a part of the Friends of the Santa Clarita Public Library. As a bookstore lead volunteer, she seeks creative solutions to problems and recognizes the importance of consistency and reliability in the work she does. Lynn welcomes new volunteers with a smile and enthusiasm, ensuring they know how important they are and sharing her love for the library. She organizes other volunteers in her area and delegates tasks to ensure that the bookstore is always fresh and well-stocked. She works tirelessly to ensure that books are sorted, cleaned, and put out for sale in a timely fashion. The library bookstore could not operate without the hard work of volunteers like Lynn.

## 2024 Volunteer Opportunities (Partial List\*)

### January:

- Wildland Weed Warriors
- T-Rex Tea Party
- Homeless Count
- Stuffed Toy Slumber Party
- Open Space/Trails Projects
- SCV Trail Users Workday

### February:

- Cultural Community Showcase
- Trek Bike Park Workdays
- Spring Tween Clean-Up

### March:

- Youth Arts Showcase
- Eggstuffing
- Eggstravaganza
- Splash and Dash Egg Hunt

### April:

- Celebrate Brazil
- Cowboy Festival
- Neighborhood Clean-Up

### May:

- Dia de Los Ninos
- Free to Be Me Festival
- Celebrate South Korea

### June:

- Celebrate Sweden
- Summer Reading Program

### July:

- Summer Reading Program
- Celebrate Cuba

### August:

- Celebrate Japan
- Evening of Remembrance

### September:

- Celebrate Germany
- River Rally

### October:

- Make a Difference Day

### November:

- Light up Main Street
- Thanksgiving Community Dinner

### December:

- Family Literacy Festival

### Ongoing Opportunities

- Library Programs
- Community Center Programs
- Open Space/Trails Maintenance
- Trek Bike Park Workdays
- Wildland Weed Warriors
- Nonprofit Events/Programs



*\*More opportunities open up throughout the year. Visit [SantaClaritaVolunteers.com](http://SantaClaritaVolunteers.com) for current projects/events.*